

# Drug dealer

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Habibur said.

RAB team recovered one foreign pistol, three rounds of magazines loaded with bullets, 20 bottles of phensidyl and 10 kilograms of marijuana from the spot, he added.

Abdus Sobhan, officer-in-charge of Sundarganj Police Station, said Salam was a listed drug dealer involved with a drug trafficking gang and accused in 28 cases filed with different police stations, including the one in Sundarganj.

Salam was earlier arrested several times by police and Rab. In many cases he received bail, and served jail time in others, OC Sobhan said.

Salam's brother Abdus Samad, however, said his brother was picked up by law enforcers at night and yesterday morning they came to know that he was killed.

With this, at least 209 alleged drug dealers and peddlers have been killed since the nationwide anti-narcotics drive began on May 4. Most of them were incidents of "shootouts" with police or Rab.

# DB to submit

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no such glitch, DB officials said.

Two students of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College -- Abdul Karim alias Rajib Uddin and Dia Khanam Mim -- were killed and nine others were injured after being hit or run over by the bus.

The incident sparked a student protest demanding road safety.

Mahbub-E-Rabbani, director (road safety) of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), told The Daily Star that they cancelled the driving licences of two drivers of Jabal-e-Noor Paribahan who were racing to get passengers and caused the accident.

Registrations and route permit of the two buses were also suspended, he said.

# Int'l community

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locals in Cox's Bazar, causing various problems, the premier said.

She said locals of Cox's Bazar were suffering a lot as their arable land was occupied by the Rohingyas. "So, we are also helping the local people."

Referring to the signing of a deal with Myanmar on the Rohingya repatriation, Hasina said though Naypyitaw agreed to take back the Rohingyas, they did not take any action in this regard yet. "We're continuing discussion with Myanmar for the Rohingya repatriation."

The PM said the international organisations' staffers and volunteers working in Cox's Bazar for mitigating the sufferings of the Rohingyas could also help them in Myanmar after their repatriation.

The Japanese foreign minister told Hasina that he had talks with Myanmar President Win Myint and State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi on the Rohingya issue during his recent tour to Myanmar.

He said the Myanmar leaders informed him that they had inked an MoU on the Rohingya repatriation. "I've asked them to speed up the activities for constructing houses and schools so that Rohingyas can live in Rakhine State in a better condition on their return from Bangladesh."

Taro added that he also asked the Myanmar authorities to send their teams to Bangladesh to visit the refugee camps, talk to Bangladesh authorities and take back the Rohingyas.

# Inu deplors

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attempt to poke nose into politics of Bangladesh," he said.

The minister said there were sporadic clashes in two to three other places, including Dhanmondi, in the capital. Police tried to bring the situation under control and no attacks were made on the students, he claimed.

According to the US embassy statement, the student protesters were repressed through brutal attacks on them, the minister said. But in reality, no such incident happened, he claimed.

Rather, the government always tried to ensure the students' safety, accepting their demands. In this situation, it is a matter of regret that the US embassy issued such a statement, the minister added.

Inu also deplored the statement of UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo, saying that the statement did not "reflect the real situation".

He hoped that the UN mission would refrain from issuing such statement in future.

A written statement of the government over the matter will be sent to the US embassy and the UN office in Dhaka, he added.

Saying that the attacks on journalists during students' campaign were regrettable, the minister said the attackers would be identified and brought to book.

He also wrote to the home minister yesterday, requesting the ministry to take measures to this end, the information ministry press release added.

# Send Shahidul to BSMMU

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examine Shahidul's physical condition and submit a report before the court by 10:30am tomorrow.

The HC bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir also fixed tomorrow for further hearing on the issue.

The bench passed the order following the writ petition, filed by Shahidul's wife Rehnuma Ahmed, challenging a lower court order that placed Shahidul on a seven-day remand in a case filed under section 57 of the ICT Act.

In the petition, Rehnuma prayed to the HC to stay the remand order and pass order on the respondents to send Shahidul to hospital for treatment, saying that he had been tortured after being detained.

However, as of filing of this report at 8:00pm, Shahidul had not yet been sent to hospital.

When contacted by a correspondent of this newspaper regarding the HC order, Deputy Commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) of police Mashur Rahman said, "I haven't officially received the order yet. Once I get it, I will choose a suitable time during office hours to send him to hospital."

Queried again later, he said, "I left the office at 10:30 or 11:00pm and nobody had given me a court order by then. Plus, they want to go to BSMMU, admission to which requires a reference which needs to be obtained during office hours. It is not like they requested to be sent to DMCH," he said.

However, Kazi Mainul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station, informed that he had sent the court order to the DB but did not disclose who he had sent it to.

In this regard, Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder said, "The court order says that Shahidul has to be taken to hospital immediately upon receiving the order. I don't know if they received the order but I cannot make the police follow the order either."

When asked whether it was then illegal to keep Shahidul in custody, he said, "I don't know if this is legal or illegal because I don't know whether they have received the order."

Earlier, after the HC passed the order, the petitioner's counsel Dr Kamal Hossain told reporters: "We hope that his [Shahidul] remand will remain stayed as the High Court ordered that he be sent to hospital immediately."

Jyotirmoy Barua and Tanim Hussain Shawon, two other lawyers for the writ petitioner, told The Daily Star that Shahidul cannot be taken on remand for interrogation following the HC order.

Shahidul will be in hospital under police guard until a further HC order, Jyotirmoy said.

Home secretary, inspector general of police, head (deputy inspector general of police) of the detective branch of police, and officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station will have to take steps to send Shahidul to BSMMU

for his treatment and medical tests, Shawon told this newspaper.

During hearing on the petition, Kamal told the HC bench that Shahidul had been tortured after being detained, although the constitution prohibits such torture.

According to the constitution, nobody can be subjected to torture, he said.

Article 35(5) says, "No person shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading punishment or treatment."

He told the HC that Shahidul, an internationally renowned photographer, had been taken on remand and tortured without being given treatment and therefore Articles 27, 31, 33, 35 and 39 of the constitution had been violated.

Kamal also said Shahidul's statement about his torture was not recorded by the magistrate concerned.

The law enforcers did not provide any logical grounds for taking him on remand for interrogation after detaining him, he said.

Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain said it had been reported in the media that Shahidul could not walk after being blindfolded, taken away and tortured.

Barrister Sara Hossain, another lawyer for the petitioner, told the HC that she was present in the Dhaka court which had placed Shahidul on remand and she saw that he had sustained injuries to his nose.

Shahidul was picked barefooted and could not walk, she said, praying to the HC to pass an order for his quick treatment.

Opposing the writ petition, Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder told the HC that there was specific allegation against Shahidul of making provocative statements against the government.

Shahidul, 63, was picked up by plainclothes men on Sunday night from his Dhanmondi flat.

A Dhaka court on Monday placed him on a seven-day remand in a case filed on charges of spreading propaganda and false information against the government.

Rights bodies demand release of Shahidul

Rights bodies from different parts of the world and Bangladesh yesterday demanded immediate release of Shahidul Alam and an investigation into the allegations of his torture in custody.

New York-based global rights body, Human Rights Watch, urged the Bangladesh authorities to order an immediate investigation into reports that Alam was beaten while in custody.

It said Bangladesh authorities were "arresting students and targeting activists and journalists who are highlighting the abuses, instead of prosecuting those responsible for unlawfully attacking student protesters demanding road safety."

"The authorities should immediately release anyone, including Shahidul Alam, [whom] they have

locked up for peaceful criticism. Instead, authorities should prosecute those, including members of the ruling party's youth supporters, who are attacking children with sticks and machetes," it said.

According to numerous witnesses, members of the ruling Awami League student and youth wings, the Bangladesh Chhatra League, and the Awami Jubo League, attacked agitating students with machetes and sticks, HRW claimed.

Meanwhile, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said, "Torture in custody is unexpected. The constitution, instructions of the High Court and customary laws must be followed during the interrogation of the persons arrested based on specific allegations," he said in a statement yesterday.

The commission has already sent a written recommendation to the home ministry to follow such instructions in the case of Shahidul, he said.

Brad Adams, HRW Asia division director, said, "It would be shameful if the Sheikh Hasina government is deploying party hoodlums to target students for demanding safe roads."

He said that Bangladeshi authorities must immediately halt the violence perpetrated by government supporters and respect the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR), a regional network of human rights defenders, also condemned the detention and torture of Shahidul Alam and urged the Bangladesh government to cease arbitrary detention and torture, as well as attacks on peaceful protestors.

"We demand that the Government of Bangladesh assure Alam's safety, allow a medical examination, and facilitate his quick release. We also demand a transparent and impartial inquiry into attacks on journalists and protestors and an investigation into the circumstances of Alam's detention and torture," it added.

ARTICLE 19, British human rights organisation, demanded unconditional and immediate release of Shahidul Alam and dropping of all charges against him.

Additionally, noted journalists from Nepal, including Kanak Mani Dixit and Kunda Dixit, also demanded immediate release of Shahidul, whom they consider a pioneering South Asian activist.

"We appeal to the Sheikh Hasina government to understand what Shahidul means to so many people in and outside Bangladesh," they said a statement.

Journalists in the South Asia are also issuing online petitions through Change.org and thepetitionsite.com, drawing global attention demanding release of Shahidul Alam.

Other organisations that demanded release of Alam include Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal and Gonosanghati Andolon.

# Justice for Shahidul Alam

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his arrest (Aug 6) wrote "his photographs have been published in every major western media outlet, including The New York Times, Time Magazine and National Geographic in a career that has spanned four decades." Only those in the world of professional photography can really appreciate the honour and prestige of getting published in the media of such renown.

In the national sphere, Shahidul Alam has done far more than anyone else in advancing professionalism in our photojournalism. He had trained hundreds of press photographers and brought thousands into this profession as students of photography through his personal example and inspiration. It is, perhaps, only because of him that many Bangladeshi photographers today aspire to get published in global publications and win international awards that would have been only in the realm of idle dreams but for him.

He set up the award-winning photo agency called Drik that has brought Bangladesh in the map of global photography. His school, Pathshala, is now the most renowned photography school in South Asia and considered one of the finest in the world, bringing foreign students and guest teachers from many parts to our country. He has set up the Bangladesh Photographic Institute and the South Asian Institute of Photography to promote photojournalism. Both Drik and Pathshala he set up in his parental property sacrificing his personal affluence for his social commitment.

One of his most successful creations was Chobi Mela, a regular international photographic exhibition that brought submissions from all over the world and many of the world's best photographers to Dhaka, making the Bangladeshi capital a global hub of international photographers, with a special effort to highlight World Press photos. Started in 2000, the theme of the first Chobi Mela was "The War we forgot" staging one of the most successful photo exhibitions of our Liberation War and the genocide.

For his extraordinary talent as a photographer, he received the Harvey Harris Trophy in 1983, Mother Jones Awards for documentary in 1993, Andrea Frank Foundation and Howard Chapnick Awards in '98, Shilpakala Padak in 2014, Lifetime Achievement Award in 7th Dali International Photo Exhibition in China in 2017, and Lucie Foundation Humanitarian Award this year.

In addition to being a photographer, he is a writer, curator and activist for social justice. In 2007 he published two books called "Nature's Fury" on earthquake in Kashmir and "Portrait of Commitment" a book on HIV/AIDS in South Asia. His book "My Journey as a Witness" was described by John Morris, former picture editor of Life Magazine, as "the most important book ever written by a photographer".

He has a PhD in Organic Chemistry from London University. He is a Visiting Professor at the Sunderland University UK and UCLA, USA. He is also a Guest Lecturer at Harvard University, Stanford University, and Oxford University.

A man of very simple lifestyle, always attired in his trademark rubber slippers, kurta-pyjama, a pouch tied around his waist with personal papers and a backpack with laptop, always biking to work through Dhaka's chaotic and dangerous-for-bikers traffic.

His love and pride for Bangladesh is as much, if not more, than his love and pride for photography. Through his art, he depicted Bangladesh, in all its facets of her beauty and challenge, poverty and resilience, joy and tragedy, especially her indomitable capacity to overcome all vicissitudes.

He did, and will continue to do, far more to bring Bangladesh's achievements to global attention than many state funded efforts put together.

And this Shahidul Alam was dragged from his home at night, not given a chance to meet any member of his family, bundled into a microbus, blindfolded - as if they had captured a terrorist -, tortured according to his statement in court, and produced before court after 21 hours of his internment denying all his fundamental rights till his court appearance. For a person of values and ethics, humiliation is by far the "unkindest cut of all". Those who forced him to walk barefoot did not know that a pair of rubber slippers was all he needed.

He is a man driven by values of social justice and fundamental rights for the common people. It is his professional interest that naturally drew him to the unique event that was being staged by the students and it is the students' call "We Want Justice" that probably made him go live on Facebook to tell the world what he saw.

A person spends his whole life building a professional reputation -- in this case global -- and does everything through his craft to serve the country and then one day his few comments appear to be "against". Then all hell breaks loose, resulting in the worst treatment in practice. His excellence in profession, his patriotism, his sincerity, his honesty, his integrity, his commitment to uplifting members of his profession, his lifelong love for his country -- all amount to very little.

Within a few hours, a world renowned professional is in the dust. But definitely not in the eyes of those who know him, have seen his work, have been touched by the generosity of his character and remotely know of his love and pride for Bangladesh.

We hope he will be spared further nightmare of remand and get the justice that he and every law-abiding citizen deserves.

# Tokyo pledges Dhaka

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steps had been taken to eliminate the root of terrorism and militancy in the country.

Ali also told them that the Bangladesh government had taken every possible measure to ensure the safety and security of Japanese expatriates, along with those of the others.

Bangladesh further urged Japan to review its travel alert which was imposed after the Holey Artisan incident.

Ali said after the bilateral meeting with his Japanese counterpart Taro Kono Bangladesh was "grateful" to Japan for the country's support and understanding shown after the tragic incident.

"Investigation of the Holey Artisan incident is being conducted with the highest priority and the charge-sheet was submitted to court on 23 July, 2018," he told the joint press briefing at State Guesthouse Meghna yesterday evening.

"I hope Japan will stand in solidarity with Bangladesh in our fight against terrorism and review its travel alert," he added.

Kono came to Dhaka on yesterday on a brief visit from Myanmar. Upon his arrival at 12 noon from Myanmar, he first visited the Holey Artisan Bakery building and paid tribute to the victims.

This was Kono's second visit to Bangladesh since his first in November last year.

Later at a press briefing after the meeting, Ali said Japan had agreed to provide necessary support for the repatriation and resettlement of the Rohingyas.

"Japan understands that there is a compelling reason to create a conducive atmosphere in Rakhine

State of Myanmar and sustainable return of the Rohingyas and we have shared some specific proposals in this regard," he said.

He said Bangladesh and Japan agreed on the importance of stability in the region for building a stronger economic partnership between the two countries and early realisation of safe and secure return of the Rohingyas was key to this.

In the separate briefing by Takeshi Osuga, he said Kono had shared five proposals with Myanmar during his meeting with Myanmar State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, and the Myanmar leader had gladly accepted those for quick and sustainable return of Rohingyas.

The five proposals include allowing a newly established commission to conduct a free and transparent investigation into allegations of human rights abuses in Rakhine State.

Myanmar last week announced that it had formed a four-member commission involving former Philippine and Japanese diplomats to probe the allegations of atrocities.

Kono urged Myanmar to fully cooperate with the UN agencies based on recently signed MoUs, expedite the process of building modern villages and conduct regular briefings about steps taken on the safe return of Rohingyas in Rohingya camps on the Myanmar side, among others.

Osuga, also an assistant minister, also said the Japanese minister discussed the issue of next national election in Bangladesh. "Japan wants to see the next national election is conducted in a peaceful and democratic way," he

said.

The Japanese foreign minister further hoped that the situation related to student protests would be taken care of in a peaceful manner.

Ali briefed his Japanese counterpart in detail regarding this and said the situation was under control.

Kono explained Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy and said this was for freedom of navigation and free movement as per the international maritime law. He said this would promote connectivity in the region and beyond.

The Indo-Pacific Strategy will also help countries for capacity building of maritime law enforcement and halting piracy and provide assistance to coastguard.

The Japanese minister is due to depart Dhaka in the early hours of today.

## Trump

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business with the United States. I am asking for WORLD PEACE, nothing less."

Within hours of the sanctions taking effect, German carmaker Daimler said it was halting its business activities in Iran.

Trump's May withdrawal from a landmark 2015 nuclear agreement had already spooked investors and triggered a run on the Iranian rial long before nuclear-related sanctions went back into force.

"I feel like my life is being destroyed. Sanctions are already badly affecting people's lives. I can't afford to buy food, pay the rent," said one construction worker on the streets of the capital.

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**"Invitation For International Tenders"**

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division
02. Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (APSC)
03. Procuring Entity Name	: Manager (Procurement), APSC.
04. Procuring Entity Code	: Not used at present.
05. Procuring Entity District	: Brahmanbaria.
06. Invitation for	: Procurement of GT Air Intake Filter for 225MW CCGP Plant of APSC.
07. Invitation Ref No	: APSC/Pro-01/2018/1482
08. Date	: August 07, 2018

**KEY INFORMATION**

09. Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method (ICT)
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10. Budget and Source of Funds	: APSC's Own Fund.
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

11. Tender Package No.	: APSC/225MW CCGP (Mech)/2018-2019/GRF-011
12. Tender Package Name	: Procurement of GT Air Intake Filter for 225MW CCGP Plant of APSC.
13. Tender Publication Date	: August 08, 2018
14. Tender Last Selling Date	: September 26, 2018 during office hour
15. Tender Closing Date and Time	: September 27, 2018 at 12.00 BST.
16. Tender Opening Date and Time	: September 27, 2018 at 12.15 BST.

**Name & Address of the Offices:**

17. Selling Tender Document (Principal)	: Office of the Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Selling Tender Document (Others)	: Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

**NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**

18. Receiving of Tender	: Office of the Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Opening of Tender	: Office of the Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Place/Date/ Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	: Not Applicable

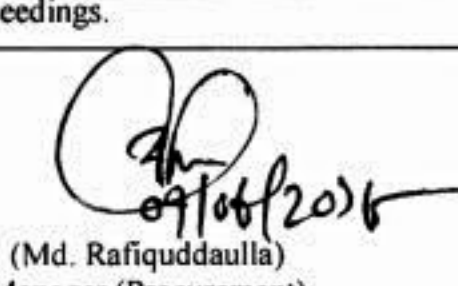
**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

19. Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	: Renowned Manufacturer/Supplier having experience of supplying GT Air intake filter.
20. Brief Description of Goods:	: Procurement of GT Air Intake Filter for 225MW CCGP Plant of APSC.
21. Brief Description of Related Services	: Not Applicable
22. Tender Document Price	: BDT 5,000.00 (Five Thousand) in the form of Pay order/DD favoring Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh (Non-refundable).

23. Identification of Lot	Location of Delivery	Tender Security Amount	Completion time
Procurement of GT Air Intake Filter for 225MW CCGP Plant of APSC.	Store of APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	USD 9,000.00 or BDT 7,50,000.00	120 days from the date of Opening L/C.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

24. Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	: Md. Rafiquddaula, Manager (Procurement), APSC.
25. Address of official Inviting Tender	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd., Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.
26. Contact details of official Inviting Tender	: Tel: +88 08528 74033 Fax: +88 08528 74044. E-mail: procurement@apsc.com, Website : www.apsc.com
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.	

  
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