

### Factory fined Tk 2.27 lakh over river pollution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Department of Environment (DoE), Chattogram zone, fined a factory and closed it down for not implementing Effective Treatment Plant (ETP) in a hearing held at DoE yesterday morning.

In a drive conducted on Sunday in Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation area of Nasirabad, the department issued a show cause notice to Innovation Plus Washing Industry for not implementing ETP. The factory's negligence resulted in pollution of the river Karnaphuli through releasing unrefined oil-waste.

DoE officials had ordered the factory owner to appear before it yesterday, said Sangjukta Dasgupta, assistant director of DoE, adding that the factory was fined Tk 227,800.

Besides, the owners were ordered to keep the factory closed until effective implementation of ETP.



BIWTA knocks down a dockyard, built illegally in the Meghna river in Sonargaon yesterday. The eviction team also dismantled boundary walls of a building, inset, on the fifth day of its ongoing drive.

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### BIWTA knocks down building, dockyards in Sonargaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, NARAYANGANJ

A team of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) yesterday knocked down a four-story building and four dockyards illegally built in the Meghna river in Sonargaon.

The eviction team, backed by a mobile court, also brought down a boundary wall and auctioned 1.25 lakh cubic feet of sand used for filling at Tk 20 lakh, on the fifth day of its ongoing drive.

It also dismantled 12 unloading dredgers deployed for sand-filling on the river at the mouth of a nearby Meghna tributary.

The mobile court, led by deputy secretary and executive magistrate Mohammad Moniruzzaman Mia, arrested three people on charges of river-grabbing at Char Balaki, but later released them on an undertaking and fined two other workers with Tk 10,000 each for filling up the river with dredgers.

The team launched the day's drive from Char Bayardi, Char Galdi and Pirojpur Union of Sonargaon upazila in the morning, and continued until afternoon.

The executive magistrate said they knocked down a four-story building illegally built on the river Meghna as a recreation centre, five tin-sheds being used for filling up the river, a structure for building a jetty, four dockyards with as many vessels under construction and a total of 140-foot long boundary walls.

Md Gulzar Ali, joint director of BIWTA and Narayanganj river port officer, said the chairman of National River Conservation Commission recently visited the Meghna river along with BIWTA officials, and identified over a dozen well-known business congregates who have grabbed the river with sand-filling, factories and structures at different sites along the river in Sonargaon and Gazaria upazilas.

All river grabbers will be evicted in phases through drives after the Eid holidays, he added.

### Two killed, 15 injured in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Two people were killed and some 15 others injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday.

Our correspondent from Chattogram reports, a woman was killed and at least 15 were injured as a bus fell into a roadside ditch in Mirsarai upazila.

The deceased was identified as Setara Akhter, 35, said officials of Fire Service and Civil Defence.

The accident happened in front of Barotakia Eye Hospital around 11:30am. A Feni-bound bus of Star Line Paribahan ran over Setara, a pedestrian, leaving her dead on the spot, before the bus lost control and plunged into a ditch, said a fire service official.

At least 15 passengers in the vehicle sustained minor injuries, he said, adding that they were given primary treatment at a local health complex.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds, a muezzin of a mosque was killed as a truck ran him over on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road in Nandail upazila.

The victim was identified as Maulana Abdul Halim, 55, of Nandail Thana Masjid.

Halim, a father of three, died on the spot when the Mymensingh-bound truck hit him.

He was going to the mosque from his Banshati village in Nandail around 3:45am, said Kamrul Islam Miah, officer-in-charge of Nandail Police Station.

On information, police and fire service personnel rushed to the spot, recovered the body and handed it over to his family members.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee the scene. A case was filed with the police station.

## Unmarked speed bumps a nightmare for commuters in Barishal

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL, from Barishal

Speed-breakers are meant to slow vehicles' speed, which eventually maintain traffic discipline and curb accidents. But when these bumps are not marked to ensure visibility, they can cause more accidents than they prevent.

Such a situation has been prevailing in Barishal division -- that has 1,360km stretch of highways -- creating a possibility of fatal accidents during the upcoming Eid rush.

Drivers say the speed-breakers are not visible from a moderate or short distances.

Majority of these are not marked with paint, they say.

During Eid, passenger vehicles are generally overcrowded, while a lot of unfit vehicles are often driven by



Locals voluntarily set up a drum with a flag on it on an unmarked speed breaker on Barishal-Khulna highway to warn the approaching vehicles. The photo was taken in Pingri area of Rajapur in Jhalakathi recently.

PHOTO: STAR

unskilled drivers as well. If vehicles run over such bumps at a high speed, those may flip over, causing casualties.

Many new and inexperienced drivers will operate vehicles before and after Eid, according to several drivers at Rupatoli and Nathullabad bus terminals in the city.

Most of the speed-breakers on Dhaka-Barishal, Barishal-Patuakhali-Kuakata, Barishal-Bhola and Barishal-Patharghata-Khulna highways are left unmarked. Although some are marked with white paint, the markings have faded away, say drivers.

In addition, many steep bumps have increased accident risk. Accident takes place on Barishal-Khulna highway on a regular basis due to the "badly designed speed bumps", says Momen Shikder, a

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### Court summons Nawshaba on July 14

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked actress Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed to appear before it on July 14 in a case filed under the ICT Act, for allegedly spreading rumours on social media during last year's student protests for road safety.

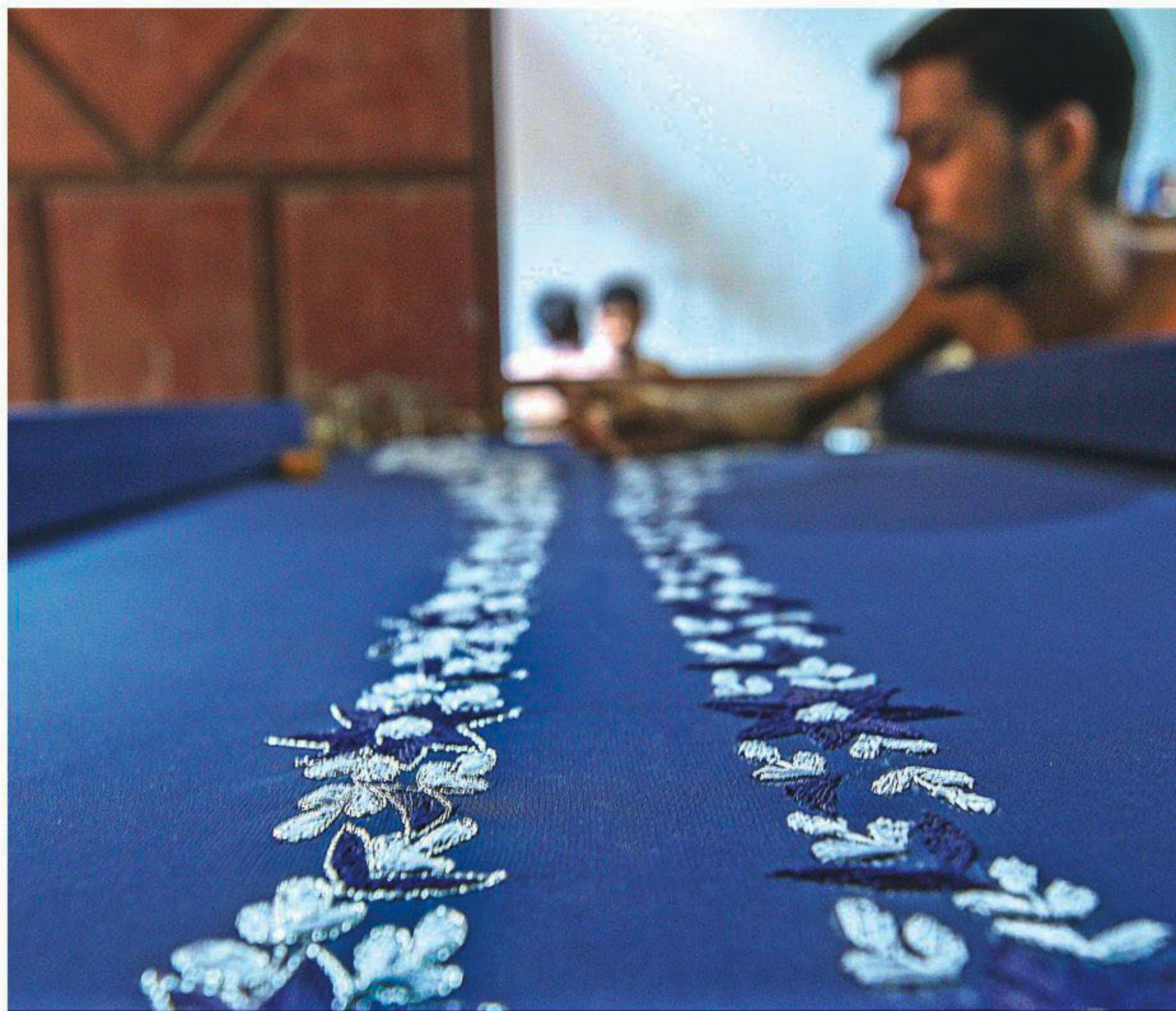
Metropolitan Magistrate Md Didar Hossain passed the order that Nawshaba must be at the court in person. Earlier her lawyer was allowed to defend in her absence till submission of the police report.

Police pressed charges against her on May 15. The news of submitting the charge sheet was published on Sunday.

Nawshaba was detained from Uttara on August 4 last year for allegedly spreading rumours on social media about the student movement. Police said she did so to create anarchy and confuse people.

The next day she was placed on a four-day remand, and was again put on two-day remand on August 10.

On August 23, she was granted bail considering her health condition.



Bengali aesthetic sense is enamoured with the allure of sari. This love affair is further stoked ahead of Eid. Clockwise from left, with the festival approaching, motif artisans of Ambagan's Bihari Colony in Chattogram are working round the clock to meet the growing demand. Saris with zardousi work, known for its intricate textures and shapes, are the most sought after attire and Bihari Colony is the go to place for port city residents. Meanwhile, Eid shopping is at its peak in Sylhet city, and sari tops the list of shoppers.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN, SHEIKH NASIR

### Brig Gen (retd) Zahed Latif no more

CITY DESK

Brig Gen (retd) Zahed Latif, former chairman of Rural Electrification Board and former MD of Sena Kalyan Sangstha, passed away following a cardiac arrest at Asgar Ali Hospital on May 26. He was 76, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, a daughter, son-in-law, two grandchildren and a host of relatives, former colleagues and friends to mourn his death.

He attended Faujdarhat Cadet College and the then Pakistan Military Academy. He was a member of the 29th graduating batch of the PMA.

During his lifelong career in Corp of Engineers, he served with distinction on several critical endeavours, including building of the Karakorum Highway and setting up of the Engineer Centre and School of Military Engineering in Kaderabad. He also served as the military attaché at the Bangladesh Embassy in Beijing, China.

Zahed Latif's gulkhwani will be held at 10am on Friday at his Eskaton Garden Road residence.



### UN PEACEKEEPING 180 women police leave for Congo

BSS, Dhaka

A 180-member strong contingent of female members of Bangladesh Police left Dhaka in the early hours of yesterday by a chartered aircraft, to join a UN peacekeeping mission in DR Congo.

Police Super Salma Syed Poly is leading the Bangladesh Formed Police Unit-1 (BANFPU-1, Rotation-13) team as commander, to establish peace in a volatile territory, said a press release.

Female police members from Bangladesh had earlier joined a UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti in 2010.

### JUBO LEAGUE LEADER MURDER Councillor sent to jail in Ctg

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A Chattogram court yesterday sent a local councillor -- prime accused in Jubo League leader Mohiuddin Sohel murder case -- to jail.

The councillor Saber Ahmed had remained out on bail since the case was filed with Double Mooring Police Station on January 8. He surrendered before court at around 11am yesterday for seeking further bail while the court of Judge Akbar Hossain Mridha sent him to jail, said Md Fakhruddin, the public prosecutor.

Mohiuddin Sohel was beaten and stabbed to death by an angry mob for alleged extortion from local traders at Pahartali Railway Bazar on January 7.

Sakirul Islam, brother of Mohiuddin, filed a case naming 27 persons, including a leader of Chattogram metropolitan unit of Jatiya Party and ward councillor of city corporation, and 150 unnamed others with Double Mooring Police Station the following day.

After the murder, Mohiuddin's family claimed that he was targeted as he spoke out against the irregularities and other crimes in the market area.

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