

Man invents

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figure his predicament out on his own.

While in college he had picked up a 2,200-page endocrinology textbook near a garbage can, hoping to use it to figure out what condition his mom had. In it, he found an important passage discussing how adrenal disorders could mirror thyroid disorders.

He zeroed in on his adrenal glands, which sit atop the kidneys on either side of the lower abdomen.

Using a stash of aging medical textbooks, Lindsay hypothesized that a whole class of autonomic nervous-system disorders could exist beyond the established categories of what most endocrinologists or neurologists knew about.

In 2002, he gave a presentation about his disease at the group's meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Several of the scientists disagreed with Lindsay's hypotheses about his ailment.

Dr. H. Cecil Coghlan, a medical professor at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, approached Lindsay after his presentation.

Coghlan said he thought Lindsay was on to something.

At last, Lindsay had a medical ally. Lindsay suspected his body was producing too much adrenaline. He knew of a drug called Levophed, which is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to raise blood pressure in some critically ill patients.

Lindsay convinced Coghlan to repurpose the drug so he could live on a 24/7 noradrenaline drip for the next six years.

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reached near Shikder Medical College around 4:30am, Sumon opened fire. The Rab members retaliated, triggering the "gunfight". At one stage, Sumon was hit and died on the spot, he added.

The Rab official claimed to have recovered a foreign pistol from the spot.

In Cox's Bazar, two suspected drug peddlers -- Abdur Rahman, 42, and Omar Faruk, 31 -- were killed in another "shootout" with members of Rab-2 in Teknaf upazila.

Acting on a tip-off that a consignment of drug will be smuggled into the country through Marine Drive road, a Rab team took position at Baharchhara Uttar Shilkhani around 3:00am, said Mohiuddin Faruki, company commander of Rab-2. The team signalled a car to stop, but the drug peddlers in the vehicle opened fire, forcing the Rab members to return fire, he claimed.

After the "gun battle", the team found the two bullet hit and took them to Teknaf Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared them dead.

The Rab claimed to have recovered 300 bottles of Phensedyl, a foreign pistol, 4,000 yaba tablets, four bullets and seized the car.

Rab said the two stood accused in eight to nine cases filed with different police stations.

Meanwhile, the bullet-hit body of an alleged drug peddler was found in Chitakhola area of Ukhia upazila in the morning.

The dead is Jashim Uddin, 35. Abul Mansur, officer-in-charge of Ukhia Police Station, said they were yet to identify the killers.

Police could not say why Jashim was killed, but said they came to know about his involvement in yaba trade.

Our correspondent in Cox's Bazar contributed to this report.

Tax at source

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applied retrospectively from July 1, he said.

Currently, the Department of National Savings is offering four saving schemes -- 5-Years Bangladesh Sanchayapatra, 3-Monthly Profit Bearing Sanchayapatra, Family Savings Certificate, and Pensioner Sanchayapatra.

He said saving instruments were introduced for the poor people, but some rich people are taking unfair advantage by abusing the opportunities and purchasing saving instruments in different names.

Asked if the government had any plan to lift the ceiling of Tk 5 lakh, the minister said they will review the matter in future.

In the budget for fiscal 2019-20, the government imposed an extra 5 percent tax at source on the profit from savings certificates along with the existing 5 percent.

Apart from the savers, members of the parliament have also requested the government to withdraw the additional 5 percent tax.

INCENTIVE ON REMITTANCES

The government will provide 2 percent cash incentives on the remittance sent by migrants, said the finance minister.

This will come into effect retrospectively from July 1 this year, he added.

Bangladesh Bank is preparing a guideline about transferring the cash incentive to the remitters' bank accounts, the minister said.



Farmers pour milk on a road in Pabna's Bhangura Bazar area during a protest yesterday. They said milk processing companies stopped buying milk from them after the High Court on Sunday ordered the authorities to halt production, distribution and sale of pasteurised milk of 14 companies for the next five weeks. PHOTO: AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU

Farmers bear the brunt of milk scare

Companies stop buying from them

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, back from Bhangura, Pabna

Alhaz Hossain, a dairy farmer from Pabna's Chatmohar, yesterday brought 30 liters of milk at the Pran Chilling Center (a unit of Pran Group for milk collection) at Sharatnagar Bazar in Bhangura, but to no avail.

Having been refused by the Pran center, the farmer was forced to sell 20 liters of his milk at only Tk 15 a liter to a local sweets shop.

Similarly, another farmer Harunur Rashid from the same upazila could not sell 60 liters of milk that he brought to supply at Milk Vita's milk collection center.

All the leading milk factories stopped collecting milk from the producers following a high court directive banning 14 leading companies from producing and selling milk for the next five weeks.

Like them several hundred dairy farmers, finding no other way, dumped their milk at the Bhangura Poura bus stand area yesterday noon and staged an hour-long demonstration protesting the sudden closing of milk collection from the farmers.

"Suddenly the companies have stopped collecting milk, but nobody thinks about the huge amount produced in this zone. Farmers have no use of the huge amount milk if they cannot sale it," Harunur said during the protest.

There are some 1,400 dairy farmers in Bhangura upazila who produce 65 thousand liters of milk every day, said Harunur Rashid, coordinator of Patharghata Milk cooperative society in the upazila.

The milk was used to be supplied at the collection centres of Milk Vita, Brac, Pran and Akiz in the upazila, he added.

All the companies have stopped collecting milk from the dairy farmers causing immense sufferings to the milk producers, he said.

He also demanded a restoration of milk collection for the sake of country's biggest dairy hub.

Md Ashrafuzzaman, in charge of Milk Vita's Bhangura collection center, told The Daily Star that they had received an order from the company's headquarter asking them not to buy milk from the farmers following the court order on Sunday.

60 hajj pilgrims 'swindled'

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60,000 from each of them for completing their visas and other procedures.

Since July 26, those people have been staying at the hajj camp and different hotels near the camp, they said, adding that Toha's mobile phone was found switched off after they entered the camp.

Khairul Islam Thakur, proprietor of Swadesh Aviation, told this correspondent that Toha, owner of Saudi Bangla, through middlemen collected money from 170 intended pilgrims of Khulna and Bagerhat.

As Toha's hajj agency do not have registration to send hajj aspirants to Saudi Arabia this year, he contacted Swadesh Aviation and Bidesh

Bhraman to send 170 hajj pilgrims to Makkah, said Khairul. "But the fact is that Toha didn't pay us. That's why we couldn't complete all procedures, including renting houses or hotels in Saudi Arabia. Their visas couldn't be done," he added.

Shahadat Hossain Taslim, president of Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (Haab), said due to quick intervention of Haab and the religious affairs ministry, 108 of the 173 hajj aspirants were sent to Saudi Arabia in the last three days.

"We are hopeful of sending the rest to Saudi Arabia," he added.

Meanwhile, the owner of Swadesh Aviation said police detained Toha yesterday. "Police are trying to realise the money he took from the hajj

aspirants."

Owner of Bidesh Bhraman Omar Faruq could not be contacted as he did not receive phone calls.

A top official of the religious affairs ministry told this correspondent, "We will not tolerate if the two agencies finally fail to send their hajj pilgrims to Saudi Arabia."

Wishing anonymity, the official added that the ministry was taking necessary measures so that the hajj aspirants fly to Makkah.

Around 1.27 lakh Bangladeshis are scheduled to perform hajj this year which is likely to be held on August 10, depending on new moon sighting.

About 90,000 went to Saudi Arabia as of yesterday on Biman Bangladesh and Saudi airlines.

22 students still tangled up in cases

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During and after the protest, more than 100 people, mostly students of private universities and colleges, have been rounded up in around 60 cases in the capital alone over "causing violence and spreading rumours", according to Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The cases were filed against several thousand unidentified students and young people for assaulting police, damaging government properties and obstructing law enforcers from discharging duties.

Police in Badda and Vatara filed cases in which the FIRs mentioned the names of 32, including the 22 students.

The rest were picked up from Kotwali, Dhanmondi, Paltan, Shahbagh, Uttara, Ramna and New Market areas between August 4 to 6.

However, the alleged ruling party men who attacked the protesters and beat them up on the streets were never brought to justice.

Alleged pro-AL men aided by police had pounced on demonstrators, prompting students to turn violent in some places including Jhigatola, Dhanmondi, Science Lab intersection, Bashundhara, Uttara and Mirpur.

In many cases, such attacks happened in front of the police, as seen in videos and photos published in the media. In other video clips, police and the attackers, some wearing helmets and carrying sticks, metal bars and machetes, were seen launching joint attacks on the protesters.

Some others were seen firing gunshots during running battles with the students. But no action has been taken so far against them.

Besides, 22 cases were filed under the then section 57 of the ICT act for "spreading rumour and sharing

provocative posts" on social media centring the nationwide student protest. Noted photographer Shahidul Alam was among the arrestees. Investigations of all these cases except two are yet to complete.

"MY SON IS INNOCENT" Pharmacy graduate Jahidul Haque Anik's mother has always been worried about his future since a case was filed against him with Badda Police Station.

"He is our only son. If he is accused in criminal cases, how will he fulfil our dreams?" said his mother Jahanara Haque, who lives in Cumilla.

"I raised my son with utmost care. I know that he is innocent," she added.

Anik said he was picked up by police from in front of Southeast University's campus in Banani right after he attended a class on August 6 morning when there was no protest or violence in that area.

He added that he was first taken to Banani Police Station along with several others. Later, those who had jobs were freed while the students were kept there. At night, Anik along with four other Southeast University students were taken to Badda Police Station where they were accused in a case.

"They picked us up from Kakoli area, but in the FIR, they mentioned that we were picked up from Badda during violence at the East West University. There are CCTV footages and proof of my class attendance on that day."

NO IDEA WHEN THE INVESTIGATION WILL COMPLETE

Officers investigating the Badda and Vatara cases said they don't know when the investigations would complete.

Asked if they have found any allegations to be true against the

accused students, Sub-inspector Julhas Mia of Badda Police Station, who is investigating the case, said "It can't be said before we complete the investigation."

SI Hasan Masud of Vatara Police Station said similar things when asked about the cases.

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ongoing, Smithee said.

"We believe based on witness statements that there was a second individual involved in some way, we just don't know in what way," he told journalists.

Footage showed people fleeing in terror as shots rang out.

A witness named Julissa Contreras told NBC a white man in his 30s armed with a rifle opened fire indiscriminately.

"I could see him shooting in just every direction. He wasn't aiming at anyone specifically. It was just left to right, right to left," Contreras said, according to NBC.

"He definitely was prepared for what he was doing," she said.

Smithee said the suspect appeared to have entered the 50-acre festival site via a creek, using cutting equipment to breach the event's perimeter.

Metal detectors and bag searches were in place as part of "very tight security" at the festival, he said.

No motive was known but the suspect's shooting appeared "somewhat random," Smithee added. The suspect used "some sort of a rifle," he said.

US President Donald Trump earlier tweeted that law enforcement officers were at "the scene of shootings" in Gilroy, urging members of the public to "Be careful and safe!"

HC for safe milk

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The bench also said all concerned should remain careful so that foreign milk powder cannot take over the local market taking an opportunity in this situation.

Justice Nazrul said the court would not pass any order by which dairy farms and companies could be affected and prejudiced.

The HC bench came up with the order after examining the compliance reports submitted by Bangladesh Safe Food Authority (BFSFA) and Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) on this issue.

BFSFA lawyer Barrister Mohammad Faridul Islam placed the compliance report saying that the organisation has already filed 10 cases with the Pure Food Court in Dhaka against 10 milk producing companies after finding harmful heavy metals in their pasteurised milk.

The BSFA has issued warning against 15 more companies and fined different companies Tk 17 lakh for adulteration of their milk and products, he said, adding that the BSFA will take necessary steps in this regard as per law.

BSTI lawyer Barrister Sarkar MR Hassan told the court that expert opinions were needed to resolve the issue of adulteration of milk and other foods.

After the hearing, the HC bench asked the BFSFA and the BSTI to submit reports on the progress on the issue to it and fixed October 20 for passing further orders.

MILK VITA CLEARED

Meanwhile, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday passed a stay order clearing the way for Bangladesh Milk Producers Cooperative Union Limited (Milk Vita) to produce, distribute and sell pasteurised milk.

Justice Md Nuruzzaman, chamber judge of the Appellate Division, stayed for eight weeks part of the HC order that directed Milk Vita to stop production, distribution and sale of pasteurised milk for five weeks.

The chamber judge passed the order following a petition filed by Milk Vita challenging that part of the HC order.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, who appeared for Milk Vita, told The Daily Star that the level of lead and antibiotics in the Milk Vita pasteurised milk didn't cross the danger level.

Antibiotics are used for the treatment of cows and therefore, antibiotic may be found in its milk which is a very usual matter, he said.

The attorney general also said 13 more companies, which were directed by the HC to stop production, distribution and sale, cannot do so following yesterday's SC order.

Barrister Mohiuddin Hanif Farhad, another lawyer for Milk Vita, told this correspondent that the SC's stay order would be applicable only for Milk Vita.

The company can now produce, distribute and sale its pasteurised milk, he said.

Citing the stay petition of Milk Vita, Farhad said the company could not produce, distribute and sell pasteurised milk and therefore it would face crisis if the HC order remained in force.

The company would sort out and gradually resolve the problems regarding pasteurised milk over the presence of antibiotics and other substances in it, he added.

On Sunday, HC bench of Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir Lytton ordered the authorities of 14 companies, registered with the BSTI, to stop production, distribution and sale of pasteurised milk for five weeks.

It also directed the authorities to guard against purchase and consumption of pasteurised milk of these companies, including some top brands such as Aarong, Igloo, Milk Vita (state-run) and Pran.

The HC bench issued the order after examining three laboratory test reports, which found that the milk of these companies contains antibiotics -- Oxytetracycline, Tetracycline and Ciprofloxacin -- as well as lead, a harmful heavy metal.

The 14 companies are Aftab Milk and Milk Products Ltd (Aftab), Akij Food and Beverage Ltd (Farm Fresh Milk), American Dairy Limited (MOO), Bangladesh Milk Producers Cooperative Limited (Milk Vita), Baro Awlia Dairy Milk and Foods Ltd (Dairy Fresh), Brac Dairy and Food Project (Aarong Dairy), Danish Dairy Farm Ltd (Ayrar) Ichhamoti Dairy and Food Products (PURA), Igloo Dairy Limited (Igloo), Pran Dairy Ltd (Pran Milk), Uttar Bango Dairy (Ultra), Purbo Bangla Dairy Food Industries (Arwa) and Tania Dairy and Food Products (Safe).



A shelf full of memories

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Diya, 17, and Abdul Karim Rajib, both of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College, were killed when a Jabal-e-Noor bus ploughed through a crowd while racing with another bus of the same company.

Tens of thousands of students took to the streets across the country protesting for road safety, forcing the government to take several steps to curb road accidents and bring discipline in the transport sector. Meanwhile, the crash changed the family's life forever. Diya's father Jahangir left his profession as bus driver and now manages his family and education expenditure of his two other children from whatever he earns by running a tiny shop and the money he gets from the interest of a Tk 20 lakh fixed deposit that he received from the prime minister.

"Rain or shine, my wife visits her grave every day. We can't stop her from going there, no matter what," Jahangir said.

He thought the pressure of the administration had brought some discipline in the streets after the agitation. But the situation has gotten back to square one now, he said.

Asked about his observations on present condition of the transport sector, he said the students were able to raise awareness and mount pressure on the administration, which led them to bring some discipline on the streets and reduce the number of accidents.

"But it seems the administration is little reluctant now, so the situation is going back to the way it was," he said, adding, "But it would have been better if they could have learned some discipline from the students."

He said his daughter was not a "victim of road accident", rather she was murdered by a bus driver who was involved in an unhealthy race with another bus.

"I want justice," he said.

In October last year, six owners, drivers and helpers of the two buses of Jabal-e-Noor Paribahan were indicted

in the case, and a Dhaka court has already recorded testimonies of 36 prosecution witnesses.

"I want the trial to be completed soon so that those responsible are punished. I urge everyone to be more cautious about traffic rules," he said.

Mehraj Uddin, cousin of the other victim Rajib, said Rajib used to live with his family in Dhaka while his mother lived in Hatia.

"He was very close to my sons, they remember him fondly," he said.

Mehraj believes citizens need to be more cautious about traffic rules. "Some changes have been made. But I think we need to be more careful," he added.

After the death of Rajib, Hatia's local administration promised to give two acres of land to Rajib's mother, but she was yet to receive it, said Mehraj.

He urged the authorities to take necessary steps in this regard soon.

Bombardment in northwest Syria kills 11 civilians

AFP, Beirut

Regime and russian bombardment on Sunday killed 11 civilians in northwestern Syria where ramped up attacks by the two allies have claimed hundreds of lives since April, a war monitor said.

The strikes came as regime forces launched an assault on jihadists and allied rebels in Hama province, killing 9 combatants, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The fighting in the village of Tal Maleh in northern Hama also left four regime fighters dead, the Britain-based monitor added.

Northern Hama along with Idlib province and parts of Aleppo and Latakia are under the control of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a jihadist group led by Syria's former Al-Qaeda affiliate.