Fake medicine, cosmetics worth Tk 10cr destroyed

Two sentenced to jail, fined Tk 10 lakh in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barishal*

A mobile court of Barishal district administration yesterday found a makeshift factory running inside a residence, and seized fake medicines, cosmetics and sanitiser worth Tk 10 crore at the city's Sagardi Darga Bari.

The court, led by Magistrate Zia Ur Rahman, sentenced Masum Billah, who ran the operation, and his associate Nurul Alom Gaji to one year's imprisonment and fined them Tk 5 lakh each.

They also confiscated raw materials and heavy machinery used in manufacturing.

Zia told The Daily Star that the detainees said they were producing fake medicine for two years with help from the landlord.

They were making fake products of renowned companies like ACI, Chemist, Jayson and Global, and supplied them to Mitford wholesale medicine market in the capital, he said.

"We contacted Sadek Ahamed, the landlord, but he denied involvement, saying he did not know anything about the fake medicine operation, and refused to come to the location," the magistrate informed.

Authorities, however, claimed such a large operation cannot be run without the landlord's knowledge.

When the drive was ongoing, owners and representatives from different pharmaceutical companies came to the spot.

Kajol Ghosh, manager of Chemist Laboratories in Barishal, said they were astonished after learning about the huge quantity of fake medicines that was produced there.

Biplob, a local shopkeeper, said they had no idea such an operation was being run inside a residence.

The court was conducted with help from Directorate General of Drug Administration's superintendent office in Barishal.

Auditi Swarna, superintendent of drugs in Barishal, said, "We had detained two men from Barishal launch terminal with fake medicines yesterday morning. After they confessed about selling the counterfeit products, they pointed us to this place."

"We are investigating to trace the whole fake medicine syndicate. The makeshift factory has been sealed, and the fake products were later destroyed."

After seizing the counterfeit products from a residence in Barishal city's Sagardi Darga Bari, authorities destroyed them yesterday. The criminals ran the operation for the last two years, supplying fake products to the capital's Mitford wholesale medicine market. PHOTO: TITU DAS

HC petition filed against Wasa's 25pc tariff hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its order of injunction on the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority's (Wasa) decision to hike the water price by 25 percent from April 1 this year.

Advocate Tanvir Ahmed submitted the petition as a public interest litigation to the HC through virtual system, and also prayed to the court to declare Dhaka Wasa's move illegal.

Citing the petition, Tanvir told The Daily Star that Dhaka Wasa had increased the water tariff by 5 percent on September 1.

It has further increased price by 25 percent since April 1 this year, which was reported in different newspapers including The Daily Star, he said.

CVF PRESIDENCY

Abul Kalam Azad named special envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Abul Kalam Azad, former principal secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, has been appointed as special envoy of Climate Vulnerable Forum's (CVF) presidency.

Azad will serve as key representative of Bangladesh prime minister, who is also the CVF chair, to support realisation of CVF's objectives and priorities.

He will work closely with the presidency to actively promote interests of climate vulnerable countries and take initiatives for global partners and other stakeholders, said a foreign ministry statement yesterday.

Bangladesh assumed presidency of CVF and Vulnerable Twenty Group of Finance Ministers, which had been announced through an online event, chaired by Bangladesh Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen on June 9.

Goods worth

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Malek has been running those depots for almost 30 years with good reputation, he said. "We have contacted his family. They also don't know about his whereabouts."

Imported goods are stored in more than 1,000 warehouses in Chattogram, said importers. Later, they sell those to wholesalers. But since Thursday, many wholesalers have not getting required goods.

On Saturday afternoon, the warehouses were found shut, said importers.

The disappearance and subsequent closure have made traders anxious, said Abul Bashar Chowdhury, managing director of BSM Group.

Abdul Matin, a bitumen trader in Khatunganj, said most of the bitumen traders cannot sell their imported goods as those have been kept in Malek's warehouses. "It has created a crisis in the market as well," he said.

The trader said the price of bitumen has already gone up by Tk 50 per drum (50kg).

Mahbubul Alam, president of the CCCI, said, "After receiving complaints from traders, I have informed the police administration as well as the commerce ministry of the matter. Attempts are being made to find the warehouse owner."

Contacted, Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Mohsin said they have taken into account the traders' concerns. A general diary was filed in this connection on Saturday.

Until yesterday, they were unable to trace the warehouse owner, said the OC.

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certificates and selling them for a hefty sum of money, the Rab official added.

Rab said individuals without visible symptoms of coronavirus are buying fake negative certificates for traveling and attending offices and courts.

Meanwhile, many are collecting fake Covid-19 positive certificates, in a bid to avail public holidays and various benefits.

Rab seized two computers, two printers and two scanners from the shop.

On June 4, two youths were arrested from Savar for selling fake Covid-19 certificates.

Declare

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their sharpest decline in history, falling by 20 percent in 2020.

"IFAD is now tracking the impact of declining remittances on the 'receiving end' in developing countries, where typical remittances of $200 to $300 per month account for about 60 percent of household income," said Pedro de Vasconcelos, the head of IFAD's Financing Facility for Remittances.

"While the reduction in remittances will not fall evenly across countries and communities, the impact is likely be substantial in rural areas where remittances count the most."

To address the situation, IFAD called on governments to develop more conducive policies and regulatory environments that enable competition, regulation and innovation on the remittance market and declare these services essential.

Private sector entities should invest in developing innovative technological solutions for remittance transfers to reduce costs, improve speed, enhance security and increase flows through digital means to remote areas, it said.

Access to remittance services, especially in poor rural areas, needs to be improved. There should also be incentives to develop and use digital products that link remittances to a full range of financial services, so that migrants and their families can be encouraged to save and invest their money.

Since March, IFAD has led a global Remittances Community Task Force comprised of 35 international organisations, inter-governmental bodies, industry and private sector groups, and networks of diaspora organisations, which is working on a series of concrete measures to help mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the lives of the one billion people directly involved in sending and receiving remittances, the statement read.

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The situation, in fact, turned so dire that Azad is now driving a battery-run rickshaw on the city streets, even at his age. The family had to leave their rented house and moved into a relative's house at Kewatkhali.

When this correspondent contacted him on Friday, he was out with his vehicle.

"After paying the vehicle's rent, I can earn some Tk 200 per day. It's not bad, except at this age, I can't drive every day," Azad said.

Informed about the state of the family, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Mymensingh Sadar upazila Sheikh Hafizur Rahman Sajal visited their residence recently and helped the family with daily essentials.

The UNO also handed over a sewing machine to the family. In addition, he told them that he'll try to get work for one of the daughters so that the family can see out the present crisis.

Praising the prompt initiative taken by the UNO, advocate Shibbir Ahmed Liton, secretary of Poribesh Rokhha O Unnyan Andolon Mymensingh unit, said such activities by government officials will surely inspire others to help people like Azad, who are struggling to survive amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Seeking blessings from all, Azad said he is in his last mission to support his sons' education so that they can lead a decent life and avoid the brunt of poverty he had to bear all his life.

A literary

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lockdown. "Last year, we had spent a good amount [of money] to renovate the space to attract more people, but that didn't quite work out," Jolly lamented.

However, after posting a Facebook status about the closure from Dipanpur's official page, bookworms and literature lovers flooded social media with words of grief, bringing some much needed enthusiasm in Jolly and Co.

"I got many phone calls and text messages. Those who were touched by our efforts are inspiring us to continue with our dream. If I am able to get any support -- be it a regular order of my caterings or a bank loan -- Dipanpur might even survive this time," Jolly said with a little bit of optimism.

Following the post, some observers of the book industry have pointed out that the shutdown of Dipanpur should serve as a wake-up call for other bookstore chains in Bangladesh to rethink their strategies during this pandemic.

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1.	469837 (Pur: 089)	Construction of 02 Nos. 700 M. Ton Capacity POL Storage Vertical Steel Tank including Pipe Line Drainage System and Other Related Works at Barishal Depot, Barishal.	3,000.00	8,00,000.00	9 July, 2020; 15:00 Hrs	12 July, 2020; 12:00 Hrs	OSTETM
2.	469770 (Pur: 068) Re-Tender 1st Call	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Internal Floating Roof including Calibration of POL Storage Tank No. 07 At M/L Chattogram.	2,500.00	1,75,000.00	7 July, 2020; 15:00 Hrs	8 July, 2020; 12:00 Hrs	OSTETM

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"You're truly Bangladesh's finest heroes," he added.

The 1,000 doctors were provided two-day in-person training under a joint USAID-DGHS initiative focused on Covid-19 infection prevention and control and case management.

The training, implemented by international NGO Management Sciences for Health, will enable participating doctors and nurses to effectively treat infected persons while keeping themselves safe and helping to reduce the spread of the virus.

The 1,000 trained doctors will train 3,000 newly recruited nurses and other health care practitioners in their respective hospitals.

Prof Dr Saniya Tahmina, additional director general at the DGHS, USAID Mission Director Brown and USAID Health Adviser Dr Riad Mahmud were also present at the conference.

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Office of the (APO)
Dairy and Cattle Development Farm, Hathazari, Chattogram
Department of Livestock Services (DLS)
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
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Dated: 16/06/2020

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1	468787 33.01.0000.340.54.027.18-102	Procurement of Wheat Bran, Lime Stone and Soyabean Meal under the Office of the Animal Production Officer Dairy and Cattle Development Farm Hathazari Chattogram.	06-Jul-2020 12:00	06-Jul-2020 13:00
2	468799 33.01.0000.340.54.027.18-103	Procurement of Maize, salt, DCP, premix and Dry Straw under the Office of the Animal Production Officer Dairy and Cattle Development Farm Hathazari Chattogram	06-Jul-2020 12:00	06-Jul-2020 13:00

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1.	PN GD-03 Lot-A	468985 & IRN: 374	Laboratory Equipment (05 Items)	23.06.2020 17:00	24.06.2020 11:55	24.06.2020 11:55

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