

Ailing DU student Zahidul in need of financial assistance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zahidul Islam, a second year BBA student of Dhaka University's Management Department, is suffering from liver cirrhosis disease.

After his condition deteriorated, Zahidul, also an ex-notredamian, is currently undergoing treatment at Hepatology Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

His parents say they need to take him to India for treatment, but this will require a huge amount of money, something the family cannot manage on their own.

Finding no other ways, they are now seeking help from the affluent, kind-hearted members of society. The family has urged the well-off to come forward with financial support to save their son.

Financial help can be sent to the account Md Nuruzzaman (father); Account no: 2052030202138714, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, Cantonment branch, Dhaka; and Nazmun Nahar (mother); Account no: 2205219008719, Prime Bank Limited, Ibrahimpur Branch, Dhaka.



Five killed

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Hatibandha thana OC said, the deceased policemen were returning from Barakhata area of Hatibandha Upazila to the police station. Their bike was crushed under a stone-loaded truck while they were trying to overtake the truck.

In Dhaka, a couple were killed after a bus hit their motorcycle in airport area yesterday. The deceased were identified as Akash Iqbal (33) and Maya Hazarika (25).

In Cumilla, a man was killed on the spot and two others critically injured at Kaptanbazar Pakkarmatha near Gumti river bank in Cumilla town. OC of Kotwali Model Police Station Anwarul Haq confirmed it. The deceased was identified as Kamrul Islam Shimul (43).

According to Nirapad Sarak Chai, at least 4,969 people were killed and 5,058 were injured in 4,092 accidents last year. Motorcycles were involved in highest number of accidents -- 1,127. The rate of bike accidents was 19 percent in 2019 while it rose by eight percentage points to 27 percent last year, the study found.

CHAKTAI CANAL IN CTG

A glorified garbage dump

Locals blame authorities for lack of monitoring, maintenance

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If one visits KB Aman Road's Phooltola area in the port city, they may come across a garbage dump full of polythene bags. However, this very "dump" is in fact part of the Chaktai canal.

Polythene waste covers roughly a kilometre of the canal, from Phooltola to Bakalia Bogarbil area, or in simpler terms, as far as the eye can see. This did not happen overnight. Locals allege that due to lack of monitoring and infrequent maintenance, a major part of the canal has been filled with garbage.

Consequently, locals have been facing various issues, including mosquito menace, malodour and waterlogging during monsoon.

"Water flow has been hindered, as all the polythene has blocked the canal..." said Arifur Rahman, a resident of the area. "We can't stay at home peacefully after evening because of mosquitoes. The canal has become their breeding ground."

Chemman Ara Begum, another resident, said people living on both sides of the canal are also suffering from malodour coming from the polythene bags full of filthy waste.

Asked who dumps polythene there, she said some irresponsible and inconsiderate residents do it in absence of proper monitoring by the authorities concerned. "I hold Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) officials responsible for the negligence," she said.

Rahul Dutta, another resident, said they must deal with waterlogging



PHOTO: STAR

Not a drop of water can be seen in this part of Chaktai canal. Instead, piles of garbage has remained there for ages. This photo was taken recently.

during monsoon, as the canal cannot drain rainwater.

"We've heard that Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) has taken a mega project to reduce waterlogging in port city," he said. "Why are they not cleaning up the canal?"

Although CDA has initiated the mega project, Bangladesh Army is implementing the project of re-excavation, expansion and cleaning canals and drains to address waterlogging in Chattogram city.

Contacted, Lt Col Shah Ali, director of the implementation project, said, "We cleaned canals last year, but the one at Phooltola is now full of

polythene because locals dump waste there."

"It is CCC's responsibility to monitor and raise awareness among people. It is the authority for canal and drain management in the city," he said.

Meanwhile, they are building retaining wall at four points of Chaktai canal, he added.

The authorities have recently started cleaning the canal after CCC Chief Executive Officer Kazi Mohammad Mozammel Hoque was informed of the issue.

"We clean the canals and drains regularly, but no one informed me about Chaktai canal's state," he said.

Prosecution

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A day after the killing attempt, Azad's brother Manjur Kabir filed an attempted murder case with Ramna Police Station against some unnamed people.

Dr Azad, a professor of Dhaka University's Bangla department, died from what an autopsy said was a heart attack in Munich on August 12, 2004.

The investigation officer, Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Inspector Kazi Abdul Malek, submitted a charge sheet on November 15, 2007 accusing JMB leaders Anwar, Mizanur and Nur.

JMB leaders Shaekh Abdul Rahman and Ataur Rahman Sunny were dropped from the charge sheet as they were executed following a Supreme Court verdict for killing two judges of Jhalakathi on November 14 of 2005.

On April 30, 2012, CID again pressed charges against the five and appealed for the case to be converted into a murder case.

During the investigation, Mizanur gave a confessional statement before a magistrate. Hafiz Mahmud alias Hassan, another accused in the case, was later killed in a gunfight with police after he fled from a prison van in Gazipur.

The court framed charges against the accused on September 10 of 2011.

Two murder

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trying to arrest them and have deployed additional police members in the area to maintain law and order."

A four-member probe committee, led by the superintendent of Sirajganj police, is investigating the incident, said Muzahidul Islam, additional DIG of Rajshahi range.

Meanwhile in port city, members of Rab-7 during a drive in Kapasgola area on Sunday evening arrested an accused in a case filed over killing of one Azgar Ali Babul during a clash between supporters of

two councillor candidates for Chattogram City Corporation polls on January 12.

The arrestee is Delwar Rashid (45) of Double Mooring area in the city, said a press release from Rab-7.

Babul was shot dead during a clash between activists of Nazrul Islam Bahadur, Awami League-backed councillor candidate in ward-28, and Abdul Quader, also a local AL leader and former ward councillor, in the city's Mogoltuli area, said Saleh Mohammad Tanvir, commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

Who stole

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Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Farid Ahmed imposed an injunction and extended it till the disposal of the rule.

The injunction prohibits all activities concerning the pond, including filling and grabbing parts of it.

The HC order included Sylhet City Corporation, Secretary of Land Ministry, Secretary of Environment and Forest Ministry, Director General of the Department of Environment (DoE), Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet, Waqf Administrator of Bangladesh, and eight descendants of Majumdar family.

Advocate Shah Shaheda Akhter, divisional coordinator of Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela), said, "Even though there is legal order that obligates authorities to protect the dighi, it's being filled and grabbed. We urged the authorities concerned to protect it, but no necessary steps have been taken anyway."

Meanwhile, a new attempt to grab some parts of the dighi has been in progress for some time, and someone is constructing a few shops in the bank of the pond.

Despite multiple attempts, no one admitted to this attempt at grabbing.

Mohammed Amran Hossain, director of DoE in Sylhet, said, "We lack human

resources and that made it impossible to stay vigilant all the time but we take necessary steps when we get information. We'll conduct a drive there soon."

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) Sylhet chapter, said, "Once Sylhet was called a town of dighis; there were ponds everywhere. Over time, most of them were filled, and the few remaining ones are barely surviving."

"Majumdar Bari Dighi is a notable one that represents the heritage of a prestigious family. But, neither the descendants, nor the authorities are concerned enough to protect it," he said, urging that everyone should come forward to protect it.

Sylhet City Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury said, "We're working to protect all remaining ponds of the city. Some are already being excavated and we are guarding some. But we're not being able to protect Majumdar Bari Dighi because of the High Court injunction which prohibits all activities centring the pond -- and this includes excavating and guarding."

Meanwhile, Bapa and Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela) are organising a human chain near the pond tomorrow demanding protection of the pond from illegal grabbing, reviving the pond and making it useful for locals.

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Request for Proposal
RFP No. UNFPA/BGD/RFP/2021/001

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The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Bangladesh seeks Proposal from qualified service providers for the provision of "Production of Shahana cartoon third series" to Dhaka, Bangladesh. The qualified and experienced bidders are encouraged to download the RFP documents through the following link from UNGM:

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Memo No. 25.38.0000.704.014.143.21-18 Date: 18-01-2021

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Sl	Name of work	Tender ID	Tender/proposal publication date and time
01	Electrification Works at Pramanik Para, Dair Dhangora, Kalibari & Janpur Settlement under Sirajganj Pourashava	537407	20-01-2021, 9:00am
02	Electrification Works at Unaisar Moddho Para, Unaisar Purbo Para, Lakshimpur & Ram Manik & Moddho Ashrafpur Settlement under Cumilla City Corporation.	537412	

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4. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Minoti Kundu no more

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Minoti Kundu -- mother of Ajoy Kumar Kundu, chief operating officer of Mediacom Ltd. -- has passed away on Sunday. She had suffered from a brain hemorrhage and was admitted to Square Hospital. She was 76.

Her funeral will be held today at her native village in Shahzadpur.

Along with Ajoy Kumar Kundu, Minoti Kundu was also mother to Anjan Kumar Kundu, Head of Marketing of NTV; Chandan Kumar Kundu, Deputy Manager at ATN Bangla; Chayan Kumar Kundu, Marketing In-charge of Bangla TV; and four more children.

Bureaucrats

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Earlier, secretary general of Swachip (Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad) Prof Dr MA Aziz expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of publication activities of the health ministry.

Presumably in response to this, the secretary said, "There was not a single decision we implemented beyond the decision of the honourable prime minister... And we have reached here as per the directives of the prime minister."

About the sacrifice of healthcare workers, Abdul Mannan said, "As soon as I got any news of deaths of doctors, I have sent condolence in writing... We have compensated many families, though death has no compensation."

In response to the health secretary's remarks, Modasser Ali criticised bureaucrats as a whole. "Only one of the prime minister's compensation recipients was a doctor, and 30 were bureaucrats," he mentioned.

Speaking at the event as chief guest, Health Minister Zahid Maleque also urged all to not unilaterally criticise efforts in health sector.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak, secretary of medical education of the ministry, Director General of Health Directorate Prof ABM Khurshid Alam, Director General of the Military Health Directorate Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, and President of Bangladesh Medical Association Prof Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin were present.

The curious

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brunt," she said, while her little daughter kept tugging on her.

This correspondent found their claims substantiated. There were indeed no guides or sign-aids at the gate, with only two banners stating the online address of the museum and a little bit about e-ticketing -- not enough to guide everyone through the process.

There's also the problem of online payment. Around the entrance area, mobile banking and recharge agents were seen making a few quick bucks from the situation.

Though the regular price of tickets are Tk 20 for adults, Tk 10 for children, Tk 300 for those from Saarc countries, and Tk 500 for other foreign nationals, for each ticket purchased with their help, the agents charged an extra Tk 10.

People still flocked to them, as long as it gets them to enter the museum.

Near the entrance, there's a spot to keep visitors' luggage or bags. But due to a duty scheduling issue, no proper checking was taking place at the time. This correspondent saw only one man named Dulal hectically dealing with the bags and providing tokens to the visitors in exchange.

He said there's three other members in his team, but he's having to work alone as they have gone off to take a break.

According to other staffers of the museum, this has been going on since November last year, ever since e-ticketing started. Usually, 500 to 800 people are allowed to visit on a regular day and another 1,000 to 1,200 on weekends, which means workload is higher on weekdays.

Contacted, museum Director General Khondoker Mostafizur Rahman said, "We made e-tickets the sole mode of entrance amid the pandemic with an intention to limit the number of visitors."

Asked about the visitors' complaints, he said, "It was a decision of the museum's trustee board and parliamentary standing committee on cultural affairs. We've put up banners with the website's address around the premises. Anyone can go to the website and check out relevant information."

Pressed on the issue, all the DG had to say was, "I am sorry this is the way things have to be for now. The orders have been given from the high-ups, and there's little I can do about it."

He said, "Once the pandemic is over, we will think of releasing physical tickets again."

On Saturday, ICT state minister Zunaid Ahmed Palak said at least 90 percent of government services will be digitised by the end of 2021. Such statements may sound hopeful, but if stories of mismanagement like that of the national museum persists, then these numbers will not mean much to the citizens who queue up to receive the services.

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA)

Office of the Project Director

Feasibility Study on Dhaka Outer Ring Road: Eastern, Western & Northern Part

Nagar Bhaban (Level-12), Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000

Memo: 35.02.0000.010.14.005.2020-08 Date: 18.01.2021

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

For

Technical Consultant (Individual)

- Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) is the Transport Planning and Coordination Authority of greater Dhaka. It has prepared the Transport Master Plan of Dhaka named as Strategic Transport Plan (STP) (revised and modified in 2015). Now, DTCA like to hire a Technical Consultant (Individual) for Feasibility Study on Dhaka Outer Ring Road: Eastern, Western & Northern Part whose scope of services and qualifications in brief are given below:

Post	Brief Scope of Tasks/Service	Qualification and Experience
Technical Consultant (Individual) (12 Man-months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Project officials for technical support, technical analysis, mapping, data collection and presentation, report production and related activities of the project; • Provide administrative support for maintaining the project's schedule, arranging meetings, translating from Bangla to English, and providing logistical and general office support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least bachelor degree in Civil Engineering/Urban Planning (with major in transport) or masters in transport Planning/Engineering. • Have an understanding of principal urban transport issues, particularly public transport and road traffic management issues, in Dhaka and be prepared to work with independence to conduct research with two years minimum experience. • Have advanced abilities to obtain and display geographical and other data with high presentation standards.

- Detail scope of services and qualifications are provided in Request for Application (RFA), which may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during normal office hours.
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- It is expected that the service will commence in March, 2021 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the above position must be delivered in sealed envelope to the address of the Project Director on or before 09 February, 2021 up to 5:00pm. The envelopes must be cleared marked "EOI for Technical Consultant (Individual)".
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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