

## Two arrested

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Rab said magic mushroom is a hallucinogenic drug. It belongs to a group of drugs known as psychedelics, because of the changes experienced to perception, mood and thought. The key ingredient found in it is psilocybin.

"It's taken by mixing with cake or chocolate, or can be taken as a powder capsule. After consumption, the person may experience change in consciousness, mood, thought and perception, commonly called a trip -- such as visual and auditory hallucinations."

"Sometimes a person may experience negative effects of magic mushrooms and have what is called a bad trip, and may experience unpleasant or intense hallucinations, anxiety, paranoia, panic or fear. Some people who regularly use magic mushrooms may experience flashbacks," said the Rab official.

About the arrestees, Rab said Nagib and Taifur are childhood friends who studied at the same school in Dhaka. After SSC, Nagib moved to Canada in 2014.

According to Rab, Taifur used to drink alcohol and take cannabis. In 2019, he started taking LSD, DMT and other psychedelic drugs. He searched about psychedelic drugs on internet and came to know about magic mushrooms.

"Taifur first tried to explore whether there is any psilocybin in Bangladeshi-grown mushrooms. In vain, he started searching for it on the dark web. Then he requested his friend Nagib to bring magic mushrooms from Canada," the Rab director said.

"In May, Nagib brought a consignment of magic mushrooms in the country," he added.

Apart from selling, Taifur used to take this psychedelic drug. "After losing control, he even cut different parts of his hand by own," Rab said.



A week after the accident at Lalbagh's Islambagh that killed two people, electricity transformers in the area still sit dangerously close to residential establishments. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Football fans clash in B'baria, 4 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

At least four persons were injured after Brazil and Argentina football teams' supporters clashed in Brahmanbaria Sadar area on Tuesday.

The injured -- Nawab Mia (60), Selim Mia (45), Syedabur Rahman (35), and Jakir Hossain -- received treatment at Brahmanbaria General Hospital.

The clash ensued following a scuffle between Argentina supporter Jibon Mia and Brazil fan Rezaul at Akkelpur village after Brazil won the match against Peru in Copa America semi-final on Tuesday morning.

Locals stopped the fight immediately. But Jibon, along with five to six persons, later beat up Rezaul's uncle Nawab Mia, leaving him with a head injury, witnesses said.

Aggrieved, Nawab's son Arman along with some other youths attacked Jibon and his relatives around 9pm last night, leaving three of them injured, they said.

Faizur Rahman Faye, a duty-doctor of the hospital, said all the injured were given primary treatment.

Emranul Islam, officer-in-charge of Brahmanbaria Sadar Police Station, said police rushed to the spot after receiving information of retaliatory attacks in the village.

## Drugs, firearms, Tk 1cr seized from municipal mayor's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police seized four illegal firearms, ammunition, drugs and cash worth nearly Tk 1 crore after raiding the house of a municipal mayor at Arani of Rajshahi's Bagha upazila early yesterday.

Mukter Ali, mayor of Arani municipality, managed to flee, sensing the police drive at his house, police said.

Police arrested three persons: the mayor's wife Jesmin Akter (40), and nephews Sohan (25) and Shanto (23) from the house.

The seized goods are four firearms, four magazines, four empty cartridges, 43 bullets, 10 grammes of marijuana, seven packets of heroin, 20 yaba pills, two bank cheques worth Tk 18 lakh and cash worth Tk 94.96 lakh.

"The mayor's wife was arrested, as

the firearms, drugs and money were found in her room," ABM Masud Hossain, superintendent of police of Rajshahi, told journalists during a press conference held at his office premises yesterday.

He said the mayor's nephews were arrested in connection with a case filed with Bagha police station, over attack on a college teacher cum Awami League leader.

On Tuesday night, the mayor led a group to reportedly attack the house of Monwar Hossain, a college teacher and adviser to the municipality unit of Sechchasebak League, at Arana Dakkinpara.

They beat up Monwar, his wife and son during the attack.

The SP said the attack was made as a result to the mayor's vendetta against Monwar, over not getting his support in the last municipal election.

Later, Monwar filed a case with the police station, accusing Mukter, his aide Ankur and four other unnamed persons.

Acting on the case, police raided Mukter's house around 3am.

Meanwhile, Mukter took part in the last municipal election as a rebel candidate of Awami League and won the election.

The SP said Mukter was accused in five incidents of violence before and after the last municipal election, but he was enjoying bail.

He told journalists that police were inquiring into several allegations against Mukter, like whether he was engaged in arms trade and money laundering activities.

He said Mukter's son will also be accused in a drug-related case, as some of the drugs were found from his room.

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Saidul Haque, who came from Matarbari with Rustom, said each of the six of them had to spend Tk 2,700 as transport cost which is three times higher than the usual cost.

Besides, there were other expenses including food, he said.

Currently, the government is providing Pfizer vaccine for Saudi Arabia and Kuwait-bound migrant workers since it is one of four types of vaccine approved in those countries.

On Monday, the government announced that migrant workers can register on Surokha app for vaccine.

Shamsul Haque, a line director at Directorate General of Health Services, yesterday told this newspaper that full-fledged vaccination for outbound migrants began in the capital from yesterday.

DMCH vaccine centre started to inoculate eligible migrant workers with Pfizer yesterday, said Umme Kulsum Amatul Alam, a DMCH physician who was on duty at the centre.

She said they inoculated Saudi

Arabia and Kuwait-bound migrant workers with Pfizer jabs after being confirmed that the workers received SMS with vaccine date, and also obtained required documents.

As of 12:45pm, over 200 migrants got Pfizer doses there, Amatul said.

After getting the first dose yesterday, Jasim Uddin of Matarbari said now he was concerned about getting the second dose, since he only had about three weeks left before his employment visa expires.

He said he was in need of vaccine as he learnt it would be difficult to get a job in Saudi Arabia without being vaccinated.

Dulan Chandra Baishnab, statistical officer at Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET), said he assisted migrant workers at DMCH to ensure their vaccination properly.

**AN ALL-NIGHTER AND A LONG RICKSHAW RIDE**

Aspirant migrant worker Md Ali of Brahmanbaria's Akhaura said he had to spend six to seven hours of late at

night at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, after reaching Dhaka from Brahmanbaria around 12:30am yesterday.

"I was awake all night," said Ali, who got an employment visa of Saudi Arabia through a relative.

He said he got an SMS on Tuesday afternoon confirming vaccine date at DMCH. He started for the capital immediately as he could get in a rented microbus which headed from Akhaura and dropped him near the airport. He said he found it difficult to move from the airport as it was late at night and there was scarcity of vehicles amid the lockdown.

As morning broke, he reached DMCH on a rickshaw from airport and got the vaccine in the morning. He said wants to go abroad as he couldn't manage a job at home over a year amid the pandemic situation.

To get vaccine, migrant workers need to register with BMET first. Later, they need to register on Surokha app which is developed for nationwide vaccine registration.



Before the pandemic, Shabana used to sell noodles in front of her house at the capital's Mirpur, but Covid-19 took her income source away, as sales dwindled with each passing day. She, however, did not give up. Now, she drives a battery-operated rickshaw, giving rides throughout the day and earning enough to support her mother and son. This photo was taken from near Matsya Bhaban.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Neo-JMB

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Officials said these IEDs are not very powerful but can cause casualties in at least 20-25 square metres from the centre of the blast.

An investigator said Forkan is a postgraduate from the chemistry department at a public university.

Following the July 1, 2016 café attack in Dhaka, law enforcers conducted a massive crackdown, and around 2,000 militant suspects were arrested and 63 top militants were killed during the countrywide anti-militancy operation, according to sources.

Almost all members of militant outfits who were skilled in making IED were arrested or killed by law enforcers and this is why Neo-JMB is trying to increase the strength again, said CTC officials.

## More people

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Flouting rules, many small shops and tea stalls by-lanes and alleys were seen open, and public gatherings were noticed.

A similar situation prevailed outside Dhaka. In Manikganj, private cars, motorbikes and passengers were seen travelling on ferries on Paturia-Daulatdia route, which is considered one of the gateways of southern districts. Paturia is located in Manikganj and Daulatdia in Rajbari.

As per government directives, only goods-laden vehicles, ambulances and other vehicles for emergency services are allowed to operate.

A large number of people were seen roaming the town's streets. Whenever people see law enforcers, they started running. Rickshaws and auto-rickshaws were plying on the streets.

Mobile courts fined 49 persons over Tk 38,000 for violating the lockdown.

In Munshiganj, public movement increased on different streets, but rickshaws and auto-rickshaws were not seen much. Many were seen walking to reach their destination.

"I had to come out for an emergency reason, but I didn't get any rickshaw. So, I had to walk for around two kilometres," said Sifat Hossain, a resident of the town's Sreepolli area.

Some ward councillors and peoples' representatives were seen patrolling streets to raise awareness.

A total of 23 mobile courts were deployed in the districts. The courts fined some 96 people over Tk 51,000 for violating the lockdown.

### গাজী ওয়্যারস্ লিমিটেড

(শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন বিএসইসি'র একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান)  
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#### সংশোধিত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গাজী ওয়্যারস্ লিমিটেডের উৎপাদিত পণ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের চট্টগ্রামস্থ কারখানা হতে বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন গন্তব্যে পরিবহনের/পৌছানোর জন্য দায়িত্বশীল ও নির্ভরযোগ্য পরিবহন সংস্থা নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত

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## Mass media

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Hasan, also Awami League joint general secretary, said a vast revolution has taken place in the mass media sector in the last 12 and a half years. However, some organisations make statements on media and human rights issues from time to time, which do not match with reality.

"There are some organisations in the world that sell statements. We have recently witnessed some such organisations making statements on Bangladesh."

"These are not real statements or reports. In fact, they are making and selling these statements under the persuasion of special quarters, in special contexts and with special purposes," he claimed.

The minister said selling or publishing a statement in the name of a human rights organisation is not conducive to the promotion of human rights but rather goes against the protection of it (human rights).

"Publication of the 167-year old newspaper 'News of the World' was shut down for publishing wrong information in the United Kingdom. The executive officers of the BBC were forced to resign for broadcasting wrong information about a representative of the House of Commons. But, there is no such instance in Bangladesh," he said.

Speaking on the published book, Hasan extended his gratitude to PID for publishing the book, saying it will help the new generation know about Bangabandhu and the history of Bangladesh.

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#### ইজারা কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, অত্র দপ্তর কর্তৃক আহবানকৃত ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৪ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২০-২০২১(৬ষ্ঠ আহবান), ০৫ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২০-২০২১(৬ষ্ঠ আহবান), ০৬ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২০-২০২১(৬ষ্ঠ আহবান), ০৭ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২০-২০২১(৬ষ্ঠ আহবান) এবং ০৮ (ইজারা)/বিআরডি/২০২০-২০২১ (৬ষ্ঠ আহবান) এর কোটেশন তফসিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ, গ্রহণের তারিখ এবং খোলার তারিখ অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নিম্নরূপভাবে পরিবর্তন করা হইলঃ-

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উক্ত ০৫ (পাঁচ)টি ইজারা কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তিসমূহের নোটিশ এবং সিডিউলের অন্যান্য সকল নিয়মাবলী ও শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে। এই সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি ইজারা কোটেশনের অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংশ হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে এবং বিনামূল্যে ইজারা কোটেশন সিডিউলের সহিত সরবরাহ করা হইবে।

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