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yesterday, in four cases filed with Gulshan and Pallabi Police stations filed under different acts.

She was placed on a three-day fresh remand against a 10-day remand prayer submitted by Detective Branch (DB) of police in the case filed with Gulshan Police Station under the Digital Security Act.

She was also placed on a three-day remand against a five-day remand prayer submitted by DB in the case filed with the same police station under the Narcotics Control Act, Special Powers Act, Wildlife Conservation Act and Telecommunications Act.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Nivana Khair Jesi passed the orders after DB Inspector Shafiqur Rahman, investigation officer of the cases, produced her before the court with a 15-day remand prayer.

Besides, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Shahinur Rahman yesterday placed Helena on eight-day remand in two cases, including a fraud case filed with Pallabi Police Station, after two investigation officers produced her before the court with a seven-day remand prayer in each case.

Earlier in the day, Helena was shown arrested in those cases filed under the Telecommunications Act and the Penal Code after following two separate petitions in this regard.

The defense counsels for Helena also submitted four separate petitions seeking bail along with cancellation of the remand prayers, saying their client was implicated in the cases as part of a conspiracy to harass her.

In the case filed with Pallabi Police Station, it was alleged that Helena operated IPTV channel JoyJatra TV without government approval and license, and was running its office illegally in Dhaka's Mirpur area.

In the other case filed with the same police station, it was alleged that Helena took Tk 54,000 from one Abdur Rahman for appointing him as a local correspondent of JoyJatra TV. As a correspondent, Rahman worked for several months, but was not given any salary. On the other hand, the television authority took Tk 3,000 per month from him, said the case statements.

Law enforcers arrested Helena during a raid at her Gulshan residence on Thursday night.

During the raid, Rab seized a huge quantity of liquor and casino equipment from Helena's residence.



The Farmgate-Tejturi Bazar Road at the capital's Tejgaon was excavated for development work and has been in this state for a long time. With all the slopes, holes and mud, the road is almost unusable right now.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



Army hands food help to those in need in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bangladesh Army of Jashore Cantonment distributed food items among destitute people in Khulna yesterday.

As part of the instant humanitarian support programme under the "Operation Covid Shield Part-2", 55 Padatik Division of Bangladesh Army distributed 2,000 sacks of food items among the helpless people at Royal intersection in Khulna city to mitigate the economic hardship caused by coronavirus during the ongoing lockdown.

Bangladesh Army 55 Padatik Division Brig Gen Md Hafizur Rahman, Psc, Lt Col Tamzid and Maj Nazmul were present among others.

Six gangs

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settlement of more than 25,000 Urdu-speaking Biharis.

Arshad teamed up with Ishtiaq in 2011. He took charge as second-in-command after the gang's previous top leader Nadim was killed in a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion in July 2018. Arshad was arrested with 60,000 pieces of yaba tablets in March that year but came out on bail in just 21 days.

A high-placed source in law enforcement said Arshad is controlling the gang activity from India, but he sometimes used to visit the country.

Two other associates of Ishtiaq's drug syndicate -- Chua Selim and Gaja Sakil -- have also started their own gangs in the camp and started individual businesses, said a source in Geneva camp.

Gal Kata Monu, who was earlier was a salesman of Ishtiaq, has also started his own business after opening a new gang, said the source.

Besides, another drug dealer Kata Jahid, who used to operate drug business in the camp ten to twelve years back, came back after the death of Ishtiaq.

Jahid was kicked out of the camp by Ishtiaq and his gang members, and he used to operate the business from outside the

camp since.

Meanwhile, Rani alias Gaja Rani, who earlier only used to sell cannabis in the camp, is also trying to establish her influence in the camp and getting involved in selling yaba following death of Ishtiaq, said a camp source, requesting anonymity.

The Daily Star visited the camp on Monday night and tried to communicate with these people who are now allegedly maintaining the narcotics business in the camp.

But they were not found available. Even camp leaders refused to say anything about the drug gang activities to this newspaper.

Abdul Alim, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Mohammadpur police station, told The Daily Star yesterday that they have heard that Ishtiaq died of Covid-19 in February or March.

Asked about the present narcotics scenario of the camp, Alim said that they are continuing drives in the camp and arresting the people found involved in narcotics trade.

During the visit in the camp, this newspaper found peddlers selling yaba pills in the camp for Tk 250 to Tk 300. Besides yaba, the second popular drug in the camp is cannabis, but drug dealers also sell heroin.

Uphill battle

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Every day, a battle for cylinders takes place at the hospital. Many try to get extra cylinders for their patients by various means.

A relative of a Covid-19 patient admitted there said, "We've heard that it's not possible to get oxygen here when needed. As a result, we are already bringing in oxygen cylinders to save the patient."

Another patient said he also brought two oxygen cylinders from home for emergency needs.

Asked, Corona Isolation Unit In-charge and SBMCH Assistant Director Dr Moniruzzaman said some are using one cylinder after another without emptying them, which is wasting oxygen. Many are even taking more than one cylinder.

Not everyone needs oxygen. Moreover, there is no shortage of oxygen, if needed. Half the patients are going to get central oxygen, he said.

SBMCH Director Dr Saiful Islam said the oxygen plant there has a capacity of over 9,000 litres. Although another oxygen plant has been constructed, Spectra Company, the firm contracted for the plant's operation, demanded a higher price rate for oxygen. Therefore, a proposal has been sent to the concerned ministry in this regard.

The decision will come from the ministry, and it will fix the price of oxygen. After that, it will be possible

to launch the plant. Once it starts operation, there will be no more problems, he said.

"Currently, we are facing an oxygen cylinder crisis, not oxygen. For this, we have asked Unicef for a hundred cylinders. Apart from this, I have requested the upazila-level hospitals to return 85 more cylinders. If they become available, there will be no problem," he said.

Asked from this, Abul Khair Group has given 30 cylinders, and the mayor has also given 50.

A doctor working in the Covid-19 ward said there is a high demand for oxygen cylinders. As the number of patients increases, the demand for oxygen rises too.

He said at least 200 more cylinders are needed at the moment. Due to the small diameter of the central oxygen line, the flow is relatively low, which is also causing problems for Covid-19 patients.

Contacted, Barishal Deputy Commissioner Md Jashimuddin said keeping more than one oxygen cylinder is unacceptable. He directed a committee to act in this regard.

Eighteen people died from Covid-19 in Barishal division yesterday. Sources at SBMCH said 14 died yesterday, including three Covid-19 patients and 11 who showed symptoms, bringing the death toll to 1,131 at the Covid-19 ward.

Barishal Divisional Health Director

Dr Basudeb Kumar Das said only Covid-19 patients with severe symptoms should go to SBMCH, not general patients from other districts and upazilas, to reduce the pressure on the hospital.

'ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED OXYGEN SUPPLY'
A group of activists yesterday demonstrated in front of SBMCH's Covid unit, demanding an end to the oxygen crisis and ensuring its uninterrupted supply.

Barishal unit of Bangladesh Samaitantrik Dal (BSD) organised the human chain at 11am. Speakers said due to the oxygen crisis at the hospital, patients are suffering.

They also said oxygen crisis was one of the reasons behind the increase in Covid-related deaths in Barishal.

Imran Habib Rumon, convener of BSD (Barishal district), who presided over the event, claimed that every night, 25 to 30 people call them to get oxygen cylinders.

Speakers demanded immediate and uninterrupted supply of oxygen for all patients of the unit through setting up another central oxygen plant.

The event was conducted by BSD member Bijan Sikder. Dr Manisha Chakraborty, member secretary of BSD, and Manik Hawlader, general secretary of Socialist Workers' Front, among others, addressed the event.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY



To-day, the 4th August is the 44th death anniversary of Dr. Nawab Ali, MB (Calcutta); DTM (Calcutta); MRCP (Edin.); FRCP (Edin.). He was former Principal, Dhaka Medical College and the then Professor of Medicine of Lake Medical College, Calcutta of undivided Bengal. Dr. Nawab Ali Memorial Welfare Trust has sought dua for the departed soul.

HC upholds

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Imran Hossain, owner of dairy farm Sadeque, seeking its directive to release 17 imported cows as one of the cows died.

Ruhul Quddus Kazal and Mehdi Hasan appeared for the petitioner while Samarendranath Biswas and Bipul Bagmar represented the state.

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All but public

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and commuters were detained or fined for wandering without any reason or not abiding by health guidelines.

Visiting Gabtoli, Syedabad, Tongi, Babu Bazar Bridge, Demra Bridge, Ashulia Bridge and other entry points, a large number of people were seen trying to enter the capital by ambulances in the guise of patients, and eventually getting caught at police check-posts. They were either detained or fined over the matter.

Traffic Inspector Ziaul Haque of Demra Zone said, "We expected the rush of people at these entry points to start declining from today, and were proven wrong. The number of people entering Dhaka was similar to that of the past few days, if not more," he said.

Reimposed at 8am on July 23, the second round of strict lockdown was supposed to be in force till August 5.

The government on Friday allowed industry owners to reopen all export-oriented factories from August 1 with the lockdown in place.

MJF expresses

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been made in the current fiscal year to implement the National Action Plan on Prevention of Child Marriage between 2018-30 and to provide social protection for the girl child and adolescent girls during the pandemic, even though, the government is committed to ending child marriage and forced marriage by 2030.

"Bangladesh is the fourth country in the world in terms of child marriage. We hope the government will come forward to implement the promise soon," she added.


264 dengue

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still undergoing treatment at various hospitals in Dhaka and 47 outside the capital, the DGHS data shows.

Meanwhile, mobile courts of two Dhaka city corporations yesterday fined owners of under-construction buildings, houses and other establishments Tk 7.79 lakh after they found Aedes mosquito larvae at the places.

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SUFAL Innovation Grant-2nd Call for Research Proposal

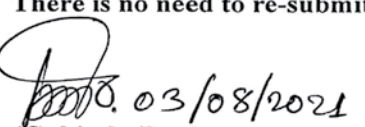
SUFAL Innovation Grant (SIG) Program is a funding window for applied research on forest and biodiversity of IDA financed **Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project** of Bangladesh Forest Department under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. SUFAL project now invites eligible individual(s)/institution(s) to submit preliminary research proposal for awarding grants on thematic areas outlined in SUFAL Innovation Grant Manual, which is accessible at www.bforest.gov.bd. Workshops will be organized with initial applicants to facilitate detail proposal development. We highly encourage female researcher to apply for SIG and expect to award at least 30% SIG to female researcher. Maximum support from SUFAL Innovation Grant (SIG) would be up to project period.

Prioritized thematic research areas includes: Collaborative Forest Management; Forest Governance; Climate Change issues on Forest, Forest Species and Biodiversity; Infrastructure Optimization in Digital Forest Monitoring; Development of Cost-effective Rooting Materials; Forest Conservation and Restoration; Choice of Species for Future; Wildlife Habitat Conservation; Wildlife Ecology, Digital Service Delivery; Public Private Partnership in Forestry; Eco-tourism Development; Ecosystem Service Valuation; Site- species matching in Coastal Plantations etc.

The project will strictly follow SUFAL Innovation Grant Manual to SIG award and administration. Eligible and interested Bangladeshi individual(s)/institution(s) should provide information on prescribed Innovation Grant Application Form as detailed in annex I of SUFAL Innovation Grant manual. Institutional proposal should be represented by one lead researcher.

Research Proposal must be delivered in PDF copies to the email addresses given below on or before **August 29, 2021 within office hours (17:00 hours)**.

There is no need to re-submit those who have already submitted the research Proposal.


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