



Raihan Badol, with Masud Rana Miraj on his side, makes Covid awareness announcements using a megaphone at a house in Dashmina town of Patuakhali recently.

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The Corona fighter of Dashmina

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When there had been many incidents of people deserting their loved ones suffering from Covid infection, a man in Patuakhali's Dashmina upazila town made it his mission to create awareness on the disease by going to houses of Covid patients.

Everyone's beloved Pabel Mahmud Raihan alias Raihan Badol, 45, works at a private firm and also a volunteer of the government's Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP).

After Jayanto Kumar Mandol, a teacher by profession, and his wife Ira Rani Mandol got infected with Covid-19, Raihan went to their house every day during their isolation to check on them and to provide encouragement.

On way to a patient's house, Raihan uses his megaphone to announce different health awareness messages for others in the locality.

Homemaker Asma Begum, 35, was

dismayed when she tested positive for Covid-19 on 14 July. She was worried about how she would protect the rest of her family members -- her husband, a day labourer, and their two children -- from the highly contagious disease.

No sooner had the news of her illness spread than Raihan arrived at their house with all the information she needed. Raihan explained her about the types of food she would need to ensure nutrition and the dos and don'ts during isolation. He also spoke with Asma's neighbours and explained how to eat healthy, keep fit and stop the spread of the virus.

Asma was later free from Covid and got out of her two weeks' isolation. None of her neighbours contracted the disease as they properly followed Raihan's precautionary tips.

This is how Raihan has been saving lives by roaming around the town and conducting Covid awareness campaign with his megaphone from the morning till the evening.

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Asma said, "I was psychologically down after I got Covid. Raihan stopped by every day to make sure we were okay. Thanks to his awareness messages, I am now cured and my family members are no longer scared of the disease."

"We were kind of ostracised when others found out that we caught Covid. No one came to us and we couldn't go to anyone either. But Raihan didn't let us feel

that we were alone. Besides checking on us, he provided us encouragement and mental support," said Jayanto Kumar Mandol.

His wife Ira Rani Mandol said, "We can never forget the services we received from Raihan."

Gazi Shahid, a prominent lawyer in Dashmina, said locals appreciate Raihan's work during the Covid situation.

He is a true humanitarian as he has always been there for the locals during any natural disaster as a CPP volunteer, he added.

His compatriot Masud Rana Miraj said he feels honoured to be able to work alongside Raihan, a kind-hearted man, whose dedication to humanitarian work is unparalleled.

Raihan Badol has been promoting human welfare for 17 years. In 2018, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief acknowledged his special contributions by honouring him with an accolade.

Sinha Murder Case: Hearing deferred for a week

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A Cox's Bazar court deferred the date for hearing witnesses' depositions in the much-talked Maj (ret'd) Sinha murder case.

Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Ismail Hossain passed the order yesterday.

The court set August 23, 24 and 25 to record the statements of the witnesses, Public Prosecutor (PP) Advocate Faridul Alam said.

There are a total of 83 charge-sheeted witnesses in the case, he told The Daily Star.

Earlier, the dates for recording statements of witnesses were fixed on July 26, 27 and 28, he said.

But, complying with the High Court (HC) directives due to lockdown, it was not possible to record the statements, he added.

Earlier on June 27, the same court framed charges against 15 accused.

Of them, 12 are policemen including suspended police Inspector Liaqat Ali, former officer in charge (OC) of Teknaf Police Station Pradeep Kumar Das, Sub-inspector Md Shahjahan and Assistant Sub-inspector Liton Mia.

The other accused includes suspended police Sub-inspector Nandadulal Rakshit, and suspended Constables Sagar Deb, Kamal Hossain, Abdullah Al Mamun, Safanur Karim, Rubel Sharma, Md Abdullah and Md Rajib.

The rest three accused -- Nurul Amin, Nezam Uddin and Ayaz Uddin -- were close aides of the accused policemen.

In December last year, the investigators submitted the charge sheet of the case against the 15, about five months after Sinha was killed in police firing at a check post in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf upazila on July 31 last year.

Sinha's elder sister filed the murder case with Teknaf Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court against Pradeep, Nandadulal and several others on August 5 last year.

Man, son die inhaling toxic gas in Jashore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A man and his son died after inhaling toxic gas inside a septic tank in Chaugachha upazila of Jashore yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Modhu Rishi, 46, and his son Sagar Rishi, 25, of Koyrapara village under Chaugachha Sadar union of the upazila.

Monoranjon Sarkar, assistant director at Jashore Fire Station, said they went to the spot after receiving the news from locals and recovered the bodies of a man and his son from the septic tank.

"They might have died from inhaling toxic gas while cleaning the septic tank," he added.

Quoting locals, police said Modhu entered into the septic tank of Hadiuzzaman's house at Singhajuli village in the upazila yesterday morning and went fainted after inhaling toxic gas inside the tank.

Later, Modhu's son Sagar also fell unconscious when he entered into the tank to rescue his father, police said, adding the duo died instantly on the spot.

Being informed, a police team went to the spot, recovered the bodies and sent those to Jashore General Hospital for autopsy, Office in Charge (OC) of Chaugachha Police Station Saiful Islam said.



A view of the cluster of eight houses built under the PM's initiative in the deserted village of Mongolpur ushering in human habitation after 75 years.

PHOTO: STAR

PM's housing project ushers in human habitation in deserted village

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Deserted village of Mongolpur under Elangi union in Kotchandpur upazila in Jhenidah is again seen human habitation thanks to the prime minister's housing project for the homeless marking Mujib Borsho.

The upazila administration has acquired 16 decimals of land in the desolated village and built eight houses at Tk 1.90 lakh each and handed over it to eight landless families recently starting human habitation after 75 years, Kotchandpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Ashduzzaman Ripon said.

Local union land office bears valid papers of the village and its JL No- is 66 in the map of the union.

It is mysterious why people do not live in the village, he said.

If the archeological department takes steps to delve deep into the mystery, an unknown chapter of the history might be unraveled, he also said.

Sources and locals speak of a

village named Mongolpur bearing the jurisdiction list number 66. There are marks even today of people that used to live here. There are three ponds and an Eidgah.

According to the account of the villagers, once there lived a Mughal family in the village long ago. They left the village after the end of Mughal dynasty. Fearing torture, they left the village for India. After their departure, around 120 to 130 families of lower caste inhabited the village. Cholera broke out around 75 years ago and a great number of the people died. Rest of the villagers started leaving the village thinking that a curse has descended upon them.

Nawab Ali Kha, 72 a villager of Balabaria of village said, he has heard that this village was named after Mughal dynasty. After the end of the dynasty, people of lower castes made the village their home. Around 75 years ago hundreds of people of died of cholera and the rest of them fled in fear of being cursed. Now they are very happy that

habitation has started in the deserted village again.

Md Abdul Kuddus Khan, the imam of Mongolpur village mosque said, he unearthed a lot of skeletons in 1992 which are about 8.50 feet in length. He has heard from his forefathers that all the families left the village long ago.

Elangi union land assistant officer Iqbal Hossain under Kotchandpur upazila said, this Mongolpur village (JL-66) covers an area of 260.50 acres land. Of which 16 decimals were khash (free land). Most of the lands have been exchanged at that time. Besides, those who left the village fearing fatal diseases sold their lands to nearby villagers after several years, he told quoting the locals.

Echoing the same, 5-No Elangi UP chairman Mizanur Rahman Khan said, fearing ill omen no body lived here. But thanks to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina habitation in the village has started. The locals are happy for re-habitation in the deserted village.



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01	569586	Repair and Renovation works of Academic building at Daulatpur Govt. P.S Model High School at Daulatpur Upazila Manikganj District.	01-Sep.-2021 15:00PM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM
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08	569593	Repair and Renovation Works of Office building Block-C at Manikganj Govt. Mohila College Sadar Upazila Manikganj District.	01-Sep.-2021 15:00PM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM
09	569594	Repair and Renovation Works of Principal's dormitory at Manikganj Govt. Mohila College Sadar Upazila Manikganj District.	01-Sep.-2021 15:00PM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM
10	569595	Re-Construction and Repair works of Boundary wall at Manikganj Govt. High School Sadar Upazila Manikganj District.	01-Sep.-2021 15:00PM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM
11	569596	Construction of Cycle Garage at Manikganj Govt. High School Sadar Upazila Manikganj District.	01-Sep.-2021 15:00PM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM	02-Sep.-2021 10:00AM

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