

All that glitters is actually stolen gold

Robbers loot gold from capital, Savar then sell those at Old Dhaka's Tantibazar shops, says CID after arresting 8 members

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Among the attractive jewellery items lining up the shelves of Tantibazar's gold shops, traces of an illicit trade are present, hidden from plain sight.

As the CID has found out, quite a few of these shops at the Old Dhaka's renowned gold hub are involved in a criminal ring that starts with looting gold and ends up in ornately designed jewellery items.

The Criminal Investigation Department of police identified members of the ring following investigation into the recent gold shop robberies in Ashulia and the capital's Rapa Plaza.

On September 16, seventeen jewellery shops in Savar's Noarhat Bazar were looted by at least 40 robbers, carrying firearms and locally-made weapons.

They looted gold, silver, and cash worth Tk 1.02 crore.

Earlier on February 6, 200 tola of gold ornaments, worth Tk 1.40 crore, were looted from a shop at Rapa Plaza shopping mall in Dhaka's Dhanmondi.

Following the incidents, CID launched an investigation and arrested eight people for their involvement.

The arrestees are - Anwar Dewan (39), his wife Sahana Akter (24), Delwar Hossain Khalifa (36), Abdur Rahim (55), Al Miraz (38), Kamal Kha (39), Sagar (40), and Sabuj Roy (32).

All of them have given confessional statements before courts.

Of the arrestees, Sabuj and Rahim used to buy looted golds from the robbers.

"We have arrested a number of robbers, all of whom said the looted jewellery were being sold at Tantibazar," Mukta Dhar, special superintendent at the CID, told a press briefing yesterday.

In the statements, the arrestees mentioned names of three shops in Tantibazar, the official said.

The official also said a syndicate used to melt the looted gold ornaments, make gold bars, and sell them.

Of the looted gold from Ashulia, CID said they recovered Tk 2.44 lakh and 3-4 tola of gold from Sahana's house and 20 tola of gold worth Tk 14 lakh from Rahim's Noyabazar house.

Of Rapa Plaza's missing gold, CID recovered 12 tola of gold worth Tk 8.40 lakh from Sabuj's Noyabazar house.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

There used to be a time when the smell of joss sticks permeated through Khulna city as dusk set in. But nowadays they're only used by a few people and for a few occasions. As demand shrunk, a lot of factories have closed down. These days, a kg of them go for Tk 90 to Tk 100, with each kg consisting of around 900 of the fragrant sticks. This photo was taken from Khulna Zero Point area recently.

Can we call them elected?

FROM PAGE 3

According to EC statistics, AL chairman candidates won in 119 unions. Of them, 43 were elected unopposed in Monday's election. Party insiders said almost all of them were AL rebel candidates. A Workers Party of Bangladesh contender bagged a

chairman post.

Elections were held in 160 unions, but results of four union parishes were withheld for various reasons, including violence, said EC officials. The polls were the final part of the first phase of elections which were postponed due to the pandemic.

'She was killed by a former student'

Say Rajshahi police on retired teacher's murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Retired schoolteacher Maya Rani Ghose was strangled to death at her Rajshahi city home by one of her former students - apparently for her gold jewellery.

Police disclosed the information yesterday after they arrested Milon Sheikh (40) and recovered victim's jewellery and mobile phone from his Boro Kuthi home.

"Milon is a former student of the victim. He went to the teacher's house on Tuesday morning with the excuse of finding a tenant for her room and made away with her jewellery after killing her," OC Nibaran Chandra Barman of Boalia Police Station said. Police recovered the body of Maya (70), retired headmaster of Munnujan Government Primary School, from her room.

The OC said that the teacher used to live alone and was looking for tenants for part of her house. For this, he sought help from Milon and some others.



Prof Sakhawat Husain passes away

CITY DESK

Dr Mohammad Sakhawat Husain, a professor of the Department of Physics at Dhaka University, died from old age complications at his apartment on early Monday. He was 74, said a press release.

He left behind his wife Rokeya Minakshi Husain and two daughters - acclaimed Manipuri dancer Samina Husain Prema and singer Sajia Husain Proity.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Dhaka University Central Mosque and he was laid to rest in Azimpur graveyard.

Ensure 'climate justice'

FROM PAGE 3

on the activities and accomplishments of the caucus by Mahjabeen Khaled, former MP and secretary general of the caucus.

WARBE chairman Syed Saiful Haque pointed out the importance of defining the needs and rights of climate migrants and displaced people.

Atiq Rahman, executive director of Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies, mentioned that migrants

who end up in slums in Dhaka were better in their villages.

Prof Tasneem Siddiqui, founding chair of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) said, "If we plan our cities in terms of climate change and target employment and connectivity well, climate related migration could become an opportunity."

RMMRU executive director Prof CR Abrar described the contemporary traits hindering

migration justice, mentioning the critical scenario of migrants' wages amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tanvir Shakil Joy, MP and member of BPCMD, said the country need to create alternative living conditions like satellite cities for climate migrants.

As adaptation options, he stressed for the improvement of coastal embankment and afforestation project as well as climate resilient agriculture and food security project.

BPCMD member Aroma Dutta reinstated the importance of joint collaboration among lawmakers and CSOs in risk mitigation and prospects. In the concluding session, BPCMD chair Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary specified that in Bangladesh's context, it's quite tough to create a conclusive environment for policymaking. The caucus is trying to embolden the current environment in favour of policymaking, he said.

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT TIME RENT
Looking for commercial space in Gulshan-1 for short time? A well protected single house 13000sq.ft. at south ave, will be rented out with 3 floors of office space with power load 150KVA backup with auto start generator & space for 20-22 cars. (preferable multinational Co, NGO, Liaison /Project off)
Contact : 01811408400, e-mail : salek.1256@gmail.com

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS
"What an extraordinary achievement and labor of love. It is more than a biography - it is a work of history with great literary merit." - Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
Inspired by Bangabandhu during the Liberation War, Muslehuddin Ahmad defected from Pakistan, and opened the embassy of Bangladesh in Paris. Soon, Bangabandhu appointed him as the first Chairman of Bangladesh Biman Airlines. For Ahmad, Bangabandhu and Bangladesh were inseparable. He saw Bangabandhu's assassination in 1975 as an attempt to destroy Bangladesh's identity as a nation. On the day Bangabandhu was so tragically killed, Muslehuddin Ahmad made a pledge to serve Bangladesh to keep the dream of the Father of the Nation alive.
He kept his promise to Bangabandhu and to Bangladesh, even against the tides of betrayal that were a constant theme in his life. In 1992, after a storied career as a diplomat and freedom fighter, Muslehuddin Ahmad founded North South University, the first private university in Bangladesh. In *Bridge Over Troubled Waters*, his daughter Seema Ahmad weaves her own recollections with those of friends and family to present a unique account of the history of North South University and the man who shepherded its formation to become the "father of the private university movement in Bangladesh."
This book takes us through Muslehuddin Ahmad's early years, his time in the diplomatic service, his role during the 1971 Liberation War, and his crowning achievement forming North South University. His daughter offers new insight into the devotion to country, family, and education that fueled her father's work and shares the guiding force he left to serve as a beacon for others.
Academic Press and Publishers Library, ISBN: 978-984-8045-65-7, Price: Tk. 1000. bKash: 01857800513. Price (US residents): \$100. US residents please visit www.parisforjustice.org to get a copy of the book.

Invitation to submit Request for Proposals (RFPs) in response to the bid issued by UNICEF Bangladesh
RFP No. LRPS-2021-9170227: Construction of one additional floor on existing office building, new parking shed for 4 cars, driver's waiting space, security posts and towers modifications of UNICEF Cox's Bazar warehouse
UNICEF-Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong track record and professional credibility of providing the above required services under one contract. To receive the detailed scope of work and procedure to submit the bid response, please email to "supplybangladesh@unicef.org"
Pre-bid Meeting date: Please see the schedule mentioned in the RFP.
The deadline to submit the proposal is **Monday, 11 October 2021; Time: 11:00 Hrs.**
Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.
www.unicef.org/bd

Meghna Petroleum Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chattogram
e-Tender Notice
e-Tender is invited in the e-GP Portal for the procurement of the following goods, details are given below:

S/N	Tender ID	Procurement title	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)	Procurement method
1.	613602 (Pur: 012)	Procurement of 2" Dia Petroleum Product Flow Meter	06 October, 2021; 17:00 Hrs.	07 October, 2021; 15:00 Hrs.	One Stage Two Envelopes Tendering
2.	613625 (Pur: 013)	Procurement of 3" Dia Petroleum Product Flow Meter	06 October, 2021; 17:00 Hrs.	07 October, 2021; 15:30 Hrs.	Method (OSTETM)

This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal. GD-1707

One strike ends

FROM PAGE 3

before getting licence for heavy vehicles), and changes in the Road Transport Act-2018.

The strike halted the operation of goods transport from major sea and land ports since Tuesday morning.

Monir, president of Bangladesh Truck Drivers Workers Federation, said the home minister agreed to meet their 14 points and sought time to meet another -- regarding withdrawal of additional income tax.

A feud between two major factions of road transport owners and workers led to the calling of the two separate strikes of goods-laden vehicles in the span of a week.

Although their demands are almost the same, they still called "work abstention" from different platforms because they are locked in the long-standing conflict.

On August 25, Bangladesh Truck-Covered Van, Tank Lorry, Prime Mover Owners and Workers' Coordination Council called a 48-hour work abstention from September 27 to press home their 10-point demand.

Their demands include withdrawing murder cases against drivers under section 302 of the penal code for road accidents, solving driving licence-related complexities, withdrawing the "additional" advance income tax and allowing them to update their vehicles' documents without having to pay any fine amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Contacted, Rustam Ali Khan, convener of the platform, said the home minister will hold a meeting with them on September 26 to discuss about their demands.

"If the meeting ends successfully we will withdraw our programme, otherwise we will enforce our works abstention," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Conduct fair probe

FROM PAGE 3

Based on the report of the investigation committee, the ministry issued the circular cancelling the appointment process.

In a press release, TIB's executive director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said the circular did not specify whether any corruption had taken place and how accountability of responsible persons will be ensured.

There was specific corruption allegations against the top government officials in the media report that prompted the ministry to scrap the recruitment, he said adding, "It's not illogical to raise questions whether the allegations were true or any action had taken against the culprits."

"There was a hint of an appalling spread of corruption in the report and it was expected that stern action would be taken following acceptable investigation," reads the press release.

He called upon the government to take wholesale approach to reshuffle the health sector. TIB believes the implementation of "zero tolerance" policy of the government against corruption will begin from the health sector.

Besides, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) needs to take visible and effective steps to prevent corruption.

On June 29, the health directorate published the job circular to appoint 889 medical technologists, 1,800 medical technicians, and 150 cardiographers.

A total of 23,522 candidates were picked for the written test for the posts of medical technologists and around 50,000 for the post of medical technicians.

The written tests were held on December 12, 18, and 19 last year. The viva-voce for those who passed the written tests was held on February 22 and March 10 this year.

Sundarbans can play

FROM PAGE 3

which will be spent for adaptation.

However, Prof Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, of DU's development studies department, said climate fund pledges from developed countries without any effective measures won't help vulnerable countries tackle climate change.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said the world is faced with the climate disaster simply because rich countries opt to make money without considering the environment.

Environmentalist Atik Rahman, Al Mobasshar Hussain, and Iqbal Habib from Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon also spoke at the webinar, chaired by CGS chairperson and entomologist Manjur A Chowdhury.

When TV serial leads to real life crime

3 ATM robbers held in Dhaka, Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a bizarre case of life imitating art, a group of robbers allegedly learned the techniques of breaking automated teller machine (ATM) locks from watching an Indian crime serial and looted Tk 24.25 lakh from a United Commercial Bank Limited (UCBL) ATM.

The incident came to light after the Cyber and Special Crime Division of police's detective branch (DB) managed to arrest three members of the group during a drive in Dhaka and Habiganj on Tuesday.

The arrestees are Shamim Ahmed, Nur Mohammad Sebul, and Md Abdul Halim. Police recovered Tk 10.08 lakh, two cell phones, a knife, and three pieces of cloths used to cover their heads during the drives.

After breaking into the ATM booth on the ground floor of Haji Yunus Ullah Market in Osmani Nagar Police Station area of Sylhet, they beat up the security guard, wrapped him with scotch tape, and used a black spray on the CCTV camera to neutralise it.

The incident occurred around 3:15pm on September 12. A case was filed with Osmani Nagar police on the same day. Harun-Ur-Rashid, joint commissioner of DB police, said while addressing a briefing at DMP media centre yesterday.

Harun said the arrestees were quite adept at information technology. Upon request of the investigating officer, DMP DB's Cyber and Special Crime Division started a shadow investigation.

"Shamim, the main planner, used to watch the Indian serial CID. He learned how to break into ATM machines from there and made plans for the heist," he said.

Of the arrestees, Shamim was an expatriate. Nur used to work as a tailor while Halim was a shopkeeper.

Harun said there were cases against Shamim and Nur.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Feni PWD Division, Feni
Phone No. 0331-74038, Fax No. 0331-73626
Email: ee_feni@pwd.gov.bd

Memo No. 25.36.3000.135.14.101.17-200 Date: 21-09-2021

e-GP Re-Tender Notice (2nd Call)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement as follows:

Tender ID No.	Invitation Ref. No.	Method	Description of works	Tender closing date and time
613649	Feni PWD/2021-2022/Tender number-026	OTM	Installation of 800 kg 5-stop lift at the 5-storied police officers dormitory building with 8-storied foundation at Feni.	05-Oct-2021 16:00

This is an online tender and this will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any branch of the banks registered in the e-GP System. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). For more details about procurement package, please contact the official inviting the tender.

Saad Mohammad Andaleeb
Executive Engineer
Feni PWD Division, Feni

EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED
395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area
Dhaka- 1208

LOCAL TENDER NOTICE

Ref. No. EDCL/PUR/Vehicle/LT/2021/356 Dated: 22/09/2021

Purchase of Vehicles for EDCL, Dhaka Plant

Well reputed authorized Vehicle dealers/importers/manufacturers are invited for submission of best competitive price offer for supply of following vehicles on urgent basis.

SL.	Name of Vehicle	QTY.
01.	Private Car (Recondition)	03 (Three) Nos.
02.	MicroBus (12 Seated Recondition)	01 No.
03.	Brand New Cover Van (Capacity: 03 Ton)	01 No.
04.	Brand New Cover Van (Capacity: 05 Ton)	01 No.

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka on cash payment basis @ schedule value Tk.2100.00 only as stated above during office hours on all working days from 26/09/2021 to 05/10/2021(except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The offer with required papers may be dropped in the tender Box kept at the Procurement Departments, EDCL, Dhaka office till 12.00 PM on 06/10/2021 which will be opened on same day at 12.30 PM. Price should be kept valid for 60(sixty) days from the date of opening of the tender. Tender should accompany an Earnest Money @ 2.5% through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka from any schedule Bank. The successful bidder shall furnish an unconditional performance Bond/ Bank Guarantee to the tune of 10% of the contract price within 03(three) days after the receipt of Purchase order. It shall remain valid for 12(twelve) months after the completion of the contract.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Syed Jahir Uddin Zamal
General Manager
Procurement Department.
For : Managing Director

Size: 7 x 3