

# The tale of a forgotten musician

MOHAMMAD SUMAN

He was an 18-year-old singer-songwriter in the eighties.

In 1989, he composed the popular songs "Batali Hiller Sei Bikel", "Chhotto Ekti Meye" and "Sarati Raat". He was also the lyricist of the latter two, which got featured on the first album of his newly formed band "Blue Hornet".

In 1990, his first and only solo album was released; he had Ayub Bachchu as the composer. Almost all the songs on that album won the hearts of listeners, and the artist, not even 20 years old back then, was showered with appreciation from many established artists of the music scene at that time.

However, in a turn of events, he is now the supervisor of a public toilet in Jamal Khan area of port city, getting Tk 9,000 as monthly salary. He has been living on a bench next to the toilet for the last five years.

This is the real-life story of a forgotten artist, which seems nothing short of that from a reel. This is the story of Monsur Hasan, who has a hard time reminiscing about his glorious past now.

In 1993, Monsur withdrew from the band and got involved in drugs and politics, according to his ex-band members.

Blue Hornet's first album was released in the middle of 1989, after the formation

of the band at the end of 1987. All songs on the album became the rage at that time. Monsur sang three of the album's popular songs.

A year later, in 1990, Monsur became popular all over the country after the release of his solo album "Jewel Smarane", composed by Ayub Bachchu, before forming LRB.

"Our band split in 1991, when we lost all equipment, worth Tk 20 lakh, due to the cyclone. We couldn't do any more concerts. Later, the members got busy with their own businesses and jobs. We returned three or four years later, but even after persistent efforts, we couldn't bring back Monsur," said Selim Jahan, a founding member of Blue Hornet.

This correspondent spoke to Monsur recently at his workplace.

"At the time, I was under some bad influence. I was young, and I couldn't make a comeback. When I came to my senses, all was over, as if within a blink of an eye," said Monsur, now 52.

He said he was looking for work when some people helped him get this job.

Monsur said he has been staying there day and night for the last five years and couldn't return home after his parents died, as his uncles and cousins took over their property. A lawsuit in this regard is ongoing, he informed.

Monsur did not want to speak

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Monsur Hasan is the name of a man whose legacy is almost a myth. When he was just 18 years old, he was already a singer-songwriter for the eighties band "Blue Hornet" -- later releasing his solo album "Jewel Smarane" composed with Ayub Bacchu. However, in the course life's unforeseen turns and upheavals, Monsur ended up as the supervisor of a public toilet in the port city's Jamal Khan area.

PHOTO: STAR

## SHIMULIA-BANGLABAZAR Ferry service halted due to strong currents in Padma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) has suspended ferry services at Munshiganj's Shimulia and Madaripur's Banglabazar due to strong currents in the Padma from 10:00am yesterday.

According to BIWTC Shimuliaghat sources, the ferry has been closed due to safety issues regarding the pillars of the Padma Bridge.

The Padma is currently flowing at a speed of more than three and a half nautical miles near the pillars, prompting the authorities to halt the service.

"The ferry service will remain halted until the current gets back to a suitable speed," said BIWTC Shimulia Ghat Assistant General Manager Shaiful Islam.

## All rivers in Sylhet below danger level after 13 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

All rivers of the upper Meghna basin yesterday started flowing below the danger level at all points for the first time in 13 days in Sylhet and Sunamganj.

Following cyclone Ashani, the Surma and the Kushiara, along with other rivers, started overflowing by May 13, leading to a flood.

The Surma was the last river flowing above the danger level. However, the river started flowing 10cm below the danger level at Sylhet's Kanaighat point yesterday.

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Tender No. KU/ENGG/565/2022 Date: 26/05/2022

**e-Tender Notice No. 11/2021-22**

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SL.	Tender ID No.	Name of the works	Tender closing and opening date & time
1.	702695	Renovation and Repairing Works of Torture Cell at Khulna University, Khulna	9-June -2022, 3:00pm
2.	701546	Supplying, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of 01 No. 1000 kg Capacity 4-stops Passenger lift with ancillary works for Administrative Building (Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Administrative Building) at Khulna University, Khulna	9-June -2022, 3:30pm
3.	702142	Construction of Food Court at Khulna University, Khulna	13-June -2022, 3:30pm

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## Attack on journo protested in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Journalists in Sylhet yesterday protested the attack on their peer Moin Uddin Monju and demanded arrest of the attackers.

Monju, an electronic media journalist, was attacked by a group of BCL activists on Monday afternoon on Sylhet Government Alia Madrasha campus at Chowhatta while broadcasting a clash on a Facebook page that took place between the activists of BCL and Chhatra Dal.

He filed a case with Kotwali Police Station on Tuesday against one named and four to five unnamed persons.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Office of the Upazila Engineer

Sadar, Manikganj  
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Memo No. 46.02.5646.000.07.001.2022-

Dated: 25.05.2022

### e-Tender Notice No. 06/2021-22

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SI No.	Tender ID No.	Source of fund	Tender method	Tender last selling & closing time
1.	703478, 703618, 703636	UGDP	OTM	13.06.2022 14.00 13.06.2022 15.00

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Directorate General of Drug Administration  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

**Invitation for Tender (National)**

Memo No. DGDA/Tender/2021-2022/446 Date: 26.05.2022

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Health Service Division
2	Agency	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
3	Procuring entity name	Director General, DGDA.
4	Procuring entity code (Economic code)	4112202
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Computer and Accessories
7	Invitation Ref. No.	Memo No: Tender/2021-2022/446
8	Date	26.05.2022
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method (OTM)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	Operating Budget, (GOB)
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No.	Computer and Accessories-1
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Computer and Accessories
16	Tender publication date	27.05.2022
17	Tender last selling date	09.06.2022
18	Tender closing date and time	12.06.2022, 11:00am
19	Tender opening date and time	12.06.2022, 11:30am
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
	Selling tender document (principal)	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
	Selling tender document (others)	N/A
	Receiving tender document	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
	Opening tender document	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
21	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	(a) Technical capability to perform the contract (evidence to be submitted). (b) Additional details are available in the tender schedule.
22	Brief description of goods	Procurement of Computer & accessories
23	Brief description of related services	N/A
24	Price of tender schedule (BDT)	1,500/- (one thousand five hundred Taka) only per set schedule (non-refundable)
	Package No.	Identification of package
	Computer and Accessories-1	Memo No. Tender/2021-2022/446 Date: 26.05.2022
		Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
		Location
		Tender security amount (BDT)
		Completion time (in weeks)
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
25	Name of the official inviting tender	Md. Ayub Hossain
26	Designation of the official inviting tender	Director (CC).
27	Address of the official inviting tender	Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA), Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
28	Contact details of the official inviting tender	Phone: 02222280803, E-mail: <a href="mailto:dgda.gov@gmail.com">dgda.gov@gmail.com</a>
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.	
<b>Md. Ayub Hossain</b> Director (CC) Directorate General of Drug Administration Mohakhali, Dhaka		

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Applications are invited from the teachers/researchers of the Universities/Institutes for the 'UGC Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Fellowship 2022' in the prescribed form under the following terms and conditions-

- (a) Applicant must be a professor/retired professor of the University/Institute;
- (b) Applicant wherever he/she works/lives must be attached with a University/Reputed Research Organization located in Bangladesh where research work will be executed as a full-time researcher;
- (c) Age limit of the applicant must be between 55-70 years of old;
- (d) Allowance of fellowship is Tk. 1,20,000/- (one lac and twenty thousand) per month excluding other benefits;
- (e) Tenure of the fellowship is maximum 01(one) year.

- Application must be submitted in Prescribed Form through proper channel.
- Prescribed Application Form, Information Chart, Terms and Conditions for the fellowship can be downloaded from UGC website (<http://www.ugc.gov.bd>).
- Incomplete application shall be considered as rejected.
- One set of complete application along with necessary documents shall be submitted to the Director, Research Support and Publication Division, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 on or before 26 June 2022. Soft copy of application form along with Bio-data and Information Chart (in doc/docx format only) must be sent to [director\\_research@ugc.gov.bd](mailto:director_research@ugc.gov.bd).

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