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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 vears.

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 sung 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 Avub 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.

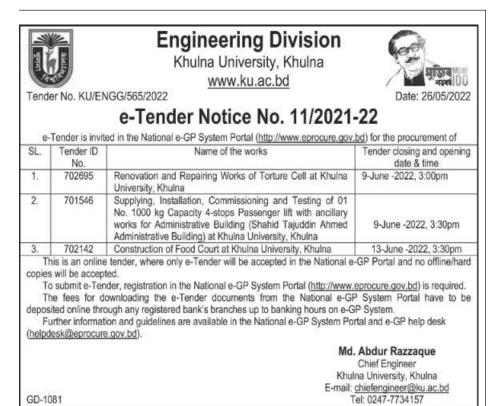
This correspondent spoke to Monsur recently at his workplace.

"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.

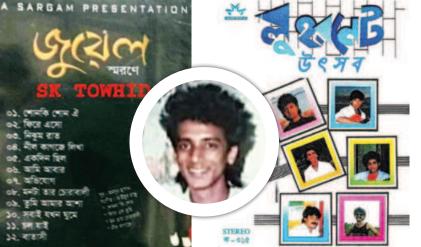
He said he was looking for work when some people helped him get this job.

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 Shafiqul 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 Kushiyara, 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.

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.

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.



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This is an online tender, where only e-Tender 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 National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).



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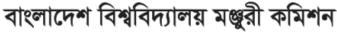
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