

'It's unethical'

FROM PAGE 5 class. It is an unethical budget that has given the opportunity to bring back the laundered money without any question. "This budget will put pressure on banks, employment and small and medium loans."

to smuggle money."The BNP MP also said giving the opportunity to legalise laundered money is not justifiable from any economic, political or moral point of view. He demanded that the money launderers be identified and their assets confiscated. Describing the proposed budget as ambitious, the BNP MP said it is not possible to implement it. "There is no effective strategy in this budget to reduce the prices of daily essentials."

Alerted, but to no avail

FROM PAGE 1 The reason behind the devastating fire has not yet been ascertained. In the special recommendations of the BIDA team's report, the inspection team said, "Certificates should be taken through regular inspection of electric wiring and cranes and other security measures should be tightened. Apart from that, fire safety should be ensured by the fire service department and training should be conducted on fire safety, rescue, and primary treatment."

measures like cut-outs, circuit breakers in the power supply system. Major (retd) Shamsul Haider Siddique, general manager of Smart Group - the parent company of BM Container Depot - told The Daily Star, "As per their recommendations, we've placed a work order worth Tk 1.5 crore to a third-party agency to implement the recommendations. "However, the accident happened before the work started."

firefighters on June 4 that there was a huge stockpile of hydrogen peroxide, which could have caused the deadly blasts. "During our visit, we found some combustible materials near the electric machines inside the depot," a member of the inspection team, preferring anonymity, told The Daily Star. "We gave our findings in the report. Their [depot authorities'] negligence triggered the deadly incident and it could have been avoided if they acted properly."

Muhammad Mehedi Islam Khan, assistant explosive inspector of Chattogram; Shree Mazumdar, assistant director of Department of Environment; and Etu Chakma, deputy manager of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Limited. The report also mentioned that the depot structures were not approved by the local authorities and a fire hydrant system was not found at the site. Due to lack of water sources, firefighters had to struggle to douse the flames. Water was later carried to the depot with the help of Bangladesh Navy.

through the convener of the team. I cannot recall properly what problems we found at BM Depot at that time." According to customs documents, the owner of BM Container Depot is Bert Pronk, a Netherlands citizen who owns 1.47 lakh out of 3 lakh shares and is the chairman of the company. Mostafizur Rahman, managing director of the company, owns around 1.38 lakh shares and Mujibur Rahman 15,000 shares as director.

Proshanta Kumar Mandal, public relations officer of BIDA, told the newspaper, We do not take any action based on initial inspections. Initiatives will be taken after receiving the final report. "Several teams in Dhaka and Chattogram inspected about 10,000 institutions and submitted their reports. So far, the reports of 5,000 have been finalised. After receiving the [final] reports of all the organisations, we will take initiative to implement with final monitoring."

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Tale of vile discoveries

FROM PAGE 3 tribunal, filed from 2013 to May 25 this year. Nazrul Islam Shamim, public prosecutor of the tribunal, told this correspondent that the majority of the cases were filed for online defamation, providing fake info, spreading private photos and hacking social media accounts.

radicalised by online content. Najmul Islam, CTTC assistant commissioner of research and development, said militant activities have decreased and no terror attack has taken place in the country last year. However, their presence in online is taking an alarming turn, he added. "We have a specialised social media monitoring team to keep an eye on such activities 24/7."

two suspects - Asif Ahmed Shuvo and his friend Arnab Kumar Sharma - with DOB (dimethoxy-bromoamphetamine). During the investigation, the arrestees informed that they placed the order through the dark web using cryptocurrency, said Md Fazlur Rahman, DNC additional director. Mohtesam

CRYPTOCURRENCY Recent research by CTTC found that 82 percent of terrorists and extremists are active on social media. CTTC officials said militants use cyberspace for encrypted communication, motivating and recruiting new members, providing training, collecting funds and claiming terrorist attacks. On August 29 last year, CTTC claimed to have arrested Ansar Al Islam's media wing in-charge Zobia Siddiqua Nabila (19), who was also

criminals were also found using the dark web to place orders for narcotics, terror funding and buying firearms. On November 23 last year, the department of narcotics control arrested

Manik represented the state during the hearing of the petition. Police arrested Mohtesam from Bashundhara residential area of Dhaka on March 8. CID filed the case with Kaur Police Station in 2020 on the charge of laundering Tk 2,000 crore. During the hearing of the petition, the HC bench on May 17 refused to grant him bail and issued a rule asking the state to explain why he should not be granted bail in this case.

ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208. REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) (Appointment of Consultancy firm). Ref. No. EDCL(Dhaka)/PUR/STP/EOI/2022/219 Dated: 14/06/2022. Essential Drugs Company Limited, 100% share owned by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is interested to appoint a professional Consultant for designing of Sewerage Treatment Plant(STP) along with preparing tender documents, BOQ & Cost estimation etc at EDCL, Dhaka.

Sale of advance train

FROM PAGE 3 about all the issues on June 22, they said. As per the meeting decision, advance train tickets for July 5 will be sold on July 1. Similarly, tickets for July 6, 7, 8 and 9 will be sold on July 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively. Train tickets would be sold from six places: Kamalapur, Tejgaon, Cantonment, Banani and Airport stations, and Phulbaria old station.

The meeting also discussed selling advance tickets from Narayanganj, but a final decision was not taken, a participant said, seeking anonymity. Railways authorities last month directed its firm that handles ticketing services to deploy a new app before Eid. Officials of the Shohz-led joint venture firm told yesterday's meeting that they will be ready to launch the app before Eid.

Integrity of info vital

FROM PAGE 3 Dewan Muhammad Humayun Kabir, project director of UNDP-supported a2i programme and ICT division joint secretary; Sarder M Asaduzzaman, assistant resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh; Shahreen Tilotoma, programme officer, justice and rule of law at UNDP

Bangladesh; Farzana Khan, domain expert at a2i and joint district judge; Barrister Rashna Imam; Barrister Fatema Anwar; Barrister Ashraful Hadi; Ashutosh Sarkar, senior reporter at The Daily Star; Jenefa Jabbar, director at Human Rights Legal Aid Programme of Brac; and Christabel L Randolph also spoke at the event.

Where are our

FROM PAGE 3 authorities into a fix. DSCC's masterplan suggests that the corporation will be identifying a space for a playground in every ward, which is a great challenge due to the city's dense population. A lack of safe public spaces has aggravated a lot of issues, especially among the youth. From inadequate socialising opportunities and development of detrimental habits to even exacerbating class differences - the inadequacy of public spaces has taken a cancerous form at this point. Read more on this week's issue of SHOUT, out tomorrow with The Daily Star.

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