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THE HOUSE OF CURDS

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

While visiting Hemayet Uddin Road in Barishal city you will notice an enthusiastic crowd waiting in front of a small tin-shed shop.

The worn-out banner of the place reads, "Dadhighar".

Stepping inside the tiny shop, you will immediately be teleported to the early 90s, with a vintage radio playing in the background. Old school wooden chairs and brass pots line the store. Often, there are people inside, urgently sipping on "ghol" before they eventually return to their daily rush.

Standing tall for the last 93 years, this sweet shop is the first choice for lovers of local curd and butter-milk.

Freshly fermented from cow milk, the taste of this creamy and delectable curd has been the same for around a century, thanks to the consistent use of the same traditional recipe and method initiated by one Abdul Aziz during the colonial era.

"My grandfather, Abdul Aziz, migrated to the city from Babuganj in 1930 and started this business.

Even today, his menu and customs, like serving ghol in brass bowls, still remains," said Mahamudul Hasan, the shop's current proprietor.

Alongside ensuring high quality ingredients, the strenuous and complicated preparation



process are key contributing factors to the unparalleled taste of these scrumptious delights.

To begin with, the milk is brought in on small dinghies from Char Kawa area of the Sadar upazila by sunrise.

The liquid is heated on an

earthen stove for at least five hours before being transferred in small amounts into hand-moulded clay-pots, explained Md Zahangir, a confectioner of the shop.

He has repeated the same process almost every morning for



the last 45 years.

"Controlling the temperature while transferring milk is the trickiest part, as otherwise the milk will curdle," he said. At least five to six maunds of curd is prepared daily, ensuring daily sales worth Tk 25,000-30,000."

The milk used in the process costs Tk 60-80 per kg and the curd is then sold for Tk 250 per kg. It is often served to customers with pulled or flattened rice, in brass bowls, for Tk 70 each. The shop also sells ghee for Tk 1,400 per kg.

HALLMARK SCAM Verdict in a case on February 28

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed February 28 to deliver a judgement on 19 people -- including Hallmark Chairman Jasmine Islam and its Managing Director Tanvir Mahmud -- in a case filed for swindling over Tk 10.5 crore out of Sonali Bank.

This is for the first time that a Dhaka court will deliver a judgement in one of 11 cases filed for swindling over Tk 2,600 crore out of Sonali Bank.

Judge Md Abul Kashem of the Special Judge Court-1 of Dhaka set the verdict date.

Jasmine, Tanvir and six others are in jail.

Rescued vultures to be released soon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Two injured vultures, rescued on December 30 from Pahar Ananta village in Rangamatia union of Mymensingh's Phulbaria upazila, will be released soon.

Santoshpur Beat Officer Md Abdur Rouf Miah said the birds, belonging to the critically endangered African species got injured after falling from a tree.

They were sent to the Livestock and Veterinary Hospital where they received treatment for nearly a month. "We are waiting for the cold to pass and hope to release them soon," he added.

HC asks BADC to restore Mirpur water body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) to preserve the water body by restoring the filled portion in Mirpur's Gaidartek area within three months.

The HC also declared illegal the earth-filling in the water retention land by BADC to construct a Central Tissue Culture Lab and Seed Health Laboratory.

The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque delivered the verdict after holding final hearing on a petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association.

The HC said in the verdict that the government authorities' failure to stop the landfilling was against public interest.

On August 1 last year, BELA filed the writ petition as a public interest litigation against BADC's actions for filling up nearly 12 acres of land of the 117-acre water body.

China working with Myanmar on ceasefire in Rakhine Says Ambassador Yao

UNB, Dhaka

China is working with Myanmar to have another ceasefire in Rakhine State, so that the Rohingya repatriation process can start soon, said the country's Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen.

"Repatriation issue is something we discussed quite deeply. We understand, we will now face difficult days. But we need to be confident," he told reporters after his meeting with Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud at the ministry yesterday.

The ambassador recalled that they saw a China-mediated ceasefire in the past in Rakhine State.

Yao reiterated China's stance that repatriation is the only means to have a sustainable solution to the crisis.

The foreign minister thanked China for helping the repatriation process.

Hasan referred to the existing trade deficit and requested China to import more from Bangladesh.

Yao informed China is taking necessary steps in this regard, specially the import of items like jute and jute goods, leather, meat and sea food.

China is also expecting to complete their internal process to start importing Bangladesh mangoes by the second half of this year.

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Ready Commercial Space for ATM Booth

Bangladesh Folk Art & Crafts Foundation (Sonargaon Museum) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs located at Sonargaon, Narayanganj. Every year about 10 lac visitors visit Sonargaon Museum and the adjacent historic Panam Nagar. A large local market has developed around these two tourist destinations. There are no modern money withdrawal facilities such as Automated Teller Machine (ATM) around this area. We have a ready building space of 100sqft. located along with the main road Perfect for ATM/ R/ATM/ CRM/FAST TRACK. Our building space includes all facilities such as Electricity and Security. A large number of visitors and local residents will be benefited if the ATM booth is installed at this premises.

Interested all scheduled Banks are requested to apply to the Director, Bangladesh Folk Art & Crafts Foundation with a complete financial proposal (Monthly/Yearly Rent Base) within the next 10 working days. Agreement can be done for 3 to 5 years as well as can be extended on mutual understanding. For more information in this regard Mr. AKM Azad Sarkar, Deputy Director (01819-112563) is requested to contact.

Director
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6 of a family held for killing man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police have arrested six persons of a family in Nalitabari, Sherpur for allegedly killing a man named Shah Kamal Kodi. Habibur Rahman Hobi, 55, his wife Amela Khatun, 45, their son Sarwar Jahan, Hobi's brother Harez Ali, 50, and nephews Golam Mustafa, 30, and Rahul Mia, 22, were held in Nalitabari on Saturday.

Hobi is a former chairman of Jogania Union Parishad.

A Sherpur court sent them to jail yesterday, said Md Monirul Alam Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Nalitabari Police Station.

Hobi called Kodi, 35, a day labourer, to his house to lend him some money on Thursday. When Kodi arrived, the accused slit his throat and left the body on a canal bank.

School

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ramp, shower facilities, a tube well and rainwater harvesting system, and generates backup electricity via solar power.

The additional 25 facilities built under this newest phase of construction will provide emergency shelter for over 11,500 people and accommodate a total of 3,500 students.

The classrooms are equipped with modern furniture and amenities to enhance the learning experience for students, and the shelter will also function as a vaccination centre and provide other local government extension services.

The 'big boss' and his

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Battalion arrested Malawi citizen -- Nomthandazo Towera Soko, 35, -- from the Dhaka airport on January 24 with the seized cocaine, which has a street value of Tk 100 crore.

Just a day later, the same team raided a hotel where Towera was supposed to stay, and arrested a Tanzanian man -- Mohamedi Ali Mohamedi, 55 -- in possession of 200 grammes of cocaine.

Investigators said arrestee Mohamedi and Kelvin, a coordinator of the cocaine syndicate, entered Bangladesh on January 20. After Towera was arrested at the airport, Kelvin was planning to leave the country but got arrested before he managed to flee.

Faruqi said arrestee Rony got introduced to Franki while working in the garment sector. He has had a business relationship with Franki for the last two years.

Rony was responsible for issuing fake invitation letters to the syndicate members to visit Bangladesh on an on-arrival visa, said Faruqi.

He used to send

invitations in the name of "Maspex Limited", which has no authenticity.

Of the arrestees, only Towera had a passport. Others visited Bangladesh with travel documents and collected on-arrival visas with fake invitations and hotel bookings.

Meanwhile, the other national of the syndicate, Apel, is the manager of Franki, and he was responsible for repackaging, and ensuring the security of the consignment after it entered Bangladesh.

During the drive to Apel's residence, DNC officials recovered five luggage, used for carrying cocaine. Faruqi said they have communicated with the narcotics authorities of the neighboring countries to trace other syndicate members, as it is a transnational syndicate.

When reporters asked how Franki stayed in Bangladesh for nine years, Faruqi said, "Franki was involved in the garment sector, and used to purchase jerseys and similar products and send them to Nigeria. He maintains the network under the guise of legal business."



Jacob Franki aka Big Boss

An agenda

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He should be arrested immediately for such an act, Shamsuddin added.

He also urged university authorities to recruit teachers after proper verification.

Prof Mahfuza Khanam said the new curriculum's contents reflect the constitution properly. "So whatever it takes, we need to implement this

curriculum to build a secular nation," she said.

Educationist Momtaz Latif echoed her and said, "We recently saw many people from the third gender community setting examples of good deeds in society." The content in "Sharifa's Tale" in the textbook contains their story to teach students to respect this community like other citizens, she added.

KHWAJA YUNUS ALI MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
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APPOINTMENT

Applications are invited from the Bangladeshi national fulfilling the requisite Qualification and experience for immediate appointment the following post:

Position	Department	Requisite Qualification
Perfusionist	Cardiac Surgery	1. B.Sc. / M.Sc. in Perfusion Technology / Pure Mathematics. 2. Minimum 5 Years Experience in related Area.

Attractive salary, allowances, accommodation and other facilities (negotiable) will be provided interested candidates are requested to apply with 2 copies of pp size colour photographs and supporting papers on or before 12 February 2024 to the following address.

Along With This,
Director, Khwaja Yunus Ali Medical College & Hospital, Enayetpur, PS-Enayetpur, Upazila: Chauhali, District - Sirajganj Or E-mail: info@kyamch.org

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works given below.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender opening date & time
01.	941613	APP/Laxmi/BRTA 1/civil/repair/23-24	Repairing and maintenance works of BRTA circle office at Lakshmpur.	11-Feb-2024 11:00
02.	940265	APP/Laxmi/dist judge/em lift 2/23-24	Changing useless parts of lifts including ancillary repairing works at Chief Judicial Magistrate Bhavan and District Judge Court Adalat Bhavan at Lakshmpur.	11-Feb-2024 11:00
03	941412	App/Laxmi/repair/dist jail/sornolota 1/23-24	Repairing of doors and windows, renovation of plaster and painting including miscellaneous emergency civil and sanitary works at officers and servants quarter (sornolota) of district jail, Lakshmpur.	11-Feb-2024 11:00
04.	939993	APP/Laxmi/xen/res em1/23-24	Repairing of internal electrification, installation of garden light and c.c camera at office cum residence of Executive Engineer, PWD, Lakshmpur.	11-Feb-2024 11:00
05	939126	APP/Laxmi/puratton adalat 3/ repair/23-24	Construction of walkway outside the Puratton Adalat Bhavan, repairing roof, repairing & renovation of door and windows, installation of plastic doors, basin including miscellaneous emergency civil, sanitary repairing and renovation works at Puratton Bhavan,	11-Feb-2024 11:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders 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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Sd/-
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9th Annual Winter School
On
Genocide Studies: Response & Responsibility

Organized by
Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice

Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice (CSGJ), Liberation War Museum (LWM) invites application from interested candidates to participate in the **9th Annual Winter School**, an eight day-long program, to be held from **24th February to 2nd March 2024** at the Kumudini Complex, Mirzapur, Tangail. The resource persons will be leading scholars, experts and academics from home and abroad. The application form and detailed information are available at the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/csgjlwm>). The deadline for submitting the application is **8th February, 2024** to the LWM office in between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm (except Sunday). The completed application form can also be sent to: csgj.bangladesh@gmail.com.

The course fee for national participants is BDT 5000 and for international participants is \$200. The fee covers the cost of course materials, accommodation, meal and field trip during the program.

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