

Six cops
injured as bus
runs them over
OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

Six police officials were injured when a bus ploughed into them in Sylhet yesterday.

The accident happened around 6:00am while they were standing beside Sylhet-Sunamganj highway in Temukhi area, said police.

Ajbar Ali Sheikh is deputy commissioner (north), Sadek Kawsar Dastagir additional deputy commissioner, Jahurul Islam assistant commissioner (Airport Police Station), SM Nunu Miah officer-in-charge of the station, Rejaul Karim, assistant sub-inspector and Habibur Rahman Nayek and car driver of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

The deputy commissioner was taken to the ICU of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital where the other injured were undergoing treatment.

Mohammad Saiful Islam, additional deputy commissioner (media) of SMP, said, "The deputy commissioner was hit on his head and is still in critical condition while the others are improving."

"We have seized the bus and arrested the helper. But the driver managed to flee," he said.

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Saiful Islam, 34, a resident of Rashra village in Tangail's Basail upazila, sold a piece of his land and borrowed some money to go to Saudi Arabia with a job.

However, during the pandemic, like many other fortune seekers, he had to return home empty-handed in 2021.

It was a bewildering situation for Saiful and his wife Lovely.

With no earnings or savings, they were finding it hard to remain afloat. The couple has two school-going children.

It was then Saiful decided to try mushroom cultivation and make a career out of it.

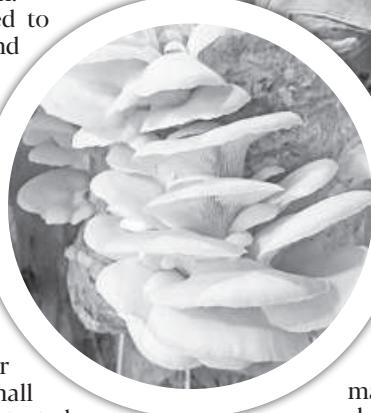
While abroad, he watched content on mushroom cultivation on YouTube and found it an interesting idea.

He participated in a 10-day online training course at the National Mushroom Development Institute. Later, he collected mushroom spores from Savar and started his farm on a small scale. Three months later, he started harvesting and selling mushrooms.

Meanwhile, his recruiting company in KSA reached out to him and asked him to collect his dues and join work again. It came as a window of opportunity for him to be able to repay his loans.

"Actually, due to pressure from creditors, I needed to pay them back as soon as possible, so I was forced to go abroad again," said Saiful.

He worked there for two more years but his



heart remained with his mushroom farm.

"My wife was finding it difficult to manage the farm alone, including maintenance works, production and marketing of mushrooms. So, the farm was shut down," Saiful said.

Meanwhile, Saiful came to know more about mushroom cultivation from YouTube and others involved in it. Two years later he returned permanently with all his savings and reopened the farm to resume mushroom cultivation.

This time the couple had a new plan. They rented a small shop near Karimganj

market nearby and launched a food shop selling items prepared with mushrooms.

"From around 300 spores, we harvest about 4-5 kg of mushrooms daily. Some of those are sold raw, and the rest are used in our shop for various mushroom dishes including chops, fries, and pickles," he said.

"People are, nowadays, aware of the health benefits of mushrooms and many come to the shop to try our dishes. The shop is doing well, with daily earnings ranging from Tk 2,000 to Tk 3,000," he said.

Lovely chipped in, "We named the farm and the mini restaurant after our daughters."

Saiful said he is preparing to expand his business by producing mushroom spores to help others interested in its cultivation.

'Alor Iskul' brings

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school materials for free," said Shamsul Islam, assistant commissioner of Shyampur Zone.

Initially, the school operated with nine students, one teacher, and a single room.

Today, it has four classrooms, a washroom, an office room, and a faculty of five teachers, he said.

Amanur Dewan, a rickshaw puller, shared his struggle to educate his daughter before discovering the school.

"I wanted to educate my daughter and tried to get her to a school in the Faridabad area. But they charged Tk 300 to Tk 350 monthly. So I had to stop it as I was unable to afford the amount," he said.

"Now my daughter receives education for free," he said.

Atikur Rahman, owner of a scrap factory, highlighted their collaboration with the police to support the school financially.

"We provide a subscription fee based on our capacity, ranging from

Misappropriation of govt land?

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Tk 1,000 to Tk 2,000 per month," he said. "Around 12 to 13 of us donate money for the school. We do it as it's for a good cause."

Iqbal Hossain, deputy commissioner of Wari division police and the chief patron of the initiative, said, "If a single underprivileged child can be enlightened from the school, then we will believe that our efforts came to success."

Monthly, the school collects a subscription fee of Tk 50,000, but AC Shamsul, also the school's committee president, deemed it inadequate.

Contacted, Abu Siddique, superintendent engineer (civil) of CCC, said, "We don't know anything about the project. The mayor's personal secretary Abul Hashem may know what's going on."

The teachers receive Tk 5,000 per month at the school.

Shayla Akter, an assistant teacher, said, "I don't work here for the money. I am doing this for the underprivileged children."

Bin Shams, chief engineer of CDA, "I think something fishy is going on. We will send the city corporation a letter," he added.

The Public Works Department owns the land under what used to be the Panchlaish Residential Area project. It was handed over to CCC in 1988 for maintenance and future road expansion, said Rahul Guha, executive engineer of PWD, Chattogram.

Subhash Barua, vice president of Forum for Planned Chattogram and a town planner, said constructing structures on the land earmarked for potential road expansion is impractical and problematic, suggesting that the proposed gymnasium and kids' zone may merely be a façade for another commercial project in an unsuitable location beside a busy road.

Regarding CDA's permission, he said the city corporation has never taken permission from the CDA to construct establishments.

"We do not need permission," the mayor said.

When asked why his colleagues were kept in the dark, he said the engineering and town planning departments of CCC knew about the project.

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ARSON ON TRAINS

Railway endured loss of over Tk 9cr: minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railways Minister Zillul Hakim yesterday in parliament said the estimated financial loss of the railways due to arson attacks by BNP-Jamaat ahead of the 12th general elections was over Tk 9 crore.

The minister said this while responding to a question from Awami League MP Morshed Alam.

"Before the 12th national polls, BNP, Jamaat, and their allies carried out arson attacks on trains. The estimated financial loss of the railway is Tk 9.28 crore," he said.

Cattle farmers stuck

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The farmers also alleged that a syndicate of unscrupulous people and cattle smugglers is active in Dhagram.

When the union parishad authorities refuse to issue tokens, the racket members buy the cattle from the helpless farmers at a much lower price and then take those to markets in Bangladesh territory and sell it at higher prices, alleged farmers.

As many people cannot be issued tokens, they become angry, and are hence making these false allegations," Habibur added.

Farmers of Dhagram demanded transparency in issuance of the tokens.

"Tokens are issued secretly. We demand that the list of people who get tokens be made public every week," said Amir.

Contacted, Habibur Rahman, chairman of Dhagram Union Parishad,

"I will soon take steps to ensure weekly publication of the list," he added.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

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Today is the 47th death anniversary of Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman. All his relatives, well-wishers and acquaintances are requested to pray for the eternal peace of his soul.



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FEBRUARY 16

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