



Despite a sign which reads, "Garbage dumping not allowed", waste accumulates unabated on the road just outside Khulna Medical College. This glaring disregard for cleanliness poses health hazards and underscores the urgent need for proper waste management solutions. This picture was taken from Sonadanga-Notun Rasta Road yesterday.

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NSI RECRUITMENT

# Dhaka court staffer accused of scam

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A staffer at a Dhaka court created fake documents to recruit a "Junior Field Officer" for the National Security Intelligence (NSI) at the Prime Minister's Office, according to ACC officials.

They also stated that he took Tk 10 lakh from the youth, Mohammad Raihan, of Jamalpur's Madarganj for the recruitment.

On March 14, Abul Kalam Azad, assistant director of Anti-Corruption Commission, filed a case against Sheikh Ataur Rahman, a storekeeper at the Additional Money Loan Court 2, over embezzlement, forgery, and fraudulence. Ataur is now retired.

In the case statement, Azad mentioned that Judge Mohammad Shafiqul Islam of Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court-1 of Dhaka submitted a report on September 27 last year to the authorities concerned after investigating a complaint against Ataur, 57, filed by Raihan.

According to the case statement, Raihan learned in October 2019 through one Asadullah Dudu of Madarganj and his brother-in-law Shahin Mia of Rajshahi Sadar that Ataur would help him get a job at NSI if he paid Tk 10 lakh.

On November 3 that year, Raihan deposited Tk 3 lakh into Asadullah's account at a bank in Dhaka's Eskaton.

On the same day, Asadullah withdrew the money and went to the building of the District and Sessions Judge's Court in Dhaka along with Shahin and the victim's elder brother, Shafiqul Islam, and handed over the money to Ataur.

The entire incident was secretly filmed at that time.

The case statement also mentions that on August 20, 2020, Ataur provided Raihan with an "admit card for NSI recruitment test".

Then, the remaining amount of Tk 7 lakh was deposited into Ataur and his nephew Chowdhury Md Shershah's accounts in two instalments.

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Ataur also took the original copies of Raihan's SSC, HSC, and BA (honours) examination certificates.

In the meantime, Raihan sensed anomalies in the process. When he wanted his certificates and money back from Ataur, he started harassing him, according to the case statement.

Azad, who is investigating the case, told The Daily Star, "ACC filed the case against Ataur based on the probe report prepared by a judge. During the probe, the judge found Ataur guilty." He hoped that charges would be submitted after the probe is completed soon.

Ataur could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

## Man to die for raping sixth-grader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Rangpur court yesterday sentenced a man to death for raping a sixth-grader in Mithapukur upazila in 2021.

The convict is Lablu Mia, 23, of Jaforpur village of the upazila, said Public Prosecutor Rafiq Hasnain.

Md Mostafa Kamal, the judge of Women and Children Oppression Prevention Tribunal-1 of Rangpur, delivered the judgement in presence of the convict.

According to the case statement, Lablu raped the sixth grader of a local madrasa while she was returning home on September 1, 2021.

Her father then filed a case against Lablu.

As Lablu and his family members were threatening the girl and her family to withdraw the case, she died by suicide on September 25.

Her mother lodged another case against Lablu and his family members in this connection. The case is under trial, said the public prosecutor.

## Beating the heat with 'cool'

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drinking water near this hospital. Many of these attendants are becoming sick after eating unhealthy food and unsafe water in this searing heat. We are trying to provide some relief to these people so that they don't have to eat street food."

By collaborating with a DU canteen, these students are providing a lunch and supper pack consisting of rice, lentil, vegetables and egg/chicken curry.

Similarly, Dr Md Latiful Bari, chief scientist of Dhaka University's Advanced Research in Sciences, devised a special solution to shield rickshaw pullers from the intense heat. They obtained some custom made mathals (lightweight bamboo leaf hats) from Rangpur and distributed them among the pullers, ensuring

both comfort and sun protection. These hats, weighing 150 grammes, allow airflow while safeguarding against the sun's rays.

"Once upon a time, mathals were quite popular among farmers. But the ones that they use are quite heavy and made of straw. I requested one of my acquaintances to create it using bamboo leaves for a lighter design suitable for rickshaw pullers to wear," said Dr Bari.

So far, he has distributed these hats to 30 rickshaw pullers. Besides taking care of the plants, Azad and his friends have also offered free drinks for pedestrians near the Krishi Market area. So far, over 500 people have quenched their thirst thanks to Azad's initiative.

Jahir Rayhan, a resident of Ramnagar village of Jhenaidah, has set up more than 100 water pots in large trees to provide drinking

water for thirsty birds.

According to Jahir, canals, ponds and small rivers in Jhenidah, one of the hottest districts in Bangladesh amid the heatwave, dried up during the heatwave. So, Jahir's water pots are some of the few places where thirsty birds can have a drink.

Every day Jahir installs 20 water pots in several trees at selected locations in five villages.

"At first I used to hang earthen pots but those pots are quite expensive. So, now I am setting up plastic pots, each of which costs around Tk 20," said Jahir.

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## Honouring a fallen son

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ejected with parachutes. The damaged aircraft sank in the river.

"Never did I imagine he [Jawad] would leave me and his mother so soon..." Jawad's father Amanullah said while speaking over the loudspeaker before the third namaz-e-janaja held at the stadium.

"As a doctor, I've seen many bodies, performed countless operations... Yet, when I heard Asim ejected from the plane, I clung to hope. I rushed to Chattogram the moment I learned of the incident, but realised [after going there] what awaited us," he said, his voice shaking.

Amanullah took a breath and started saying

again, "Despite knowing the dangers, I supported his dream of joining the air force as he would fly for his country."

"His mother, however, always opposed it. But I honoured his passion and dream," he said.

Asim's relatives said his parents wanted him to become a doctor or engineer. However, from a young age, he wanted to reach the stars by becoming a pilot.

Despite getting chances at institutions like BUET and government medical colleges, he chose to take to the skies, joining the BAF to fulfill his lifelong dream.

Following the third janaza prayers

at the stadium, the distinguished officer was laid to rest at a district town graveyard with state honours.

Before that, the body was taken to the parade ground of Bangladesh Air Force Base Bashar. He was given a guard of honour after the second janaza there. Top officials of the three forces were present there to pay respect.

He joined the BAF on January 10, 2010, and was commissioned in the GD (P) branch on December 1, 2011.

He was awarded the "Chief of Air Staff's Trophy for Best in Flying" during a course conducted by the Indian Air Force.

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## Veggie prices shoot up

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affects low and fixed-income people, forcing them to cut their consumption.

Tania Begum, 35, at Karwan Bazar, said, "Meat and fish have already gone out of our hands. Vegetables are the only items we can afford.

But when I went to buy vegetables, I found that prices have soared as well."

"Where will we go if prices continue to rise? How will my children's nutritional needs be met?" the garment worker asked.

Shakil Hossain, an

employee of a grocery shop, said when the prices of some items go up, they do not decrease the same way they increased.

"If prices fall by Tk 5, it then increases by Tk 10-15 within a few days again. No one is being able to control the kitchen marker prices," he said.

## Man rescued 2 days after abduction, four held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested four abductors and rescued a man kidnapped two days ago from Monoharganj upazila in Cumilla early yesterday.

According to a press release, a team of Bayazid police in Chattogram city conducted a drive at a house and rescued Md Hasan, 39, who was tied with a rope at a room.

Police also arrested Alauddin Subuj, 35, from the residence and as per his confessional statement they arrested three others from the area.

The arrestees are Md Liton, 37, Rubel Hossain Badsha, 21, and Abdur Rahman Badol, 20.

Hasan was abducted from Chattogram city on Wednesday and the abductors demanded Tk 5 lakh from Hasan's wife, the release added.

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