

# DMCH children's ward running without incubator

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The Children's Ward of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) has been running its activities without an incubator for last four months as all six incubators are out of order. Doctors said that six incubators in a hospital like DMCH are insufficient against the actual demand. Ironically there is none at the moment. An incubator is an essential piece of equipment in the children's ward as it provides the environment and facilities of the mother's womb to premature babies. Doctors and officials of Children's Ward said none of the six incubators provided proper service at the same time, and four have been completely useless for more than two years. DMCH's Brass shop officials said that though they are responsible for repairing hospital equipment they are

unable to do so because of inadequate facilities. "Four incubators are about 20 years old and can never be used. The other two could be repaired and as one was brought only one year ago, the manufacturer should repair it," said an official of the brass department. Doctors blamed the Central Medical Store Depot (CMSD) for buying crap at high prices. "The incubator provided a year back, went out of order four months ago. The manufacturer is expected to give an after sales service for at least two to three years. In spite of our repeated appeal CMSD could not get the manufacturer to check the machine," said a doctor. CMSD has bought second hand products and that is why they are unable to get after sales service, the doctor doubts. It is alleged that a syndicate of middlemen in the hospital having connections with the

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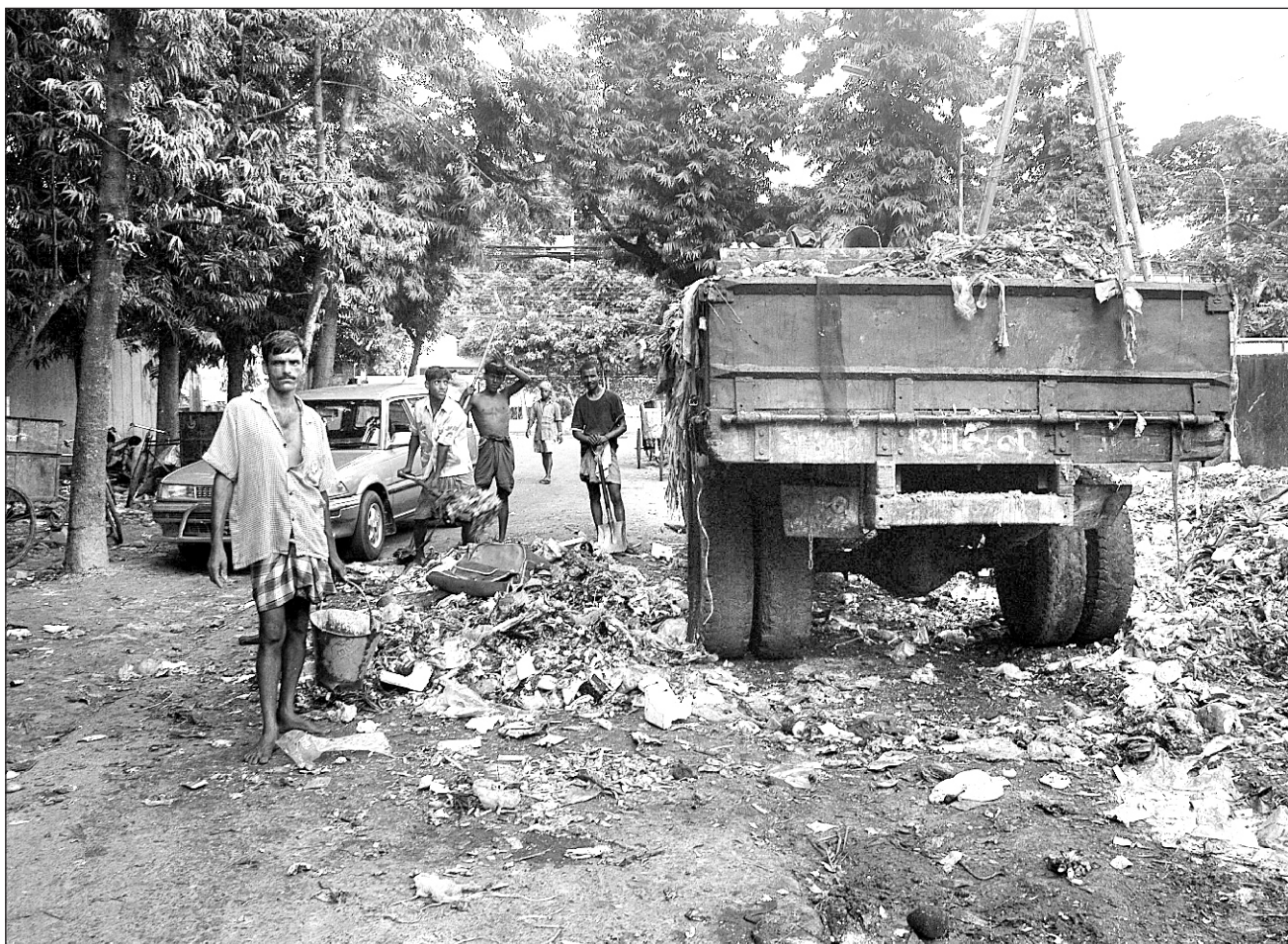
authorities do not want these life saving instruments repaired. Some even alleged that a few doctors are involved in this business. "These doctors seize opportunities to send babies to be kept in incubators to clinics where they get a commission and is done with the help of the middlemen," said one of the doctors of Children's Ward. Whatever the reason may be, this causes inconvenience to the patient's poor kith and kin that has to pay as much as Tk 1,000 to 3,000 a day to the clinic, while the DMCH service

is absolutely free. The doctors in the department said there is no hope of getting a new incubator or repairing the available ones in near future if the higher authorities do immediate action. "It usually takes more than a year to complete procedures to buy something for the department. We sent our requisition three months back. The director has forwarded it to the CMSD and now we have to wait," said a doctor. The doctors in the department said they supply



renovation work of neonatal ward is going on. "The two incubators that have been repaired are kept wrapped in the department. Soon after the renovation is completed we will use them," he said.

## MENACE TO MAN



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Household waste and garbage piled at the entrance to Road No 34 in Gulshan, right across the Standard Chartered Bank is being transferred to a truck to be taken to the dumping ground, during the morning hours -- a job normally avoided at daytime -- emitting bad odour and polluting the environment.

# Heavy vehicles causing most accidents in city

CITY CORRESPONDENT

Heavier vehicles are causing most of the road accidents in Dhaka, according to the recent records of Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB). Buses and trucks are responsible for 58 percent of accidents while car, jeep, autorickshaw, rickshaw and other small vehicles cause 36 percent accidents. DTCB Executive Director Mohammad Shahjahan blamed reckless driving, unskilled drivers with fake licence and poor implementation of traffic rules and regulations for the road accidents in the city. "Fake driving licences are easily available in the city," he said. Citing the DTCB study, Shahjahan said road accidents cause an economic loss of over Tk one billion in Dhaka annually. Average loss caused by a single accident is assumed at Tk 30,000. During the DUTP project period (from 1999 till 2004); 2,18,522 accidents in Dhaka have been recorded -- 2,962 of

those were 'fatal' and 6,068 were 'serious.' The study did not contain any specific casualty figure in those accidents. The risk of accidents usually increases after the rush hour in the morning, mainly after 10:00am till 3:00pm and then after 9:00pm as drivers get space for raising speed

those were 'fatal' and 6,068 were 'serious.' The study did not contain any specific casualty figure in those accidents. The DTCB records show 46 percent accidents are committed by the vehicles of same direction and pedestrians are hit by vehicles in 32 percent accidents. Only seven percent accidents are due to head-on collision of vehicles. Another official of DTCB told Star City that most of the serious accidents occur when the traffic volume is thin on the roads. The

risk of accidents usually increases after the rush hour in the morning, mainly after 10:00am till 3:00pm and then after 9:00pm as drivers get space for raising speed. For reducing incompetent driving, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) is taking initiative against the fake driving licence holders. BRTA Chairman Abu Bakar Mohammad Shahjahan told Star City that they have started providing high-security licences to the drivers from July 17. "At least 7.5 lakh high-security

licences will be provided," he said. He claimed that duplicating these driving licences would be difficult. These licences have been made using high security features. Introduction of these licences will reduce the risks of accidents, he hoped. Shahjahan emphasised conducting mobile courts in the city on a regular basis to take legal action against fake licence holders. "I hope within a short time we would be able to bring the things on right track," he said.

## healthouting, taxicab & train timing

### HEALTH

- Hospitals**  
 Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam 9336611, 7411660  
 BARDEM 8616641-50  
 Cholera Hospital (ICDDR) 8811751-60  
 CMH (Dhaka) 9870011  
 Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital 8628612-6  
 Holy Family Red Crescent 8311721-5  
 Islamia Eye Hospital 9119315, 8112156  
 Lion Eye Hospital 9129127  
 Medinova Medical Services 8620353-4  
 Mirpur General Hospital (Pvt) Ltd 9007873, 8015444  
 Mitford Hospital 7319002-6  
 National Heart Foundation Hospital 8014914, 8010491, 8021399  
 Orthopedic Hospital 9112150
- Salimullah Medical College Hospital** 7319002-6  
**Samorita Hospital** 9131901  
**Shahid Suhrawardi Hospital** 9122560-78, 9112086, 8114856, 9130800  
**Shishu Hospital** 8116061-2, 9119119
- Clinics**  
 Akand Clinic 8015855, 8022581  
 Aroggaya Niketan 933730  
 BAVS Maternity 8016413-4  
 Dhaka Monorog Clinic 9005050  
 Gulshan Mother & Child Clinic 8822738, 8812992  
 Ibn Sina Clinic 8119513  
 Jahanara Clinic (Pvt) Ltd 8912929  
 Judi Maternity 9113322  
 Paltan Poly Clinic 9557385  
 Retina Eye Center (Clinic) 9884588, 9884566  
 Shishu Bekash Clinic 9351625

- The Eye Clinic** 9333238
- Blood Bank**  
 Red Crescent Centre- 9116563  
 Sandhani (DMCH)- 8624040  
 Sandhani (SMCH)- 7310061, 7310061, 7319022  
 Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital- 8626812-9
- Eye Bank**  
 Sandhani International Eye Bank- 8614040
- Ambulances For Dead Body**  
 Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail) 9336611, Gandaria 7319808, 7318166,  
 Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,
- Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday  
 Elephant Road-Friday  
 Bishal Center-Friday  
 Baitul Mukarram Market-Friday  
 Polwell Market-Friday  
 BCS Computer City-Friday  
 Stadium Market-Friday  
 Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday  
 Bangabazar Market-Friday  
 National Museum-Thursdays  
 Ahsan Manzil-Thursdays  
 New Market-Tuesdays  
 Gausia Market-Tuesdays  
 Mouchak Market-Sunday  
 Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday  
 Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday  
 Eastern Plaza-Sunday  
 Farmview Super Market-Sunday  
 Muktiuddha Jadughar-Sunday  
 Dhaka Zoo-Sunday  
 Shishu Jadughar-Sunday

### TAXI CAB

- Passenger's Complaint**  
 01711-000990, 01711-000991, 01711-000992, DMP-999, 2627.  
**Cab Salida Ltd.** 9344477, 01711-620888, 01711-610405  
**Cosmo Cab Ltd.** 9112959, 8127191, Nitol Cab Co. Ltd. 8125285, 01711-621953  
**JBS Cab Ltd.** 0191-364575  
**Coal Cab Ltd** 8130485, 01711-826731  
**Limujin Cab Ltd.** 9318351, 9337204  
**Multi-Cab Ltd.** 9666502, 9570740  
**Nihon Taxi Cab Ltd.** 8624742, 8624741  
**Orion Taxi Cab Ltd.** 934727, 9347277, 01711-155144  
**Reliance Cab Ltd.** 9339563-4  
**RMS Cab Ltd.** 8118536  
**Shatarupa Taxi Cab Ltd.** 731083, 01711-458740  
**Tinni Cab Ltd.** 9662009, 01711-645257  
**Teletaxi Cab Ltd.** 7202201  
**Alif Cab Co. Ltd.** 0191-357838, 83116948  
**Cab One Ltd.** 9563054 Ext.-3077, 3178  
**United Cab Ltd.** 7510166, 01711-

### TRAIN TIMING

- Subarna Express**  
 Mahanagar Prabhathi  
 Mahanagar Godhuli  
**Turna**  
**Parabat Express**  
**Joyantika Express**  
**Upaban Express**  
**Tista Express**  
**Ekata Express**  
**Upakul Express**  
**Agni Beena Express**
- Leaves Dhaka at 4:30 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 7:30 am  
 Leaves Dhaka at 3-15 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 11-00 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 6-40 am  
 Leaves Dhaka at 12-45 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 9-45 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 7-00 am  
 Leaves Dhaka at 5-00 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 8-00 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 9-20 pm

### LIBRARY & INFO

- Libraries, Cultural and Information Centers**  
 Central Public Library- 8626001-4,  
 Shishu Academy- 9564128  
 Shilpakala Academy- 8614673  
 Bangla Academy- 8619550  
 Islamic Foundation- 9550280, 9556407  
 Nazrul Institute- 9114602  
 Ford Foundation- 8116133  
 Alliance Francaise- 8611557  
 Information Resource Center, The American Center- 8813440-4, 9886395-9  
 British Council- 8618867-8, 8618905-7  
 Community Development Library- 8113769, 8113604  
 Goethe Institute Int'l- Dhaka- 9126525-6  
 Indian Information Centre & Cultural Library- 8850141-2  
 The Russian Cultural Centre- 9116314, 9118531, 9118314  
 Drik Photo Gallery- 9120125, 8112954, 8123412  
 Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) 9330081-4
- Uika Express Ltd.** 9359885, 01711-313554  
**Cab Bangla Ltd.** 9563077 Ext.-3054, 3178, 01711-622644  
**Cab i Ltd.** 9563054, 9563077, 01711-629585  
**Cab line Ltd.** 8321162  
**Capital Cab Co. Ltd.** 9352847-9  
**Classic Cab Ltd.** 200825, 01711-233851, 01711-812415  
**Comport Cab Ltd.** 8817610-4  
**Cab Express Ltd.** 9341389, 9339337, 9348401 Ext.-111
- Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm  
 Reaches Chittagong at 1-55 pm  
 Reaches Chittagong at 10-55 pm  
 Reaches Chittagong at 6-40 am  
 Reaches Sylhet at 2-30 pm  
 Reaches Sylhet at 9-20 pm  
 Reaches Sylhet at 6-40 am  
 Reaches Bahadurabad at 1-05 pm  
 Reaches Bahadurabad at 11-15  
 Reaches Noakhali at 5-00 am  
 Reaches Jagannath at 2-30 pm