

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Good News for the Medical World

by Lutfor Rahman Belayet

"I swear... I will use treatment to help the sick according to my ability and judgement. But never with a view to injury and wrong doing. Neither will I administer a poison to anybody nor will I suggest such a course. Similarly I will not give a woman a pessary to cause abortion. The health of my patient will be my first consideration" — (Hippocrates 490-377 BC). This is the beginning of the prospectus of Bangladesh Medical College — the only private medical college of the country.

Sound health is one of the basic requirements for a man's life. But the people of Bangladesh, like many other developing countries, are deprived of proper health facilities. There is only one doctor for about 10,000 in Bangladesh. Every year a large proportion of the population die of different kinds of diseases. A large number of people do not even have the privilege of witnessing the appearance of a doctor before their death. Each year only 1200 doctors qualify from eight government medical colleges. This number is not enough to provide medicare facilities to more than 1200 million people.

There are many able medical teachers who have retired from the government services at the age of 57 and have high academic qualification and vast experience. On the other hand, the 1200 available seats are not enough for the thousands of students with high academic achievements in the SSC and HSC or equivalent levels. A large number of students are frustrated for being deprived of higher education opportunities. So there is no shortage of teachers and students for the medical graduate course in the country. Yet there exists a dearth of educational institutions.

The executive council of Bangladesh Medical Studies and Research Institute has set up the Bangladesh Medical College in Dhanmondi.

Founded in 1984, the aim was of establishing standard medical institutions. The first academic session started from July 1, 1987. The college was granted affiliation by the Dhaka University on the 10th May 1988. It follows all the rules and regulations, course and curriculum set by the Faculty of Medicine, Dhaka University.

The allocation of time for MBBS degree is five years. All MBBS professional examinations will be held as the university time schedule notified by the controller of examinations.

The subjects of study in the college are: anatomy with histology, physiology with biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology with microbiology and immunology, forensic medicine, community medicine, medicine with paediatrics, surgery with eye & ENT and gynae & obstetrics with family planning.

There are about 20 teachers and 200 students with Mr Choudhury as the principal of the college. The fifth batch is now on study. At the beginning the council admitted 30 students for each session starting in June but now the number has been raised to 50. The students are selected by an admission test.

Unfortunately, going to this college is too expensive for ordinary people. Each student is required to pay a total sum of Taka 3,25,000. Taka 200,000 at the time of admission and Taka 25,000 each year is payable in three instalments. Foreign students can also study here.

Rigid rules and regulations have been formed for the students to maintain the highest of standards in the academic atmosphere of the college. The use of drugs, alcohol

are penalised. The college authorities can expel anyone for violating disciplinary rules. In addition, there is no permission for forming any students union.

A students welfare council, formed by the college authorities comprising teachers and one student from each class on the basis of merit, look into the interests of students. Every decision of the college council is final and cannot be challenged in any court.

The establishment of such a medical college is no doubt, an appreciable initiative in our country where medical facilities are so painfully inadequate. The positive aspects of this effort are many. It will help attain the WHO goal of 'Health for All' by the year 2000. A healthy competition in raising the standard of medical education in the country will also be created.



Monday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- 5.10 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Gesta
- 5.30 You Just Wait
- 6.00 Sports programme
- 6.30 Jibon-o-Projukti TV debate
- 7.05 News in Bangla
- 8.00 Jonomot
- 9.00 Soorer Bhoobon
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Parliament roundup
- 10.35 Hill Street Blues
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tuesday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing



Monday

- 00.00 World News
- 00.25 How do you Manage?
- 01.00 World News
- 01.25 The Racing Game
- 02.00 World News
- 02.10 Assignment
- 03.00 World News
- 03.25 The Late Show 2
- 04.00 World News
- 04.25 The Late Show 2
- 05.00 World News
- 05.25 On the Record
- 06.00 World News
- 06.25 Everyman
- 07.00 World News
- 07.25 World Business Report
- 08.00 World News
- 08.25 Tomorrow's World
- 09.00 World News
- 09.15 The Money Programme
- 10.00 World News
- 10.25 Wogan
- 11.00 World Headlines
- 11.05 Documentary
- 12.00 World News
- 12.25 Where on Earth
- 13.00 World News
- 13.30 Business Morning
- 14.00 Morning News from London
- 14.25 Kilroy
- 15.00 World headlines
- 15.05 Documentary
- 16.00 World News
- 18.00 World News
- 18.25 Wogan
- 19.00 World News
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Sylhet	30.5	22.5	98	78
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City Awami League brought out a procession yesterday supporting march towards Parliament.

## 'Govt can't keep transport system hostage in hands of miscreants'

The situation prevailing in the road transportation due to unilateral and unreasonable decision taken by some leaders of the transport workers' union has been returning to normal following some realistic steps taken in phases by the government, a handout of the Communications Ministry said Sunday, reports BSS.

The handout said it was noted that some transport workers ignored the strike call keeping in view the sufferings of the people and considering the deplorable state regarding the movement of candidates of the on-going HSC examinations, as also of petroleum and fuel, pharmaceuticals and raw materials and other essential items, and were operating their vehicles on different routes in full swing.

The government further noted that those who were operating their vehicles had come under the violent attack of the striking workers. Such acts of terrorism were not only causing damage to transport owners and the workers but at the same time posed a threat

to the lives of the helpless passengers, the handout said.

During the last few days in Dhaka city and elsewhere in the country petrol bombs were hurled at the vehicles, specially on buses, minibuses and trucks, the handout added.

The handout said the government's clear-cut stand regarding the 11-point demand of the striking transport workers, an explanation of the penal code with regard to the accident as demanded by the workers and assurance of filing cases under section 304, and not under section 302 and despite categorical and unequivocal assurance in the Jatiya Sangsad that no unfair and unjust action would be taken against the workers involved with the strike, a section of transport workers was yet to make efforts to bring normalcy in the road transportation.

The government had already announced its pledge to give compensation to owners of the damaged bus, mini-bus, truck, tempo and baby-taxi.

The decision of giving them priority regarding import of new vehicles and availability of bank loans has also been communicated to them.

It has become obvious from the speeches and statements of the leaders of the transport workers who opposed the strike that it was a conspiratorial move.

Those who were saying that resorting to strike was a democratic right, had, in fact, not taken the decision of going for the strike in a democratic manner. This has been expressed in the speeches made by leaders of the transport workers, the handout said.

Moreover, the baseless and untrue statements made by some leaders of the transport workers union at press conferences did not speak of their responsible mannerism. It was alleged in those statements that the government had resorted to repressive measures against the transport workers, the government itself was doing the acts of terrorism and the telephone lines of the leaders had been snapped.

The handout said, under the circumstances the government wants to reiterate

that despite its sympathy for the demands of the transport workers and its goodwill to overcome the hardship of the people it could not keep the country's transport system hostage in the hands of a few vested interest group and miscreants.

The handout said: The government thinks that strike does not mean destructive activities. The government is reiterating its call to leaders of the so-called striking workers to put an end to such illegal activities forthwith. Otherwise, the entire responsibility of the damage to transports and vehicles and loss of public property at various places would fall on the leaders of the striking workers.

The government sincerely expressed the hope that the owners and workers of transport would start operating their vehicles in full swing in response to the steps taken by it to resolve the problems in the road transportation and remove the sufferings of the people.

## ROK film festival begins in city

Korean Film Festival jointly sponsored by the Department of Films and Publications and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh was formally inaugurated by the Information Minister at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium on Sunday, says a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, Barrister Nazmul Huda said that this cultural event would further strengthen the bonds of mutual understanding existing between Bangladesh and the Republic of Korea.

## Academic Feat of Bangladeshi Student in USA

Mr Uttam Kumar Saha, a Bangladeshi citizen, now studying in the Ohio University of the USA has been awarded a high academic honour and named to the Dean's list at Ohio University for 1992. He was awarded the same honour in 1991. He has been studying in Electrical Engineering in Ohio University.

Mr Uttam Kumar is the youngest son of renowned industrialist Mr N G Saha, Chairman and Managing Director of N G Saha Steel Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Uttam Oil Mills Ltd, New Bengal Trading Company Ltd and S C Saha (Pvt) Ltd, Chittagong.

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## Drama workshop

Abolokon Natyacharcha Kendra has organised a two-month long workshop on drama acting.

The workshop will be conducted by Sara Zaker, Asaduzzaman Nur, Shanta Islam and Qumruruzaman Runu. Interested persons are requested to collect application form and prospectus from the flower shop 'Sunflower' at Shahbag, upto July 4, says a press release.

## Housewife dies during abortion

A housewife died in Tikarpur village under Nawabganj Upazila during abortion on Saturday, reports UNB.

The body was brought to Mitford Hospital for autopsy today.

Sahar Banu, 40, wife of Deedar Ali Sikder, died after being wrongly treated by a quack, according to police report.

## 8,231 post offices now in country

Minister for Post and Telecommunications M Keramat Ali told the Jatiya Sangsad Sunday that there are now 8,231 post offices in the country, reports BSS.

In a written reply to a question from A K M Shahidul Islam (JP-Kurigram), the Minister said the government had a plan to set up 125 new post offices in the country.



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## ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন

যান্ত্রিক বিভাগ-১

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন  
আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

## পুন: নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের নিম্নে বর্ণিত পুরাতন যানবাহন (যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯/১১তে সীল মোহরকৃত যাবে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ১৫/৭/৯২ ইং (০১/৩/৯৯ বা) তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা, প্রকৌশল বিভাগ (যান্ত্রিক-১ ও ২), সফল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও মুহা-বাবুশাপক (পরিঃ) এর দস্তরের সমুখে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্র দাতাদের সমুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

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কার, জীপ, পিকআপ, মিনিটাক ও ট্রাক।	২২%	১,০০০/-

প্রকৌশল বিভাগ (যান্ত্রিক-১) সহ ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সফল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তার অফিস এবং হিসাব বিভাগের ক্যাশিয়ারের নিকট হইতে কাজের পার্শ্বে বর্ণিত মূল্যের বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে। প্রত্যেক দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত দস্তর ২-৭ হারে জামানতের টাকা অনুমোদিত ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাকট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে মেয়র, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অনুকূলে অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হইবে অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

আগ্রহী দরপত্র দাতাদের সিডিউল খরিদ পূর্বক মাল্যমাল আগামী ৪/৭/৯২ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতি কার্যদিবসে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (যান্ত্রিক-১) এর অফিস সিটি করপোরেশনের ওয়ার্কশপ, আউটফল অবলোকনের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

কৃতকার্য (সর্বোচ্চ) দর দাতাকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের তারিখ হইতে ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে উক্ত দস্তর সমুদয় টাকা জমাদান পূর্বক নিলামকৃত মাল্যমাল অবশ্যই ডেলিভারী নিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় তাহার প্রদত্ত জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। দরপত্রের দর অংক এবং কথায় উত্তরেই পরিষ্কার ভাবে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে।

কোন প্রকার কানন দাখিল বা ব্যতিক্রম হইলে যে কোন অথবা সফল দরপত্র বাতিল অথবা গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন কর্তৃপক্ষের সংরক্ষিত।

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী

যান্ত্রিক বিভাগ-১

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন।

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## ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 1993-94

Rotary District-3280/Bangladesh invites applications from eligible candidates for the following scholarships for 1993-94 offered by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International:

- Graduate Scholarships: (Any Field) (9 months duration)
  - Qualification: B.Sc. (Eng)/M.B.B.S./M.S./M.Sc./M.A. (First Class Career).
  - Age as of 15.7.1992: 18-30.
  - Experience: None.
- Freedom From Hunger Scholarships: (Agriculture) (2 years duration)
  - Qualification: Qualified for Graduate Scholarships.
  - Age: 21-50.
  - Experience: 2 years.
- Japanese Studies Scholarships: (Any Field) (1 year extendable)
  - Qualification: Eligible for Graduate Scholarships.
  - Age: 18-30.
  - Experience: None.
  - Preference: Knowledge in Japanese language.
- Vocational Scholarships: (Duration: 9 months)
- Journalism: (Duration: 9 months)
- Teacher of the Handicapped: (Duration: 9 months)

- Conditions:**
- Candidates must apply through one of the nearest Rotary Clubs in Bangladesh.
  - Applications must reach the sponsoring Rotary Club on or before 15 July, 1992 along with copies of certificates, photo and TOEFL score (if necessary).
  - The following are ineligible for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships: (a) Rotarians/Hon. Rotarians; (b) An employee of a club, district or other Rotary entity; (c) Spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood and any legally adopted child), or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the foregoing category; (d) Spouse of a lineal descendant.

**Note:** For studies in USA, Canada and Australia, a minimum TOEFL (or equivalent) score of 450 is required.