

Dhaka Day by Day

Remedy for Polio

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Tuhin is a graduate with good results. Like others of his age he is looking for a suitable job so that he can settle down and lead a quiet family life. But he has his handicap to overcome. Early in his childhood he suffered from a disease that is now avoidable.

He could never join others of his age in their hide and seek game, could never run ahead of others in any sort of race. His friends never took him in their hunting or fishing expedition — and all because they thought he slowed their pace.

Actually Tuhin did retard their speed. Months after Tuhin had been born, he was attacked by the poliomyelitis wild polio virus; he fought the war but he was left crippled forever. Born in a remote village in Kushtia, in the seventies, Tuhin never even had a chance to protect himself.

In Bangladesh there are thousands of such cases. In the eighties only two per cent of the country's children were fully immunised against all sorts of child diseases. National coverage evaluation surveys reveal that the polio immunisation level for 12-23-month-old children has increased from 69 per cent in 1990 to 88 per cent in 1993. Despite these favourable circumstances, however, polio cases continue to surface at an unacceptably high levels in Bangladesh (233 reported cases in 1993).

Polio cripples and can kill young children. In May 1988, the World Health Assembly passed a resolution calling for the worldwide eradication of poliomyelitis by the year 2000. Bangladesh, the EPI programme of which has been a success in the past, has also taken up strategies to eradicate the disease by the year 2000.

Supplementary immunisation activities is one such strategy for the purpose. It refers to the administration of two doses of oral polio vaccine at an interval of one month to all children under five years of age, regardless of previous inoculation. Supplementary polio immunisation includes: the outbreak or case response in areas where polio has been reported, mop-up in identified high risk populations and National Immunisation Days (NIDs).

"All strategies to eradicate polio, including NIDs, must occur if the transmission of wild polio virus is to be interrupted and the year 2000 goal realised," says Dr Quader, who is involved with the NID project in Manikganj district.

The NIDs will be conducted simultaneously throughout Bangladesh in all districts, thanas, municipalities and wards. There will be two rounds, one month apart. The first round was conducted on March 16, the second on April 16, 1995. The NIDs do not replace routine

vaccination rounds, but rather serve as a supplement to routine services. The purpose of the NIDs is to reach zero-dose and partially vaccinated children, while also giving the two extra doses to already vaccinated children. The NIDs will be used to 'recruit' unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children into the routine EPI system, so that these children can become vaccinated against all EPI diseases," says a Unicef official.

About 20 million children were expected to benefit from this nationwide programme in its first round on March 16.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is a partner with Unicef, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and several non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Bangladesh's National Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI) to achieve this goal.

This programme has been adopted to eradicate polio, following small pox. For instance, in Manikganj district seven thanas and one pourashava have undertaken the NID like elsewhere in the country. The total child population under the five years of age is 2,16,469 in the district.

To vaccinate these children they have trained 8000 volunteers who are basically government school teachers, Ansars, VDPs. There are 1600 centres and 39 fixed centres for the programme in Manikganj and 12445 vials for the day. "Since we are going to administer oral drops and there is no fear of injection, the response will be good. But the main problem here is to bring children and register them for the day's programme," Dr Quader expresses.

Miking, poster and house-to-house motivation have been going on and the response is extremely positive. Bangladesh plans three consecutive years of NIDs. By eradicating polio, Bangladesh will be assisting the rest of the world in reaching the year 2000 eradication goal, and at the same time have more resources to devote to other EPI needs.

With its effort there will hopefully be no more sorry figures like Tuhin.



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Child participants at a cultural programme held in connection with the Eid-reunion at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium yesterday. The academy organised the function. — Star photo

Doctors urged to strengthen treatment system

Deputy Leader in Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday urged the doctors to strengthen their treatment system for preventing diseases in the country, reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury said this at the installation ceremony of an oncology unit (cancer diagnosis unit) at the Delta Medical Centre at Mirpur here.

Chairman of the centre and the first actuary of insurance companies in Bangladesh Shafaet Ahmed Chowdhury chaired the function while managing director of the centre Dr S M Ali also spoke on the occasion.

Prof Chowdhury said most cancer cases in the country are preventable if an effective cancer awareness could be developed. On the other hand, a big number of cancer patients could be cured through developing an effective diagnosis system, he said.

He urged the private entrepreneurs to invest more in the medical sector for developing a proper health and medicare system in the country. "A large number of patients have to go abroad for treatment for want of facilities in the country," he said and observed that if appropriate treatment facilities could be

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Abul Mansur's anniversary of death today

The 15th death anniversary of Abul Mansur Ahmad, renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent, will be observed today with due solemnity, reports BSS.

On this occasion, Abul Mansur Ahmad Memorial Committee has organised *doa mahfil, fateha at the mazar* at the national graveyard, distribution of alms to the destitute.

A discussion meeting has been jointly organised by the memorial committee and the Sahitya Sangskriti Parishad on April 2, at Shishu auditorium of the Jatiya Jadooghar (National Museum) at 4:30 pm.

Mirza Golam Hafiz, acting president of the memorial committee, will preside over the discussion meeting while Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar will be the chief guest and Chief Election Commissioner Justice Abdur Rouf will be the special guest.

Discussion meeting will be addressed by well-known journalists, litterateurs and politicians of the country.

Moves for trial of killers of Zia, Manzur hailed

By Staff Correspondent
Dr Ahmad Sharif and Dr Anwar Hossain, President and General Secretary respectively of the Colonel Taher Sangsrad, Thursday demanded trial of those who captured power violating the Constitution.

In a joint statement, they welcomed the moves for trial of the killers of General Zia and General Manzur but pointed out that these were not simple murder cases but by eliminating them the state power was grabbed in violation of the Constitution.

They said the process of destroying the Constitution by using the army started in 1975 with the brutal assassination of President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In the same way, four leaders were killed in prison. Khaled Mosharrar was killed. Colonel Taher was hanged after a secret trial in a military court and General Ziaur Rahman and General Manzur were assassinated in a military coup and rebellion.

The sincerity of the current trials will be proved if other killers are similarly brought to book.

Conference of AAB

Agriculture and Water Resources Minister M Majid-ul-Haq said yesterday government will remove all bottleneck as soon as possible to employ agriculturist in government services, reports BSS.

He said this while addressing as the chief guest at the conference of Agriculturist Association of Bangladesh (AAB) at BARC auditorium in the city.

The function was also addressed among others by agriculture secretary of BNP Shamsuzzaman Dudu and member secretary of AAB Khandoker Mahfuzul Haq.

Majid-ul-Haq said government had provided about 800 new job opportunities to the agriculturists last year.

He said the government is determined to establish our administration structure on the basis of quality. He said some necessary steps are underway to create an efficient administrative infrastructure.

Nat'l institute of ophthalmology to be set up soon

The government is going to set up a national institute of ophthalmology in the capital soon, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf said here Thursday, reports BSS.

The institute, which will cost Taka 45 crore, is now under consideration of the Planning Commission. In the next two to three months, the plan is likely to be approved by EC-NEC (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council), he said.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on 'neuro ophthalmology' here at the conference room of the Islamia Eye Hospital (IEH).

Organised jointly by the Mirza Ahmed Ispahani Institute of Ophthalmology and IEH, the day-long seminar was attended by ophthalmologists, neuro surgeons and members of related medical profession

Hanif opens DCC dev project

By Staff Correspondent
Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday inaugurated a project for developing the retaining wall, ghat and pavement around the pond adjacent to the Hossaini Dalan Imambara Mosque under Ward No. 63 of the DCC, said a press release.

The project involves Taka 35 lakh and is expected to be completed in four months.

On this occasion, a rally was organised at the project site with the local ward commissioner, Golam Morshed in the chair.

Speaking on fund constraints being faced by the DCC, the mayor said he took over charges with a Taka 150 crore credit burden while only Taka 4 crore were in the DCC fund.

Nazar Hossain, Kazi Masum, Kamaluddin and others also spoke on the occasion.

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