

## SAVE DHAKA

Healthcare

## Quality service a far cry

By Reaz Ahmad

The problem of health care in the city is not as much of physical infrastructures as it is of service standard.

In recent years the government mobilized more resources for development of medicare facilities in line with its plan for attaining 'Health for All by the Year 2000'. But, the question of quality service remains unanswered.

People complaining about poor services in city hospitals and clinics is a common thing.

To improve the services the government launched a special programme early this year at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). But, shockingly, the move tumbled due to protests by a section of the hospital staff who smelt a denationalization motive behind it.

The special programme styled 'Centre for Management Excellence and Quality Assurance' (CMEQA) was funded by the World Health Organization (WHO) after a study by a team of local experts last year.

The CMEQA programme

was postponed following strong resistance from the nurses and fourth class employees of the hospital. A committee headed by the Principal of the Dhaka Medical College was formed in mid-February to re-evaluate the programme.

The committee, which included representatives of the nurses and fourth class employees, was supposed to give its report to the Ministry of Health within one month, but it failed.

The evaluation committee in its June 29 meeting resolved to take more time to submit its report because the programme needed careful study by the newly elected office bearers of the hospital employees.

"People of this country, particularly the government employees are normally opposed to any sort of change. They are fond of maintaining status quo in everything. If we really want our people to get quality health service, overall service pattern of our hospitals must be changed," said a

member of the WHO funded study group, who teaches biochemistry in a government medical college and preferred not to be named.

The CMEQA programme was aimed at decentralization of hospital administration, reduction of waiting time for patients, ensuring hygienic atmosphere and improving the quality of diet and management efficiency.

There was a plan to introduce the programme in other hospitals of the country after its success at the DMCH.

On an average, the number of indoor patients at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital stands around 1400 against its bed capacity of 1,000.

"There are some 1,500 class III and class IX employees at the DMCH as against an average of 1,400 patients. But, atmosphere in the hospital is unhealthy because of inefficient waste disposal," Serajul Haq, Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare told The Daily Star recently.

Manzur murder  
Fresh warrants  
sent to jail  
authorities

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 3: Fresh production warrants issued by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Chittagong, against the five chargesheeted accused including former president H M Ershad, in the Gen Manzur murder case, were sent today to the respective jail authorities through special messengers for escorting them to the court of the CMM here on July 16, court sources said.

Fresh production warrants were issued on July 1 because none of the accused was produced in the court on that date.

CMM S M Matiuir Rahman said on the day that case would be transferred to trial court if the accused were produced in his court on July 16.

Of the five accused Ershad, Maj Gen (ret) Abdul Latif and Lt. Col (ret) Kamaluddin Ahmed are now in Dhaka Central Jail. Lt. Col (ret) Shamsur Rahman in Tangail jail and Major (rt) Kazi Emdadul Huq in Comilla jail.

Ershad was chargesheeted as the principal accused in the case.

DUTA resents  
PM's remarks

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday resented the Prime Minister's remarks on its stand on the admission of 20 students to Dhaka University.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had reportedly told the leaders of the Federation of University Teachers' Associations on Saturday that the DUTA should not do politics with the admission of 20 meritorious students.

The DUTA president, Prof ATM Zahurul Haq and the general secretary, Prof SM Imamul Haq in a joint statement said, "Any attempt to admit students ignoring the existing rules and procedures is regrettable."

The DUTA is determined to uphold the rules and regulations of the university, they said regretting that the Prime Minister termed the teachers' pledge as politics.

They demanded an enquiry to find out why the 20 students did not appear at the admission test.

3 killed in  
truck accident

SAVAR, July 3: Three persons were killed when a truck plunged into a roadside Kanapara canal after breaking the railings of a bridge on Dhaka-Aricha highway this morning, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at about 5:30 am near Savar Bank Town when the truck driver lost its control. The names of the deceased including the driver and helper could not be known immediately.

2 more bills  
introduced

State Minister for Finance Mojbub Rahman yesterday introduced in the House two bills, the Bank Company (Amendment) Bill, 1995 and the Companies Profits (Workers Participation) (Amendment) Bill, 1995, reports BSS.

The Bank Company (Amendment) Bill, 1995 seeks to incorporate and amend certain provision of the Bank Company Act, 1991 to ensure more discipline and establish accountability in the banking sector.

The proposed amendments also seek to include a few definitions and give explanation to the provision of the act of 1991.

The Companies Profits (Workers Participation) (Amendment) Bill, 1995 provides for enjoying the benefits of workers participation fund by workers, employees and officers in public sector industries drawing salary of 7800 to 9000 pay scale as per salary structures effected on July one, 1991.

10 directors of  
Asiatic Cotton  
mills arrested

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 3: Ten directors including the chairman and the managing director of the Asiatic Cotton Mills here were arrested in connection with a default case filed by Pubali Bank.

The Chittagong Chief Metropolitan Magistrate rejected their bail prayer on Sunday.

Pubali Bank filed a case against them for not refunding a loan of Taka 14 crore taken against the Asiatic Cotton Mills.

Foreign micro-enterprise  
developers exchange ideas

By Staff Correspondent

A 15-member team of micro-enterprise developers from Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and China has begun a week-long study tour in the country for exchanging ideas and experience.

The study tour, organised by the Brisbane-based Foundation for Development Co-operation and funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), is aimed at examining the micro-enterprise development (MED) operations of the Gramsc Bank, BRAC, Gano Kallayan Trust (GKT), Ideas International, Shakti Foundation and Buro, Tangail, says a press release issued by the Australian High Commission in Dhaka.

Recognising MED as an important plank in Australia's official overseas aid agenda, the Australian government, through AusAID, has allocated more than \$14 million to MED related activities, especially in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

According to the release, members of the visiting team who mostly come from NGOs, are trying to learn about the successful MED schemes operating in other countries of the region.

MED is an important but

often neglected aspect of many Asian economies, leader of the team Mark Otter was quoted as saying.

"While the details vary from country to country, Micro-enterprises are operated by poor people who are on the fringes of the formal economy," said Otter, adding, "recent studies suggest this informal sector accounts for between 30 and 60 per cent of the economically active population in developing countries particularly in Asia."

According to Otter, a programme officer with the Brisbane-based independent research organisation promoting international development cooperation, promotion of MED operation is a useful development strategy because it contributes directly to poverty alleviation, rather than relying on sometimes dubious 'trickle-down' associated with large scale capital development.

"It is the best example of participatory or 'bottom-up' development, not requiring massive administrative bureaucracies," he said. It can be done by people with little or no education who can make a modest living on their own initiative, he added.

## The Midnight File

Dudayev ready to step  
down on condition

MOSCOW, July 3: Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev today agreed to step down if Moscow recognised Chechnya's sovereignty, Itar-Tass news agency reported. The offer was made during unprecedented talks in the Chechen mountains early today between Dudayev and Arkady Volosky, deputy head of the Russian delegation at peace talks in the war-shattered Chechen capital Grozny, reports AFP.

Clearance for remaining  
Rohingyas soon: Yangon

Bangladesh expects Myanmar would soon give clearance to the remaining Rohingya refugees so that they could be repatriated, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The spokesman at a regular weekly news briefing at the ministry said that at the 18th official level repatriation talks held in Yangon from June 28 to 30, the Bangladesh side gave a list of 42,489 refugees for verification and clearance by the Myanmar government so that they could be repatriated quickly.

The Myanmar gave the assurance to issue clearance and "we expect the clearance would come soon," he said.

The spokesman also disclosed that a Commonwealth meeting of officials and civil groups held at Colombo recently has recommended to the Commonwealth Summit due to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, in November to adopt an agenda for development, democracy and

human rights. Bangladesh played a 'significant role' at the Colombo meeting, he said.

The spokesman said the Colombo meeting also recommended to the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) that there was a need for increasing the national capacity for statistics for the member countries, as well as for regular publication of social indicators, free access to official information to ensure greater awareness for human rights.

The spokesman said, "We promoted the cause of human security at the Colombo meeting."

The Grameen Bank representative at the meeting made a valuable contribution by stressing the need to ensure access to resources to ensure human rights, he added.

ROK team in Ctg to  
help build WTC

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 3: A South Korean delegation comprising architects and planners arrived in the port city today to provide consultancy service for building the 'World Trade Centre' (WTC) planned by the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI&I).

The delegation, led by Kaihak Sung, President of Young One group, today exchanged views with the directors of Chittagong chamber and assured all cooperation in building the trade centre, according to a press release of the chamber.

President of CCC&I Sarwar Jamal Nizam welcomed the delegation at the chamber office. The team visited the site of the trade centre, donated by the Prime Minister.

The trade centre will be housed in a 20-storied building to be constructed at an estimated cost of Taka 40 crore. There will be a trade promotion centre, a three star hotel, display centres, shopping centres, a conference room and bank and insurance offices in the building.

20 injured in  
Sylhet clash

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, July 3: About 20 persons were injured in a clash between the rickshaw-pullers and tempo workers and businessmen here today. Three rickshawpullers were stated to be in critical condition.

Shop owner shot  
dead in city

By DMCH Correspondent

One person was shot dead while three others were killed in road accidents in various parts of the city yesterday.

Jahangir Alam Sarker, 27, a grocery shop owner of East Dholairpur under Demra police station, received bullet injuries when some miscreants fired at him near the Giyasuddin Market at 5 pm because of enmity.

He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Abdul Mannan, 25, a pedestrian, was run over by a speeding minibus in front of the Purobi Cinema Hall at Mirpur in the morning.

Another person, aged 25, was killed when a tempo knocked him down at Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at around 5:30 am.

Mamun, 15, wounded after falling from a running bus near the Cantonment Rail Station on Sunday, succumbed to his injuries at the DMCH yesterday.

## PM okays

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ground of an unconstitutional demand.

4) Will the Article relating to vacation of seats for consecutive 90 days of absence would be applicable for en-masse boycott.

It is mentioned in the letter that 11 such references seeking court interpretations were made in India and three in Pakistan.

This will be the first such reference in Bangladesh.

Legal experts said that the Appellate Division would give its interpretation after a full hearing in which the opposition parties may be made a party.

The ruling high command decided to seek the SC's interpretation after more than 145 Opposition MPs' absence from the House crossed the 90-day constitutional limit.

Earlier, the additional attorney general, in consultation with Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Golam Hafiz, had prepared the draft of the reference.

## Akhtaruzzaman

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absconding since June, 1993. He again crossed 90 days' absence from the 14th session to the current 20th session.

According to Constitutional provision, an MP should vacate his seat if he remain absent from the session without leave of the House.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali said the leave application was placed before the House on Feb 27, 1994 when the opposition MPs were boycotting the session. It was deferred at the requests of the Deputy Leader of the House and the Chief Whip who said the matter should be decided in presence of the opposition MPs.

The application was also deferred twice during the current session.

The treasury bench members shouted 'yes' when the Speaker, after a brief speech, put the matter into vote as per Article 179 (2) of the Rules of Procedure.

Shipping Minister MK Anwar and Shajahan Siraj MP tried to say something on the matter before the voting, but the Speaker did not give them floor saying "there is no scope for any debate on the matter."

## Hearing of writ continues

Justice Rouf held 2 posts  
simultaneously, court told

Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf held two posts simultaneously by an order of the then acting President and it (order) gets full protection of the 11th Amendment to the Constitution, said a government pleader, reports UNB.

Putting up the argument before a High Court Bench yesterday, Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan said all orders passed by acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed were ratified and declared to have been validly made by the 11th amendment.

He was placing his arguments on a writ petition challenging the holding of two constitutional posts the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and a judge in a High Court Division—by Justice Rouf.

The writ was filed by Advocate M Saleem Ullah on July 11 last year and court issued rule nisi. Earlier, petitioner's lawyer Advocate M I Farooqui concluded his sub-

mission.

Wadud Bhuiyan argued, since the terms of appointment of Justice Rouf as the Chief Election Commissioner provide that he shall be in actual service of a judge, shall get the benefits of a judge and be entitled to resume his office of the judge, it was a valid order as per Article 118 (5) of the Constitution and declared to

have been validly made by the 11th Amendment of the Constitution.

The terms of appointment of Justice Rouf were not liable to challenge unless the petitioner can establish that the 11th Amendment has destroyed the basic structure of the Constitution.

He cited the decision of the Appellate Division on the 8th Amendment and submitted that the 11th Amendment didn't destroy any of the basic features of the Constitution.

## SC turns down

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Moudud Ahmed, told the court that the grounds for vacating the stay order are not tenable in law. Vacating the stay at this stage will defeat the purpose of the appeal.

On the point of making the government party to the appeal Rafiq said the government having not taken any interest in the original writ and the High Court having not issued any rule upon the government, such petition should not be entertained.

Barrister K S Nabi, counsel for Sheikh Hasina, submitted that the impugned judgement and order contained certain untenable remarks, observations and opinion on highly political issues affecting the entire politics of the nation.

Vacating the order of stay at this stage will create more tension and disharmony between the ruling party and the opposition parties and

lead to further constitutional crisis in the country, he said. The order of stay, therefore, should not be vacated at this stage for the ends of justice.

After hearing both the sides, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court rejected the petitions and ordered an early hearing of the appeal.

Petitioner's lawyer, Barrister Mohammad Ali, told the court that the government has no right to pray for vacating the stay without informing the petitioner, Anwar Hossain Khan.

The government had been made party in the case, but it did not appear before the High Court Division at that time. Now it has no right to make this sort of prayers, he argued.

Barrister Abdur Razzak appeared for Matiuir Rahman Nizami.

## Sudan threatens

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Meanwhile, thousands of Sudanese rallied today in Khartoum, vowing to repulse any Egyptian attempt to seize Halaib. Soldiers and militiamen, some in tattered uniforms, raised their rifles as they passed the platform where el-Bashir and Turabi stood.

After the parade, some women soldiers presented el-Bashir with a written pledge that their forces were ready to fight.

"This is a message to the whole world and not only Egypt that nothing will stop Sudan from completing its path despite plots by the enemies," the letter said.

Sudan has been mentioning Nile river waters while restating its claim to Halaib, a disputed triangle of land on the Egyptian-Sudan border. Egypt was awarded the area under a 1899 British accords but in 1902 it gave Sudan administrative control.

Sudan said yesterday that Egypt is massing troops in and around the disputed Halaib triangle prior to launching a military offensive to fully annex the area on the Red Sea border.

Ghazi Salah Al-Din Atabani, Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry, said, "But if

such a possibility arises I can assure them they (Egyptians) will meet very tough resistance. We will defend ourselves."

Today, State Minister Ghazi Salah-Eddine repeated Sudanese assertions that Egypt was bolstering military units to take control of Halaib by force.

He said five Egyptian armoured and infantry battalions had been shifted to the area north and west of Halaib, where they outnumbered Sudan's units in the area "at least 10 times."

In Cairo, military officials denied that any units had been moved south, but did not rule out redeployments within the region.

Road link with  
Sirajganj  
suspended

SIRAJGANJ, July 3: Road communications between Sirajganj and rest of the country remained suspended for the second consecutive day today as the transport workers blocked the New Bogra road protesting toll collection, reports UNB.



Banharn Silpa-archa, leader of the Chart Thai party, listening to questions during a press conference at his Bangkok residence yesterday. Banharn, whose party took 92 seats to win general elections Sunday last, announced that a newly formed alliance between the Chart Thai and five others smaller parties would try to finalise a cabinet lineup this week.

## No plan for fresh laws: Matin

75469 criminal acts  
committed last yr

By Staff Correspondent

As many as 75,469 crimes were committed across the country in the year 1994, Home Minister Abdul Matin Choudhury told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. The accounts were based on police records.

Cases were filed against 2,65,965 persons and 78,851 of them were arrested. Of them, 1574 persons were arrested on charge of repressing women.

Replying to a question from Major (ret) Akhteruzzaman, the Home Minister said 68,726 of the cases filed in connection with the incidents were disposed of. None was held without trial, he added.

During the period, 12,799 acts of crime were recorded with the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, 2,109 with the Chittagong Metropolitan Police, 1,160 with the Khulna Metropolitan Police and 785 with the Rajshahi Metropolitan Police.

Motijheel thana topped the list with 1408 incidents followed by Ramna thana with 1234, Teigaon thana with 1227 and Mirpur thana with 1202.

Replying to another question from ATM Alamgir, the Home Minister said work on

## AL probe

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AL chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

The report said the ministers, MPs and other leaders of the ruling party were actively involved in the production, collection, supply and marketing of fertilizer.

The commission collected specific evidences regarding this and made eight recommendations, said an AL press release.

Receiving the report, Hasina reiterated her allegations that the ruling party leaders made crores of Taka out of the fertilizer crisis and deprived the farmers of this essential input.

She alleged that fertilizer was sold at Tk 500 to 1200 per bag.

**ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ঢাকা ওয়াসার সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের জ্ঞাতার্থে

জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২৯ শে জুন বৃহস্পতিবার এবং ৩০ শে জুন '৯৫ শুক্রবার থাকার ইচ্ছা সত্ত্বেও অনেক গ্রাহক তাদের পানি/পয়ঃ অভিকরের বিল ব্যাংকে জমা দিতে পারেন নাই বিধায় বিল পরিশোধের সুবিধার্থে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বিল পরিশোধের সময়সীমা আগামী ১৫ই জুলাই '৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হয়েছে।

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