

## '48 newborns die in every 1000 live birth'

By Staff Correspondent

Death rate of newborns is still one of the highest compared to neighbouring countries in Bangladesh. Forty-eight newborns (age 0-30 days) die in every 1000 live births.

About 30 lakh babies are born each year but regrettably a large number of them die that can be reduced substantially although a 20 per cent reduction of neonatal (newborn) death has been recorded over the last one and a half decade.

The studies were revealed at the 1st national conference and scientific session organised by Bangladesh Neonatal Forum yesterday. The conference was held at the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons auditorium presided over by forum's convenor Prof Nazmunn Nahar.

Surveys revealed that there is a tremendous lack of knowledge on the part of mothers and healthcare providers about newborn care. Lack of medical facilities also attribute to 'unwanted' death of the newborns.

### BTMC Tender Notice for Sell of Land at Noakhali Textile Mills and Tangail Cotton Mills

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Chief Engineer, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka from the interested persons/organisation/citizen of Bangladesh staying abroad for selling of (A) Approximately 8.63 acre land of Tangail Cotton Mills at Mouza Gorai, Mirzapur, Tangail (B) Approximately 9.89 acre land of Noakhali Textile Mills at Mouza Chor Boga & Chor Rakhalia, Raipur, Lakshimpur, including the existing structure on the land as it is where it is basis.

Tender documents may be purchased from the office of the Chief Accountant, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad, Chittagong & respective Mills Office on cash payment of Tk. 750/- (non-refundable) per set for each group up to 21-12-99 on all working days during office hours up to 1:00 PM. Tender will be received by the above office of the Chief Engineer, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban (2nd floor), BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad, Chittagong & in the reception room adjacent to the Gate No. 1 & 3 of Bangladesh Secretariate, Dhaka on 22-12-99 up to 11:00 AM & will be opened in each & every place at 12:00 Noon in presents of the bidder (if any) except in the Gate No. 1 & 3 of Bangladesh Secretariate which will be opened in office of the Chief Engineer, BTMC, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka at 12:00 Noon.

2½% security deposit of the quoted value must be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/PO in favour of BTMC from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh. In case of the citizens of Bangladesh staying abroad will submit 2½% security money in the form of Bank Draft in foreign currency along with the original bank receipt with the tender. Representative of the foreign citizen may submit tender on behalf of the citizen of Bangladesh staying abroad. Tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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### Condolence rally for Dadabhai today

By DU Correspondent

A citizen condolence rally will be held at the Central Shaheed Minar today at 3 pm in remembrance of the country's noted child litterateur and founder of Kochi Kanchar Mela Rakonuzaman Khan popularly known as Dadabhai.

These were found causes of infection that leads to ultimate death of the newborns. Mothers believe in superstitions particularly in rural areas were also found reluctant to breast-feed their babies.

Many health visitors were also found lacking knowledge on this. Those who survive also live with life long complications due to lack of proper care. An example of this is birth perennial asphyxia which can be avoided. But the studies showed about 9-12 per cent suffer from this problem in the country.

National Prof M R Khan, Prof M S Akbar, Prof Nurul Islam, Prof T A Choudhury among others addressed the conference in the morning session.



Noted singer Tapan Chowdhury, model Nobel and others performing at Close-Up Star Nights at the Chittagong Club recently. The programme was sponsored by Close-Up.

### Martyrs of Liberation War Balaganj — a place of turbulent struggle

SYLHET, Dec 7:

Balaganj under Sylhet district is one of the highly turbulent places where the Pakistani occupation forces have faced stiff resistance from the valiant freedom fighters during the nine-month long bloody War of Liberation. reports BSS.

An unspecified number of innocent people of this area were ruthlessly killed by the occupation forces who also burnt into ashes innumerable dwelling houses and left a vast trail of devastation during the nine-month ordeal. Only 300 names could be collected from among those who embraced martyrdom during the War of Liberation.

Despite wanton killing, arson, destruction and looting by the frenzied Pakistani army, the courage and commitment of the people of Balaganj have finally led the nation to victory.

They demonstrated their joy of breaking down the shackles of subjugation by hoisting first the flag of independence on December 7, 1971 after freeing the whole area. Valiant freedom fighter Azizul Kamal led his fellow freedom fighters to hoist the first flag amid jubilation and cheers of hundreds of people on that historic day.

Since then every year the people of Balaganj observe December 7 as the 'Balaganj Liberation day' with enthusiasm and a great respect for those who made their supreme sacrifices for snatching independence for the country and also for those who fought unto their best to drive out the heinous forces from the soil of Bangladesh.

The ancestral home of the Commander-in-Chief of Bangladesh Mukti Bahini General MAG Osmany is in Balaganj. During the War, the freedom fighters fought several front battles with the Pakistani army including two fierce battles in the neighbouring Sherpur and Shadipur areas.

Following the Pakistan army's crackdown on March 26, 1971, the freedom fighters equipped with only 303 rifles suddenly attacked the Pakistani hordes and fought a seven-hour long stiff battle from all directions to drive them out of their base. The Pakistan army finding no other way started fleeing their base and ultimately Sherpur came under the occupation of the freedom fighters.

The retreating Pakistan army then took shelter in nearby Shadipur area where they again faced a similar resistance from the freedom fighters led by Major CR Dutta on April 6. The occupation forces again suffered a humiliating defeat and Shadipur thus came under the total control of freedom fighters. The two battles in Sherpur and Shadipur cost a number of lives in both sides.

After the independence, December 7 comes every year with heroic reminiscence of bravery for the people of Balaganj but the near and dear ones of those martyrs take more pride for the contribution they had made for snatching the long-cherished freedom from the Pakistani brutal forces.

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