

## National

# Sarisabari Health Complex in bad shape

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Feb 5: Sarisabari Thana Health Complex is beset with manifold problems hampering the medicare service. Insufficient doctors, bed shortage, lack of medicine, unhealthy drainage system, disordered ambulance and polluted environment have shattered the health service. Ramshackle doors and windows of the health complex also added to the problems.

For carrying patients, rickshaws, vans and pullerets are being used as the ambulance of the health complex remains inoperative for three months. Due to fund shortage, the ambulance could not be repaired.

Shortage of doctors are hampering the treatment facilities. Most of time there is no doctors in the health sub centres, it is widely alleged. The post of doctors in Pithna and Pugdigha have been lying vacant for a long time.

Patients alleged only simple ailments like common cold, dysentery, headache are being treated in the 31-bed health complex.

Patients having complex diseases are being deprived of the better treatment. On the other hand, poor patients have to buy medicine from out side. About the complaint a doctor said the allocation of medicine, gauge, bandages, cotton and other surgical necessities round the year are too meagre than the requirement.

There is shortage of pure and safe drinking water at the health complex as its three hand tubewells had been stolen in 1997. Sixteen ceiling fans, out of 26 are out of order. Shortage of X-ray films are also prevailing. Most of toilets are not useable as these are dirty.

Due to erratic power supply the operation becomes risky as the health complex has no power generator.

Local people demand mitigation of sufferings of the health complex and upgradation of beds of the health complex up to 50 from 31.

UNB from Kushtia says: People in six thanas of Kushtia district are being denied proper medicare facilities due to shortage of doctors and other

basic amenities in the government hospitals and health complexes.

Amid hectic government campaign to reach healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of the common people at least 40 posts of doctors have been lying vacant in different health centers here since long adding to the sufferings of poor people.

Private clinics and pathological laboratories are doing brisk business taking advantage of the situation.

Meanwhile, local people complained that government doctors remained busy with private practices in different clinics neglecting their official duties.

Some patients alleged that most of the doctors advise them to perform various tests in the private labs and take admission in private clinics for better treatment.

It was further alleged that officials of the health complexes misappropriate medicines meant for the poor patients and supply only paracetamol and histacain.

## Five robberies committed, 13 arrested in districts

A total of five robberies were committed and 13 robbers arrested in several districts in recent days, report agencies.

In Narsingdi, robbers stormed a house in a village Gokhla under Monohardi and looted cash and valuables worth Tk two lakh.

Police said armed dacoits numbering 25 entered the house of Hirendralal Bardhan at dead of night and looted cash, ornaments and other valuables.

The dacoits also beat up four inmates of the house as they tried to prevent bandits from looting the wealth.

A case was filed with Monohardi thana in this connection.

a fish boat near at Burigolani forest office area in the Kholapatua river under Shyamnagar thana of Satkhira district recently.

Police sources said a group of armed dacoits stopped an engine boat loaded with fish fry coming from Golakhat at night and looted forty thousands fish fry worth over taka 50 thousand and other goods from the boat at gun point.

A case was filed with Shayamnagar thana police in this connection.

In Patuakhali, villagers caught two dacoits red handed and gouged their eyes in Chitalabu under Galachipa thana on Tuesday.

Residents said the dacoits numbering 10-12 stormed the house of Sanu Molla, looted cash and valuables and tried to flee in an engine boat with the booty.

On hearing hue and cry, villagers came in and surrounded the engine boat. They succeeded to catch hold of two dacoits while others managed to escape. Identified as Kalam, 36, and Babul, 32, the bandits were given a good beating and their eyes gouged. Later, they were handed over to the police.

In another incident, police arrested a ring leader from village Chaita in Mirzaganj thana under Patuakhali recently.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Kanchan Ali and caught him.

Kanchan, who was wanted by police in several cases, had long been absconding.

SI Abul Hashem was injured in a scuffle with Kanchan during the raid.

In Barisal, police of the two thanas of the district arrested as many as five dacoits recently.

According to police sources, on a tip-off, Bakerganj thana police rounded up Babul and Hannan when they were re-

turning after committing dacoity at Gopernath village of Nalchittha thana of Jhalakathi district.

Besides, Babuganj thana police arrested Jabbar, Ajahar and Ebaidullah from Ghatak Char and Bakshir Char areas of the thana recently.

They committed a dacoity at East Pangsha village of Jamadar Bari at night, the source added.

Separate cases were registered against them in the two respective police stations.

In Rajshahi, villagers thwarted a dacoity bid at Bhugrai village and caught four bandits red-handed last week.

Witnesses said the robbers numbering about 15 looted nine shallow pump machines from a field in the area by tying up their owners.

But two of the villagers, Azhar and Abul, tactfully unthatched the knots and fled. They later awoke the villagers by using a loudhailer from a mosque and cordoned off the bandits.

The thieves then tried to speed away in a truck with an angry mob at their heels. But they could not escape as the villagers blocked the road by putting up logs.

Four of the bandits were caught red-handed while the rest, however, managed to escape.

The arrested were identified as Mosarraf Hossain Lal, 30, of Naogaon district, Atiqur Rahman, 28, of Bogra, Kajal Rashed Saddam, 22, Rokon, 26, of Rajshahi city and Fazlu, 24, of Bagmara thana.

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Narayanganj Road Division, Shimail, Narayanganj

### R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender notice number
2. Name of work
3. Estimated cost
4. Earnest money
5. Time allowed for work
6. Eligibility of contractors
7. Offices where tenders will be available
8. Offices where tenders will be received
9. Last date and time of selling tender
10. Date and time of receiving tender
11. Date and time of opening tender
12. Date and time of lottery
13. Head of expenditure
14. Estimate approving official
15. Cost of tender

NB: It is mentionedable that the tender has been invited subject to the approval of estimate by the appropriate authority and the approved rate and the estimated cost will be treated as final.

#### Group list

Tender Notice No: 51 Narayanganj Road Division, year 1999-2000, divided into total 4 (four) groups.

Group Number	Name of work and description	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	Work of sealcoat along with repair on the 5th KM part of Narayanganj Link Road in the pre-mixed carpeting system.	Tk 9,49,992/-	Tk 19,000/-	25 (twenty-five) days	'A' to 'D' general class
2 (two)	-Do- -Do- -Do- on the 6th KM part of Narayanganj Link Road in the pre-mixed carpeting system.	Tk 9,33,244/-	Tk 18,665/-	25 (twenty-five) days	'A' to 'D' general class
3 (three)	Work of sealcoat along with repair of the pavement damaged along the four sides of soakpit dug by the T&T from the 1st KM to 4th KM in flexible pavement construction system on Demra-Juteumill-Narayanganj Road.	Tk 5,52,788/-	Tk 11,056/-	15 (fifteen) days	'A' to 'E' general class
4 (four)	Work of sealcoat along with repair in premixed carpeting system on the 10th part KM (1st part) of Bhulata-Araiha-Bangladesh-Gopal-Bangcharampur Road.	Tk 4,90,337/-	Tk 9,807/-	15 (fifteen) days	'A' to 'E' general class

Md Abdul Muktadir  
Executive Engineer (R&H)  
Narayanganj Road Division.



Former MP Azizur Rahman, Red Crescent Society officials and local journalists visited the erosion-hit Shahpur village in Charkhat thana of Rajshahi district last week. — Star photo

## Smuggling of phensidyl up in Jhenidah dist

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JHENIDAH, Feb 5: Smuggling of contraband phensidyl syrup from India is increasing alarmingly in Jhenidah and adjoining districts as the law enforcing agencies are not allegedly active in border areas.

The item was popular in various parts of Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Kushtia districts as 'dail'. But the name has been turned into 'fancy'.

Consumers of the harmful drug is mainly young people. Recently a good number of young women, especially students are involved with the evil drug trading. A good number of female students of Islamic University reportedly have become addicted in phensidyl syrup.

Kaliganj police said, the arrested and the houseowner were allegedly involved in phensidyl trading for long.

Officials of the Narcotics Control Department, with the help of police, recovered 285 bottles of banned phensidyl syrup from a house at village Khamarmundia in Kaliganj thana recently.

Police arrested six persons for their alleged involvement in phensidyl trading, according to police sources.

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Recently policemen of Haligopur outpost, being informed by the local people, recovered 166 bottles of phensidyl syrup from a shop at about 10 pm. Police named one Golam Sarwar for his alleged involvement with the illegal trading of phensidyl.

Local people alleged that the quantity of recovered contraband had doubled than the previous ones. But policemen men-

tioned about recovery of only 166 bottles. Furthermore the man who was nabbed was allegedly released on the same night.

Personnel of the Narcotics and Liquor Department led by a magistrate recently raided the house of one person named Abdul Malek at village Khamarmundia and recovered 270 bottles of phensidyl syrup from his possession. Six persons namely Mohammad Ali, Jamaluddin, Liton, Yar Ali, Ashikul Islam and Ekram were arrested for their alleged involvement in phensidyl trading recently.

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## News snaps

### Phensidyl seized

JHENIDAH, Feb 5: BDR jawans seized 20,000 bottles of Indian phensidyl from frontier Molespur thana on Monday, reports UNB.

On information, the BDR men from 32 battalion of Jessorah area recovered the drug abandoned in an area on Baruipur-Jhajabpur road. The phensidyl bottles were taken to the BDR headquarters in Jessorah.

### Election held

SATKHIRA, Feb 5: The Annual Election of Satkhira District Transport Workers Union was held here at the bus terminal office recently, reports BSS.

Mohammad Jalaluddin and Moshier Rahman were elected president and general secretary respectively.

### Body recovered

BARISAL, Feb 5: Two bodies were recovered from rivers Kalabadar and Nishinda in Barisal district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

One of the victims was identified as fish drier Amir Ali of Trawler FV Mahamaya, who was abducted earlier by pirates from the Kalabadar river. Another body of an unidentified man was recovered from the Nishinda river in Bakerganj thana. It bore marks of torture. The two bodies were sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

### Restoration of old bazaar day

KHAGRACHHARI, Feb 5: With the restoration of peace in the hill districts, local leaders have decided to revert to traditional system of holding market in remote areas of the region on separate days from the present one-day system, reports UNB.

The decision was taken after discussion with bazaar administrations and the chairman of Parbatty Zilla Parishad. Unrest in the hilly countryside after 1980s had forced the local leaders to hold market in different hats and bazaars on one day instead of separate days, depriving the farmers of due prices of their produce.

### AL leader arrested

BAGERHAT, Feb 5: A local leader of Awami League was arrested from his house in Fakirhat thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said Sarder Niamat Hossain, former general secretary of the thana Awami League, was held in a number of cases.

### New power network

FARIDPUR, Feb 5: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq on Tuesday said the present government has been working hard to ensure supply of electricity to each and every village of the country by the year 2006, reports UNB.

He said this while inaugurating the electrification network in newly created Shakhipur thana of Sharaiatpur district. He said the electricity supply has come to a somewhat stable position under the personal guidance and instruction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Rural Electrification Board (REB) has constructed 11.89 km distribution line at a cost of Tk 920.54 million to facilitate 8,866 new consumers in the thana. Col (retd) Shawkat Ali MP, Master Mojibur Rahman MP and REB chairman Brig MA Malek also addressed the inaugural meeting.

### Agri-loan distributed

BANDARBAN, Feb 5: The Banks and Non-Government Organisations have distributed over Taka 76 crore as agri-rural loans among two lakh and forty-three thousands tribal and non-tribal farmers during the last two fiscal years in three hill districts, reports BSS.

The three hill districts were Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachari. The Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) and BRAC have distributed a major amount of the total loans in the three districts during the last two fiscal years.

### New college at Raninagar