

# Chittagong General Hospital to have 250 beds: Selim

CHITTAGONG, Apr 2: Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said here yesterday that Chittagong General Hospital at Anderkilla would be developed to a 250-bed hospital in order to meet the growing need for Medicare services in the port city, reports BSS.

The health minister said this during an unscheduled visit to the hospital which has been reconstructed at an expenditure of about Taka seven crore. The hospital has also been equipped with modern medical instruments. The minister was apprised that the hos-

pital has not been functioning well for lack of proper management. The city dwellers have been pressing the concerned authority to develop the hospital to a 250 bed one.

On being informed to mismanagement in the hospital, Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said that Anderkilla General Hospital would be made 250-bed hospital soon. He also assured that necessary manpower would be employed and medical instruments supplied soon so that the hospital could function smoothly.

Civil surgeon and health department officials were present

during Sheikh Selim's visit to the hospital. The Health Minister also attended the centenary celebrations of RRAC High School in Razau. He said that Sultan Charitable Dispensary at Razau Poursava would be turned into an 11-bed hospital and a child and mother welfare complex would be set up at the homestead of Masterda Surya Sen.

Presided over by Dainik Azadi Editor, Prof. Muhammad Khaled, the function was also addressed by Dainik Azadi News Editor Sadhan Dhar, CUJ President Ataul Hakim and local leaders.



Petrobangla, BAPEX and Unocal, Bangladesh Limited yesterday signed a tripartite Production Sharing Contract (PSC) at the Petrobangla office premises. Under the PSC, a US based oil company, will explore oil and gas at the Block 7, situated in the country's southwestern region. Secretary of Petrobangla M Imdadul Huq, Secretary of BAPEX M Safiur Rahman and Managing Director of Unocal Terry Baden signed the PSC. — PID photo

# One-stop crisis centres to be set up for women victims of repression

The government has taken a multi-sectoral project where the victims of women repression will be given police and legal support alongside medical treatment, reports UNB.

Primarily, two one-stop crisis centres will be set up at Dhaka and Rajshahi Medical College Hospitals under the Tk 8 crore project being financed by DANIDA.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatunnesa Talukder explained the donor-aided scheme aid at a seminar in the city yesterday.

The seminar 'State Activity Monitoring in Prevention of Violence Against Women' was organised by Naripakkho at the IDB Bhaban.

Referring to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's firm determination on prevention of women repression, the State Minister said that the newly enacted

Prevention of Repression on Women and Children Act 2000 would play a significant role in this regard.

She called for all to stand against woman and child repression.

## Painter Rouf laid to rest

Noted painter and calligrapher Abdur Rouf who had written the country's Constitution, was buried at his family graveyard at Noornagar in Khulna, family sources said, reports BSS.

The painter died at ICDDR,B Hospital in the capital on Saturday at the age of 66.

He was suffering from intestinal diseases. The namaj-e-janaza of Abdur Rouf was held at Khulna Noornagar Mosque after Zohr prayers.



## Anniversary of death of Justice Murshed today

The 21st death anniversary of former Chief Justice Syed Mahub Murshed will be observed with due respect, reports UNB.

Different socio-cultural organisations, including Syed Mahub Murshed Memorial Committee, will hold various programmes to mark the day.

The programmes include Quran Khwani and foteha at his mazar, and discussion meetings.

On the occasion, President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages recalling his contributions to the country's judiciary.

President Shahabuddin in his message said late Chief Justice Murshed would always be remembered for establishing rule of law and justice in the country.

"He earned the respect of people for his intellect, talent and democratic thoughts and spirit," he added.

In her message, Hasina said late Chief Justice Murshed was a unique personality of the country and his courage and intelligence in disposing of important cases during colonial and autocratic rule of Pakistan still inspire the people.

"The nation will always remember him along with father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his contribution to broaching Bangalee nationalism," she said.

A milad mahfil will be held at Justice Murshed's residence at NW (A)-5, Road-68 Gulshan after Asr prayers on the day.

# Power situation improves substantially: Rafiq

State Minister for Energy and Power Prof Rafiqul Islam yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that a power system development programme is under implementation to raise per capita power consumption to 106 kilowatt hour, reports BSS.

Making statement on a call attention notice by Treasury Bench member Begum Meher Afroz, the state minister said that when the government of Sheikh Hasina came to power, it inherited a completely shattered power system due to mismanagement during the previous years. From that point, the present government by its sheer coordinated efforts raised power generation to 2650 Megawatt from 1600 Megawatt.

He said side by side with raising generation of power, the government had also significantly expanded the power distribution network especially in the rural areas. In this context, he mentioned that the Rural Electrification Board has reached power to over 27,000 villages in 419 thanas of the country.

Prof. Rafiqul Islam said that from a dismal power situation, we have narrowed down the gap between demand and supply and the position will be improved further.

He assured the lady member of providing electricity to Nagri Union under Kalliganj Thana of Gazipur district before the end of the current fiscal.

# AL Presidium meet today

An emergency meeting of the Awami League Presidium will be held at the Ganobhaban at 7 pm today, a party press release said, reports BSS.

President of Bangladesh Awami League and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting.

General Secretary of the party and Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman has requested all Presidium members to attend the meeting on time, the release added.

# BRDB to launch 'One house, one farm' theory to eradicate poverty

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) will take up a programme to eradicate poverty from the country applying the 'one house, one farm' theory of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Minister of State for Rural Development and Cooperatives Advocate M Rahmat Ali said this yesterday at a meeting of district level officials of the BRDB at Palli Bhaban in the city, says a press release.

It was disclosed at the meeting that 67 per cent of the total members under various BRDB programmes now can afford three meals a day now and 80 per cent of them have managed jobs for themselves.

According to the BRDB press release, over 39 lakh families have been brought under its village development programmes so far.

# Students' rally at BSMMU

A number of postgraduate students and physicians yesterday demonstrated at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in protest against a proposal of National Institute for Cardiovascular diseases, reports UNB.

They said the proposal made at a meeting of the Institute's Academic Council to absorb one-year cardiology diploma holders directly in MD (Cardiology) third part (thesis) bypassing first and second parts as well as two-year training and six-month course was aimed at destroying the medical education.

Speaking at a rally at the Battala of the Bangabandhu University, the doctor-students alleged a section of teachers and diploma holder elderly physicians were out to approve the proposal.

If the decision is taken the present, system of indisciplined medical education will collapse, ultimately hampering medicare services to the people, they observed.

The meeting was addressed by former VP of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Dr Tariq Mehedi, Postgraduate Medical Students' Welfare Association general secretary Dr Rakibul Islam Litu, Dr Shaifuddin Ahmed, Dr Shamsher Ali, Dr Sakhawat Ullah, Dr Zanghar Alam, Dr Kaisar Nasrullah Khan, Dr Mahabur Rahman, Dr Ashish Chakwarty and Dr Abdullah Al Mamun.

The Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases is affiliated with Bangabandhu Medical University.

# Drama festival in city Apr 5

Theatre Art Drama Group has arranged a drama festival at Mohila Samity Auditorium in the city on April 5, reports UNB.

Nurun Nahar Samad Drama Award '99 will be presented at the Drama Festival 2000. The theatre troupe will stage its production 'Mike Master' on the occasion.

# Call on all to implement environmental policies

State Minister for Environment and Forest H N Ashiqur Rahman yesterday called upon all concerned to come forward to properly implement all environmental policies adopted by the present government, reports BSS.

He was addressing the opening session of the training course on Environmental Management System organised by Bangladesh Engineering and Technological Services (BETS) and Price Water House Coopers here.

The World Bank Country Director Frederick Temple, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry Atfalul Islam, Metropolitan Chamber representative

Shahidul Alam, EMS Project Director, Derek Mayers also spoke. BETS Managing Director Dr Shahjahan Kabir Chowdhury presided over the session.

The minister said that the government has formulated water, agriculture and industrial policies considering environmental aspects. He added that it alone can not implement the environmental management programme.

The state minister emphasised the need for inter-agency coordination among all organisations involved in environmental sector.

He said that without consideration of the environmental aspects, overall development of the country can not be achieved.

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In the matter of:  
Md Kutubuddin,  
Managing Director of SABINCO, Steel House, 5th floor, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 and as such a share holder and Director-in-Charge of S&M Shrimp Culture Ltd having registered office at 146/1, Khan Jahan Ali Road, Khulna at present 50, Tootpara, East Link Road, Khulna

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Versus  
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NOTICE is hereby given that an application under sections 81(2) and 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 praying for condonation of delay in holding the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Annual General Meetings i.e. for the years 1994, 95, 96, 97, 98 & 1999 of "S & M Shrimp Culture Limited" was moved before the High Court Division of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the application on 15th March, 2000 the Hon'ble Mr Justice Md Joydul Abedin has been pleased to admit the same fixing 19th April, 2000 for hearing.

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# 200 phones of secretariat inoperative

About 200 telephones at Bangladesh Secretariat went inoperative yesterday as the 900-pair underground tele-cable was damaged following construction work of a market, reports UNB.

The telephone disruption occurred when the construction work of the Khaaddar Market near Nour Hossain Square affected the cable at about 10 in the morning.

The tele-link disruption also affected official activities of the Secretariat. However, engineers of the Telegraph and Telephone Board could restore operation of about 100 phones.

The BTTB in a release in the night hoped that operation of rest 100 phones could be restored shortly. It also regretted inconveniences of the subscribers.

# UK based NGO team calls on health minister

A 4-member delegation of an UK based NGO working in Bangladesh for augmenting primary health care called on Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

Saleh Ahmed Khan, chairman of the Fulshand Polishasthya Unnayan Kendro (FPUK) led the delegation.

Other members of the delegation are Aquil Ali, vice-chairman, Terry Rich, and Honorary, secretary and Imtiazul Islam, programme coordinator of the EPUK.

They sought cooperation in running their activities in Bangladesh. The FPUK established in Fulshand village in 1994 at Golaganj of Sylhet district, has been working in the field of Family Planning, NID, health education, poultry and pond fish farming projects.

Eulogizing the activities of FPUK, the health minister advised them to expand their programmes especially in overcoming the acute arsenic problems being faced by the under privileged people of the northern region of Bangladesh.

# Ctg Youth Revolution Day Apr 18

Masterda Surya Sen parishad has taken up an elaborate programme to mark the historic 70th anniversary of Chittagong Youth Revolution Day here on April 18 and 21, reports BSS.

The revolution was against the British imperialism under the leadership of Masterda Surya Sen which continued from April 18 to 22 in 1930.

Meanwhile a meeting of the parishad was held on Saturday to finalise the programme in observance of the day in a befitting manner with parishad president Fayed Ahmed in the chair.

The programmes include tribute to the memory of the martyrs of the Youth Revolution at Central Shaheed Minar on April 18 at 5 pm and a discussion at TSC Road Island on April 21 at 5 pm.

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