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Oral maxillofacial surgery can be done in Bangladesh

Now the dream of a doctor is emerging as realistic as oral maxillofacial surgery can be done here in Bangladesh to cope with the demand for treatment of serious oral complications and diseases suffered by a large number of people in the country.

"Dream is now turned into miracle because now everything falls into place. Ten years ago politicians of Bangladesh never wanted to understand the necessity of the oral maxillofacial surgery. Now they have understood it and Australian Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon who played a pioneering role in developing expertise in the oral maxillofacial surgery in Bangladesh has told UNB.

Once health ministers of Bangladesh didn't know OMS and were reluctant to finance in training programme in this field. Now the health minister has understood its necessity and investing fund for developing the special branch of dental surgery, said Dr Barry Fitzpatrick who is now in Dhaka.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) deals with facial bone fracture, congenital cleft lip or palate, jaw deformity, oral cancer and jaw joint diseases. Of all cancer patients in Bangladesh, 20 per cent are suffering from oral cancer and one in 1000 suffering from cleft-lip or palate can be effectively treated through OMS. Some 40 to 50 thousand people are affected by oral cancer every year in Bangladesh, according to an expert.

In 1991, an Australian surgeon, Dr Fitzpatrick in association with Dr Motiur Rahman Molla, associate professor and Head of Oral Surgery Department of Dhaka Dental College initiated and launched a joint project, Australia-Bangladesh Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Project, to develop local expertise for treatment of mouth and facial diseases.

Under this project, every year self-funded Australian surgeons or teachers have been

coming to Bangladesh between October and March every year, two surgeons in each month, providing academic and surgical service to students and patients free of cost. Nearly 80 Australian surgeons and teachers have so far visited Bangladesh to fulfil the mission of the project.

In its tireless efforts the project management particularly with Dr Barry, present chairman, Dr John Arvier of Australia and Dr Molla, chairman Bangladesh side have succeeded to launch Master of Surgery course in OMS in Dhaka Dental College, first of its kind in Bangladesh.

Now 12 students are studying in the 3-year MS course. After completion of the post-graduate study, they will have to take two-year training for becoming a skill surgeon.

Dr Molla, now associate professor and head of OMS department in Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital has been given responsibility of the course coordinator of MS (OMS).

Apart from giving lecture and training, Australian teachers are involved in examination procedure particularly for final part of MS (OMS) examination as external and also as thesis examiner.

Under the program each student after passing the first part in MS and on merit basis will visit for short training for three months in Australia. The AUS Aid will bear all the expenses. Tk 2.50 lakh for each student. Already two MS students have visited Australia.

Dr Barry, founder chairman of the project will stay Dhaka for four days to see the development and progress of the project, his dream, and to expedite the official formalities to make a long term agreement between Australia and Bangladesh government for development of the project. The government early this month approved the link programme, Joint Australia-

Bangladesh Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Programme for next 10 years from July this year for development of Post-graduate Programme for OMS in selected areas.

The proposed operation cost of the 10-year project will meet from assistance of 3.50 lakh Australian dollars from AUS Aid and 6 lakh Australian dollars from ANZAOMS (Australia-New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons) and Tk 5 lakh from Bangladesh government.

The objectives of the project are: visits by Australian OMS experts, upgrade the standard of post graduate OMS studies and develop human resources in the field.

It also aims at providing free treatment in government hospitals in the area of OMS to patients and to initiate short training programs for Bangladesh post-graduate OMS students in Australia.

A joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) of the project is expected to be signed soon between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Australia government after discussion, Dr Molla told UNB.

After the agreement, the project will run in full gear to reach its desired goal, he said.

On his retirement from Adelaide University in 1990 Dr Barry Fitzpatrick visited India and Nepal in a bid to transfer his technology and experience in oral surgery to develop OMS in the region to help the people. But his intuition and investigative spirit had compelled him to prefer stay in Bangladesh.

Poverty and big population as well as his constant emotion had driven him to invest his mind, expertise and effort to pave the way for long term solution of the oral maxillofacial problem facing the people in Bangladesh.

cherished plan in Bangladesh. On returning home he convinced the Australian government and his colleagues to launch a joint project in Bangladesh that came true in 1991 by his tireless efforts.

The founder chairman of the project Dr Barry had donated all his equipment to the dental college. The Australian government had donated Tk 28 lakh for the project in 1997 through Australian High Commission in Dhaka.

Replying to a question, Dr Barry said Bangladesh may one day be able to solve its problem locally by producing OM surgeons here. It will have 16 surgeons in few years. Now there are only 5 to 6 OMS experts for 130 million people of the country.

About the performance of MS (OMS) students in Australia, Dr Barry said, "First two students did very well. They were great ambassadors for your country and this would expand relation with your country."

Dr Molla said one baby and two girls suffering from complicated Oral Maxillofacial problems would be taken to Australia for treatment next month as there is no proper equipment facility here.

Current chairman Dr John Arvier of the project has made the arrangement by convincing Rotary Club in Brisbane, which will bear all the expenses.

Affected lecturers resent delay in promotion

By Staff Correspondent

The Khotigrotho Prabhaskar (Affected Lecturers) Forum has expressed resentment over delay in promotion, and regularisation of their services and failure to provide selection grade on the basis of seniority. These affected lecturers were absorbed in BCS.

At a meeting of the Forum with its president Ashrafunnessa Khan Rozi in the chair, the lecturers demanded that these irregularities be removed, said a press release yesterday.

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116 DU teachers slate AL leaders' remarks on judiciary, judges

By Staff Correspondent

One hundred and sixteen teachers of the Dhaka University in a joint statement yesterday criticised the remarks made by some top ruling party leaders about the judges and judiciary of the country.

Condemning the interference on the freedom of judiciary they said that it reminded them of the previous attempt to remove power of the judges by the government through amending the constitution in the year 1975.

They also protested showing aggressive attitude towards the judges by the ruling party leaders.

They alleged that the ruling party started attacking the judiciary keeping long-term plans in their minds. The ruling party wanted to bring judiciary under their control, the statement said.

The university teachers also blamed the ruling party for resorting to repressive measures against opposition political party workers. The ruling party wants to come into power again through torture, they alleged.

The prominent teachers who signed the joint statement include Dr Mahmudul Anin, Dr Wakil Ahmed, Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury, Dr Mohammad Tawhidul Anwar, Dr Said U Rahman, Dr M Ershadul Bari, Shahida Rafiq, Quamrul Ahsan Chowdhury, Talukder Mozurazzaman, Dr Abdul Aziz, Dr Nazrul Islam, Dr Khalilur Rahman and Dr Mostafizur Rahman.

FM's call for improving standard of medical edn

By Staff Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday urged physicians to make efforts to improve the standard of medical education, services and research activities, reports BSS.

"If your try, the health management system will improve, the vast poor masses will get better treatment service and the dignity of physicians will be enhanced in society," Azad told the 11th annual convention of the Association of Physicians of Bangladesh (APB) at Sheraton Hotel.

The foreign minister said though it is bitter the hard fact is that gradually people are losing their confidence in the present health system. In both cases either in the private sector or in the public sector, patients of our country cannot depend on the country's treatment system.

As a result, a sizeable number of patients have been visiting abroad for treatment causing embarrassment to the local physicians and flight of foreign exchange, he pointed out.

Presided over by the president of APB Prof. Mahmud Hasan, the inaugural session was also addressed by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof. Amanullah, Vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Medical University Prof M A Quaderi, secretary general Syed Atiqul Haq, Prof Md. Tahir and Prof Toifal Ahmed.

Noted psychiatrist Prof Nazimuddin Chowdhury won the Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal while Prof Mahbub Kamal Chowdhury got the SMC Chowdhury Memorial Gold Medal on the occasion.

Rotary News

Young Learners Centre (YLC) of the British Council and English Department of Dhaka University will celebrate the World Book Day in the council's auditorium at Fuller Road today, reports BSS.

The day coincides with the birthday of legendary English dramatist William Shakespeare.

Scores of YLC members and students of the English Department will participate in short drama, reading and essay competitions organized to mark the occasion.



Friends of the Earth brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the Earth Day. — Star photo

Two DU resident students ousted from Jasimuddin Hall by BCL

By Hall Correspondent

Two resident students of Jasimuddin Hall of the Dhaka University were allegedly ousted from the hall while five others were beaten up by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists following an altercation with the hall unit president of BCL on Friday night.

Zakir, a third year student of Islamic Studies Department, was first beaten up at around 0.30 pm as he smoked before Joy, the hall unit president, Joy also reportedly forced Zakir to leave the hall.

Later, Jelim, a second year student of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism and sports secretary of BCL hall unit rehabilitated Zakir at the dormitory after the incident.

The BCL cadre again beat up Zakir at around 12.00 as he came back at the hall and during the incident Titu, Shimul, Bappy and Hira, resident students and BCL activists, were also beaten up as they tried to save Zakir.

YLC, DU English dept to observe World Book Day today

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ADHUNIK urges ETV to stop advertisement of tobacco

By Staff Correspondent

ADHUNIK, a pioneer organization for anti-smoking campaign in the country, yesterday urged the Ekushey Television (ETV) to stop telecasting advertisements of cigarettes and other tobacco products, reports UNB.

"Advertisement of tobacco products is prohibited in Bangladesh Television but ETV is telecasting such advertisements," National Professor Nurul Islam told a press conference prior to the World No-Tobacco Day on May 31.

Expressing his surprise, senior vice president of ADHUNIK, Amanullah Khan said it is unusual that the government prohibited advertisement of tobacco products on the state-owned television but did not impose the same restriction on

maiden private channel. ADHUNIK leaders announced at the press conference that they would observe a symbolic sit-in programme in front of ETV and satellite channel ATN Bangla on May 31.

Prof Nurul Islam further said as the multinational tobacco companies are losing their markets in the developed countries due to tightening of anti-tobacco laws and increasing awareness among the people. They are now targeting the developing nation for greater profits.

The tendency of smoking is decreasing at the rate of 1.1 per cent per annum in the developed countries while it is increasing in the developing countries at the rate of 2.1 per cent, he mentioned in his statement.

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The Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited (ZFCL), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403 invites sealed quotation in two envelope system for supply of Morpholine — 16 M. T. against tender enquiry No. ZFCL/OS-2154 on C&F(C) Chittagong basis. Tender documents will be available from the office of (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and 3) ZFCL on cash payment of Tk 750/-.

Tender shall be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the General Manager (Commercial), ZFCL up to 2:30 PM on 22.5.2000. Quotations will be opened immediately after closing. No tender document will be sold on the opening date.

ZFCL reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any one or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
Dredging Unit, Dhaka
Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Form No 2911 are invited from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority's Engineering Division enlisted contractors for the undermentioned works:

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1)	Construction of embankment/compartment with bamboo piling and tarja fencing for replacement of the dredged earth of different shoals from Kathpatti of Dhaleshwari river to Taltala canal during 1999-2000	Tk 7,14,232/=	Tk 17,855/=	Tk 400/=	20 (twenty) days.
2)	Construction of earthen compartment for replacement of the dredged earth of char Masura shoal of the Meghna tributary under sadar thana of Munsiganj district during 1999-2000	Tk 6,58,190/=	Tk 16,455/=	Tk 400/=	-do-

Tenders will be received by the Superintending Engineer (civil), Dredging Unit, Dhaka at the 6th Floor of BIWTA, Dhaka Building, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Executive Engineer, Engineering Division, BIWTA, Barisal, Executive Engineer, Engineering Division, BIWTA, Narayanganj and Executive Engineer, Engineering Division, BIWTA, Aricha up to 12:00 Noon of 3/5/2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any). If two or more tenderers quote the same lowest rate, then the tender will be decided through lottery at the office of the undersigned on 10/5/2000 at 12:00 Noon. Tenderers are requested to remain present at the lottery. The above mentioned amount of earnest money should be submitted with each tender separately through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "BIWTA". Tender documents can be purchased on depositing the abovementioned amount (non-refundable) as price of schedule to the cashier of the authority's Accounts Division during office hours up to the day before the date of opening tender.

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

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Md Golam Rabbani
Superintending Engineer
Dredging Unit, BIWTA, Dhaka.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
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Purchase & Stores Deptt
Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed cover are invited for OTR Goods of Central Store, BIWTA, Dhaka. Such as — Battery, Tyre, Tube, Type Writer Machine, Photocopier, Furniture etc on "as is where is basis." Tender may be dropped on the tender box kept at the Purchase & Stores Department, BIWTA, Dhaka on 03.05.2000 up to 15:00 hours and will be opened on the same day at 15:15 hours in the presence of the tenderers (if any). Tenders must be dropped by fulfilling all conditions as laid down in tender schedule available with the Accounts Department, BIWTA (9th floor), 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on payment of Tk 50/- (fifty) only (non-refundable). Intending tenderers may physically inspect the OTR Goods earmarked for tender at the Central Store, Purchase & Stores Department, BIWTA, Dhaka during office hours up to 02.05.2000. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Director
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