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1.2 lakh children die of pneumonia a yr in country

Zinc deficiency causes pneumonia

Low level of zinc is one of the important causes behind childhood pneumonia, a disease of respiratory system, according to a research conducted by a paediatrician.

Dr Mohammad Selim Shakur, Professor and senior consultant of Bangladesh Institute of Child Health, Dhaka Shishu Hospital, carried out the study leading to his PhD degree conferred on him by the Dhaka University in May this year.

Animal proteins like meat and fish, and fermented or germinated seed or cereal are the sources of zinc, an essential trace element.

In Bangladesh, 380,000 children under five die every year from various diseases while 120,000 of them from pneumonia alone, Dr Shakur told UNB.

Pneumonia is an infectious disease caused by Pseudo Cocci and Haemophilus Influenza bacteria.

Noted child specialist Dr Shakur suggested taking of zinc acetate or zinc sulphate oral suspension for vulnerable malnourished children, susceptible to Acute Respiratory Tract Infection (ARI).

Dr Shakur carried out his research work entitled "Acute Respiratory Tract Infection associated with low zinc level in severely malnourished children" on 152 children aged between 6 months to five years.

Of the study subjects, 35 children had ARI (pneumonia) without malnutrition, 47 had severe Protein Energy Malnutrition (PEM) without pneumonia or other significant clinical problems and 32 had severe PEM complicated by pneumonia.

The remaining 38 children, taken as control for the study, were well nourished without any significant clinical problem.

The study was carried out at the Dhaka Shishu Hospital under the supervision of Dr M A Malek, Professor of the Institute of Nutrition and Food Science (INFS), University of Dhaka.

INFS and Atomic Energy Centre extended cooperation by providing instrumental facilities.

Zinc status was assessed by simultaneous determination of zinc concentration in serum, liquid part of blood after clotting, and hair.

The study found that children suffering from pneumonia had less zinc in their body than healthy children. Zinc status was also found low in a malnourished child.

Both pneumonia and malnutrition are major health problems, a major factor of high child mortality rate in Bangladesh.

According to the scientists, zinc is an essential mineral and plays an important role in the body's defence mechanism against infectious diseases, including pneumonia.

It is also an important constituent of enzyme carbonic anhydrase, which is essential for breathing.

Zinc is also essential for the growth of children.

The study recommended that Bangladeshi children should be given zinc enriched food to vulnerable children for reducing the incidents of pneumonia and malnutrition.

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) brought out a procession in the city streets yesterday protesting the new budget presented for Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). — Star photo

Anti-terrorism rally in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, July 1: An anti-terrorism rally in the town today urged the administration to free the district from criminals engaged in killing and extortion within a fortnight or face movement against the police, reports UNB.

Issuing the warning from the rally, Shamsuddin Ahmed Esak MP said people were fed up with rising crimes — illegal extortion collection, torture and

killings by terrorists. At the same time they were subjected to police harassment for complaining against the criminals.

He said seven persons were killed in Narsingdi town during the last few months. In the suburb, about 10,000 people, including residents of Hazipur, have been living outside their home for fear of terrorists who demanded illegal tolls and

indulged in looting. Citing instances, the MP of BN said victims of terrorism were also subjected to harassment by the police when they went to lodge complaints.

Organised by local BNP, the rally was presided over by Babul Sarkar and addressed by Mesbahuddin Iran, Nurul Islam Kauchan, Tolazzal Hossain and MA Jalil.



Fashion House Altamira opened a week-long exhibition of its monsoon collection at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Man crushed to death by bus in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, July 1: A man was crushed under the wheels of a bus at Chalerghat in Trishal upazila on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway this morning, reports UNB.

Police said that the Mymensingh-bound bus knocked down Dulal, 30, while he was crossing the road. He died on the spot.

Milad mahfil held in memory of BNP leader

By Staff Correspondent Jatiyatabadi Ulema Dal yesterday organised a milad mahfil at BNP central office in memory of city BNP leader late Ismail Hossain Miah, who was popularly known as Miah Bhai.

BNP leader Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Abdus Salam, Nazibul Bashir Majibhandari, Golam Morshed, Rafiqul Islam Armani, Hafez Abdul Malek, Principal Nazrul Islam, Moulana Mohammad Selim Reza and others attended the milad. Moulana Mohammad Nesarul Haq conducted a special prayer.

2 minor girls drown in Bagerhat

BAGERHAT, July 1: Two minor girls of a family drowned in a pond at village Nawapara in Fakirhat thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Family sources said Tania, 5, daughter of Khalil and her cousin Mim, 4, daughter of Jalil, drowned while taking bath in the pond adjacent to their house in the afternoon.

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সম্মানিত গ্রাহক ও তত্ত্বাবধায়ীদের আধুনিক ও উন্নততর ব্যাংকিং সেবা ও সহযোগিতা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে আমাদের পাকুটিয়া শাখাটি আজ ২ জুলাই, ২০০০ইং রোববার থেকে বর্তমান অবস্থান পাকুটিয়া পাবলিক উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয় চত্বর থেকে নতুন ঠিকানায় নব পথে কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে।

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জেলা : টাঙ্গাইল

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ঃ নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজটির জন্য ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের তালিকাভুক্ত (ভবন) ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের "টেডার ফর ওয়ার্কস" ফর্মে সীলমোহরকৃত টেন্ডার আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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		(ঘ) সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ জোনের নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর অফিস।		
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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

BNP urged to shun politics of conspiracy

Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the opposition parties to engage themselves in the service of the people shunning their politics of conspiracy and confusion, reports BSS.

Speaking in two separate discussions in celebration of the 78th International Cooperatives Day at BCCI and WAPDA auditoriums in the city, Rahman, who is also the general secretary of Awami League, said being envious of the successes of the present government certain quarters resorted to falsehood and conspiracies to befool the people.

Dismissing opposition charges against the government, Rahman said that an absolute peaceful and democratic environment exist in the country. The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been working relentlessly to bring about economic emancipation through ensuring peace and discipline in society, he said.

Refuting BNP allegations the Awami League general secretary said that the government had arrested none for political reasons. "But it is unfortunate whenever criminals and terrorists are arrested by police, the BNP leadership immediately began to own them," Rahman said and pointed out criminals and terrorists cannot belong to

any political party. Now it should prepare for the coming general elections through pursuing pro-people activities instead of spreading negation and anarchy.

Dwelling on the cooperative movement, Rahman said the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was trying to bring economic emancipation through cooperatives. But the autocratic governments of General Zia, General Ershad and Begum Zia had destroyed the movement.

The present government has been trying to revive the movement through implementing different projects.

State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Advocate Rahmat Ullah also spoke on the occasions as special guest.

Acting Cooperative secretary Joyntab Begum presided over the function at WAPDA auditorium while the president of Jaliya Samabaya Union Alhaj Habibur Rahman, MP chaired the discussion at BCCI auditorium.

Among others, Registrar of Cooperatives S M Shamsul Alam and representatives of different cooperative societies also spoke on the occasions.

Rotary News

Installation ceremony

Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan, RI District 3280, Bangladesh will hold their 15th installation ceremony at CIR-DAP auditorium at 17 Topkhana Road today at 7:30 pm. says a press release.

The ceremony will be dedicated to the founder of Rotary International's Paul P Harris and his wife Jean Harris on their 90th wedding anniversary.

DRU computer training