

Training course on breast cancer begins today

A five-day long training course on detection of breast cancer and heart disease begins in the city at the Institute of Nuclear Medicine today, reports BSS.

The training course, first of its kind in Bangladesh, will be participated by 28 technologists from 12 countries of Asia and the Pacific region. Earlier, the training course was due to be held in Hong Kong but later it was shifted to Dhaka.

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'Over 157 HIV/AIDS cases detected in country'

The total number of HIV/AIDS cases so far detected is 157 plus in Bangladesh, experts told a workshop in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

One hundred and 57 cases including 127 males and 30 females have been detected in the laboratory at Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). And there may be some more cases detected in 7 other private laboratories, said Prof Nazrul, renowned virologist of the country.

He, and other experts including Dr Zakir Hossain, Dr Nasiruddin and Dr Sumon Lari disagreed with figures of HIV/AIDS cases dished out by international agencies varying from 17,000 to 33,000, which have no basis.

Dr Zakir said the agencies estimated highly inflated figures of sex workers and drug takers through intervention injection, which are the most vulnerable groups for the deadly disease.

There will be not more than 40 thousand sex workers including 5,000 in 16 organised brothels in the country. The rest are floating sex workers. A survey by CARE has revealed 6,500 sex workers in 18 brothels. Two of the brothels in Narayanganj have since been closed. But WHO gave an inflated figure of more than one lakh sex workers. There will be not more than 25,000 drug takers through injection, he

asserted. Again, Prof Nazrul Islam said that a sample survey of sex workers revealed that 0.5 per cent of sex workers were carrying HIV as against more than 50 per cent in some of the neighbouring Indian states.

Dr Nasiruddin said there may be cases of HIV beyond those detected in BSMMU. But the number will be insignificant. He however admitted inadequate test facilities.

The experts felt that there should be a campaign for availability of medicines for treatment of AIDS at a minimum cost. African countries where AIDS patients are more are provided medicines by the West at one-fifth of the price.

Senior journalists took part in the workshop organised by AIDS & Health Writers Group.



Death anniversary of Shaheed Sirajuddin Hossain today

The 29th death anniversary of noted journalist Shaheed Sirajuddin Hossain will be observed today in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

On this day in 1971, members of the Pakistan occupation forces and their local collaborators Al Badr abducted him at gunpoint from his 5 Chamellibagh residence. The body of Sirajuddin Hossain, the then Executive and News Editor of the daily Ittefaq, could not be detected.

Late journalist Hossain contributed immensely to the cause of country's independence struggle through his writings.

A commemorative meeting and exhibition on life and works of late journalist Sirajuddin Hossain will be held today at his residence (3/11, Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur) at 4:30 pm.

INM training course begins today

By DU Correspondent
The Institute of Nuclear Medicine (INM) will hold a three-day long Regional Training Course on 'Cardiac Spect and Scintiscanning' Techniques for Nuclear Medicine Technologists. It will be opened at Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) campus in the city today.

About 28 technologists from 12 Asia and Pacific regional countries will take part in the course.

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People urged to assist Anjuman activities

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif yesterday commended the public services of Anjuman-e-Matidul Islam and called upon the affluent people to come forward in aid of its activities, reports BSS.

He was addressing a press briefing on the activities of Anjuman, certificate distribution ceremony and *doa mahfil* at the organisations Kakrail office in the city.

The chief patron of Anjuman, Hanif, assured the organisation of positively considering the naming of the road in front of its headquarters after Anjuman-e-Matidul Islam, installing a donation boxes at the City Corporation graveyards and bus terminals and allocating a place for Anjuman in graveyards.

Anjuman president ABM Qibria presided over the ceremony while Ward Commissioners, Shahidullah Minu, Kazi Abdul Hasher, Ahsanuddin Molah, Lion Azim Box were present.

Mayor Hanif handed over certificates to those who contributed to the activities of Anjuman.

Next polls vital chapter of our struggle for freedom: Kibria

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday said that the next general election would be one of the most important chapters of our struggle for freedom as it would be a crucial means to eliminate the anti-independence elements through people's mandate, reports BSS.

The anti-independence forces have become united under the banner of the so-called Four-Party alliance. They should be resisted through the people's mandate in the upcoming general elections, he said.

He was speaking at a discussion on the Dhaka University campus in celebration of the Victory Day organised by Dhaka City Unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

The finance minister, who is also the coordinator of election conducting committee of Bangladesh Awami League, said that if victory could not be ensured in the next election, every success and suffering of Awami League over the last 30 years would be lost in the face of the evil designs of the opposition alliance.

"I am confident that people will reject the BNP-led opposition alliance as the coalition is wholly a platform of identified autocrats and anti-independence elements," he said.

"We have seen that an offer for installing fibre optics system in the country was rejected in 1992 only because of the lack of knowledge of key persons of the state machinery, including the then prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia," he added.

He said that on the contrary the present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has withdrawn all taxes and duties on computer components and provided extensive incentives for the flourish of Information Technology (IT).

BCL president Bahadur Begum, general secretary Ajoy Kar Khokon, president of Dhaka City Unit (South) of BCL Saifullah Saiful also addressed the discussion while president of Dhaka City Unit (North) of BCL Mirza Hussain was in the chair.

Retd Ctg Port Super dead

MS Mian, retired Jetty Superintendent of Chittagong Port Trust died of stroke in the city Friday. He was 78, reports BSS.

Family sources said he died while he was offering *Zuma* prayers at the Port Mosque.

Mian leaves behind wife, a son and three daughters.



Chief Justice Latifur Rahman speaking at a seminar on 'Global Human Rights and Bangladesh Context' at the VIP Lounge of the National Press Club yesterday. - Star photo

Crime may increase if criminals not punished: Khasru

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said crime may increase in the country if punishment to the criminals is not ensured, reports BSS.

"Respect for and loyalty to the judiciary may hamper if the criminals are not punished," he said while inaugurating a training course for the Public Prosecutors (PP) at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI).

Presided over by JATI Director General Justice Mohammad Badruzzaman, the function was also addressed among others, by Course Director Hasan Shatted Ferdous, Justice Namuddin Ahmed and Law Secretary Abdul Hay.

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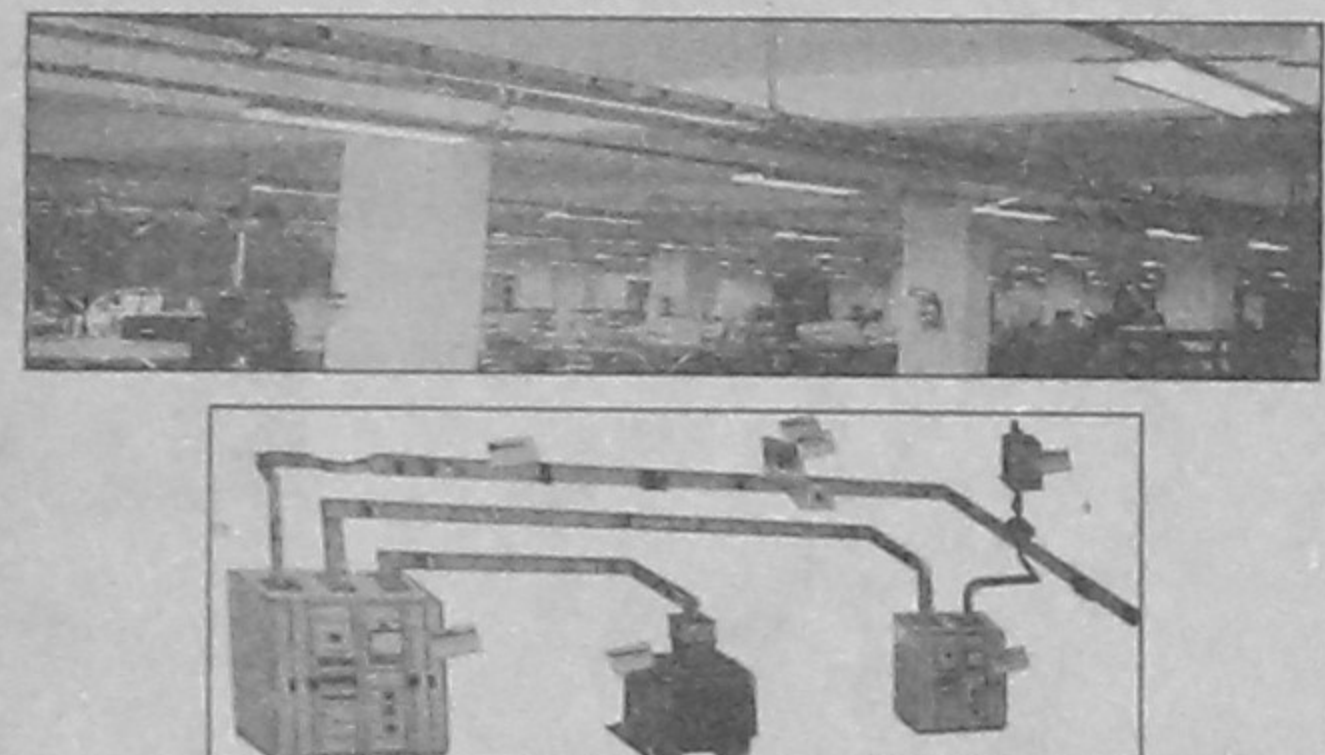
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The task of The British Government's Department for International Development (DFID) is to implement a development strategy which seeks to achieve a consistent and effective contribution to poverty elimination in Bangladesh. DFID expects vacancies during 2001 for the following positions for placement in Dhaka based offices.

TEAM ASSISTANT

Typing: All English typing (copy and audio at minimum of 40 WPM) of minutes, letters, reports and tables using DFID standard templates, knowledge in Bengali typing would be an added advantage but not essential. Filing: opening, bring ups, index maintenance, register and return (R&R). Arranging appointments, book transport and accommodation. Screening mail. Handling telephone calls (outgoing and incoming). Photocopying, Log and send faxes and often use scanner. Translations of Bengali to English. Undertaking other administrative tasks as assigned.

RECEPTIONIST

Handle all incoming and outgoing telephone calls; receive all visitors, directing them to the appropriate Office, and ensure that they are able to wait in comfort. Supervise the reception-cum-waiting area; receive incoming mail (and forward outgoing mails, if necessary); provide support to the Office Manager and assist with maintaining the stock register of stationary, general filing, preparing the guard log sheet. Log, sort and ensure all the incoming and out going mails and arrange for delivery. Perform other duties as assigned by the Office Manager.

Incumbents for both positions must be able to demonstrate an ability to work under pressure with minimum supervision and meet tight deadlines in a fast paced working environment. Good spoken and written English and Bangla are necessary. The candidates must be computer literate with practical experience in the use of WINDOWS MS Word, EXCEL, Power Point, E-mail, Internet and other Computer applications. Must be a self starter and possess minimum 3 (Three) years of proven administrative and team working experience.

Interested candidates are requested to send their CVs, a written statement of their competence for the job together with the names of two referees with telephone nos. and current salary information to The Deputy Programme Officer, Human Resources Development, DFID Bangladesh, British High Commission, P O Box 6079, Dhaka-1212 by latest 18 December 2000. Only candidates short-listed for interview (to be held sometime in January, 2001) will be contacted. Please clearly mark the position applying for on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Vacancy Announcement

Phulki, a Dhaka based NGO is seeking application for filling up the following vacancies.

Position	Educational Qualification	Working Experience	Age	Salary
Training co-ordinator	Masters in any discipline	Minimum six years working experience in training. Must be capable in developing training module. Fluency in written and spoken English and Bangla is essential. Candidates have experience of working with children especially knowledge of Child to Child approach will get preference.	Maximum 40 Years.	15,000 (Fifteen thousand taka only)
Material Development Officer	Masters in any discipline	Minimum three years working experience in developing training / education material. Ability to develop training module in English is essential.	Maximum 35 years.	8,000 (Eight thousand taka only)
Training Officer	Masters in any discipline	Minimum two years working experience in training field.	Maximum 35 years.	7,000 (Seven thousand taka only)

Eligible candidates are requested to submit their application along with CV, two passport size photographs, attested copies of experience certificates by 19th December 2000 address to: Executive Director, Phulki, House # A-14, Road # 2, Block # L, Banani, Dhaka-1213. Preference will be given to women candidates.

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