

## 2 rickshawpullers shot

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Two rickshawpullers, Mojibar, 35, and Mohammad Tariqul, 18, were shot by a passenger in the city yesterday.

Both the rickshawpullers were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Mojibar alleged that the passenger shot him when he refused to carry him after a whole day trip.

He said the passenger got into his rickshaw from Gulistan for Elephant Road.

"After reaching there he borrowed Tk 100 from me promising to pay back in the next stoppage at Shahbagh. Then he ordered me to go to Science Laboratory and from there to Dhanmondi," Mojibar said.

"As I refused to go there, he drew a pistol from his pocket and sprayed bullets at me at around 4:30pm and fled the scene," he claimed.



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Awami Jubo League Leaders presented Bikalpa Dhara candidate Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan with a bouquet at Awami League central office yesterday when he went there to exchange views with them.

# Parallel admin cadre for 2 wings of health ministry

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A parallel administrative cadre would execute all activities of the two wings of health and family welfare ministry in addition to its existing admin cadre.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) directed the health ministry in last March to establish a separate structure parallel to the existing organisational structure to execute all administrative activities under the Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPS) launched in July 2003.

In the previous 5th five-year Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP), a total of 28 line directors (LD) who were original directors of respective directorates directorate of health services (DGHS), directorate of family planning (DGFP), directorate of nursing and directorate of drug administration, executed all administrative activities.

For instance, director of primary healthcare acted as LD of essential service package (ESP), director of mother and child health acted as LD of DGFP, director of administration in the DGHS acted as LD of human resource management, director of finance in the DGHS acted as LD of improved financial management.

The Ecneec, however, instructed the ministry to create separate posts of line directors without having any linkage with the existing organisational set up.

For this, it also suggested deputation of OSD (officers on special duty) to fill up the new posts of LDs.

But the experts apprehend that the implementation of the programme will be hampered as the would-be LDs will have no experience on the subject.

The Ecneec also directed the health ministry to recruit directors of finance in the DGHS and DGFP from the audit and accounts cadre instead of health and family plan-

ning cadre.

However, until now no operation plan has been approved by the steering committee of the health ministry as recruitment policy for the LDs are yet to be finalised.

## Tk 70 lakh govt grant for youth organisations

UNB, Dhaka

The government will provide Tk 70 lakh as grants to 676 youth organisations under the Youth Welfare Fund for 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will distribute cheques for the grant money at a function at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on July 13.

State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman will preside over the function.



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Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BAPA) stages a demonstration in front of the High Court yesterday demanding stoppage of construction of a power station that encroaches upon the river Buriganga.

## WFP fundraising walk held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The global fundraising walk of the World Food Programme (WFP) was held in the country as elsewhere in the world yesterday.

WFP Executive Director James T Morris joined the event known as 'Walk The World' in Johannesburg where he was on a visit, says a press release.

The aim of the walkathon was to raise public awareness about global hunger and funds for WFP's Global School Feeding Programme.

There are 300 million chronically hungry children in the world and more than 100 million children do not go to school.

WFP's School Feeding Programme in Bangladesh covers more than 1.2 million children in some 7,000 government and non-government schools.

In Dhaka, the walk started from IDB Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar and ended up in front of the Sangsad Bhaban.

All the staff of WFP and TNT participated in the walk with colorful banners and festoons.

TNT, a global leader in express mail services, joined the programme as a sign of company's long term support to WFP.