

Take new project for the disabled

PM tells Social Welfare Ministry

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the Social Welfare Ministry to properly implement its projects and take new ones, if required, for the welfare of the disadvantaged and disabled people.

She was speaking at a review meeting on the progress of the development programmes of the ministry at the ICC at Prime Minister's Office.

Khaleda appreciated performance of the ministry and assured all neces-

sary assistance in its endeavour to improve the condition of the distressed, backward, unemployed and disabled people and involve them in the main stream of development.

Briefing journalists after the review meeting, Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid said the PM asked his ministry to take more welfare-oriented projects, if necessary, for development of the disadvantaged and disabled people so that they can contribute substantially to overall development.

BCF to launch cancer registry today

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For the first time in the country, Bangladesh Cancer Foundation (BCF) is launching a population-based cancer registry from today.

With the aim of systematic collection, storage, analysis, interpretation and publication of the data on cancer patients, the BCF is launching the study project at a cost of Tk 17 lakh in 45 unions and three municipalities of six upazilas under Gazipur district.

The one-year private initiative with the technical support of the health and family welfare ministry would eventually cover six more districts from six administrative divisions in 2006.

The study by 12 researchers headed by Dr Md Habibullah Talukder, secretary general of the foundation, would cover a total of 22,33,509 people in the district.

"Since we do not have any exact data on the number of cancer patients, we thought it is time to establish such scientific database to help oncologists, medical students and also to develop an affective cancer control

programme," said Dr Talukder.

The study would record age group, sex and nature of tumour of the cancer patients.

"Such database would provide us with vital information on the accurate number of cancer patients, types of cancer, death rate and other relevant information," said Dr Talukder.

Postal ballot for Netrakona-2 by-polls voters

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Civil servants, their spouses and detained ones in jails, unable to vote in persons, will be allowed to cast their votes through postal ballots in the upcoming Netrakona-2 constituency's by-polls scheduled for October 9.

The intending voters have to apply to the Returning Officer (RO) for ballot papers within 15 days of the announcement of the election schedule, an Election Commission (EC) press release said yesterday.

EC has announced on August 28 the schedule for the Netrakona-2 by-election and appointed the deputy commissioner of Netrakona as the RO for holding the election.



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Noted economist and Treasurer of TIB Board of Trustees Prof Muzaffer Ahmed, middle, presents the Corruption Database Report of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

