

Medical colleges to have separate burn units

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Medical colleges will have separate burn units in phases and more burn hospitals will be set up in the metropolitan cities for management of burn patients, said Health Secretary AEM Sarwar Kamal yesterday.

"Burn patients require special attention and the incidents of burns are also on the rise. We are considering allocating more funds for the management of burn patients," he said at a seminar at the newly built burn unit at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH).

According to DMCH records, at least 10 to 15 burn patients referred by various district hospitals are admitted to the hospital a day. The 50-bed burn unit at DMCH is the only place where comprehensive management and treatment for burn injuries is available.

The country has only eight qualified surgeons who have knowledge on appropriate treatment of burns, including acid burns. There is no qualified nurse capable of nursing burn patients.

The seminar on 'Mutual cooperation between Faculty of Medicine, Dhaka University, and Medical Faculty of Bologna University, Italy' was organised to review the performance of the DMCH Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit established in early 2004 and also to acknowledge the charity mission and cooperation of Interplast, a 14-member Italian team of plastic surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses, who are currently performing re-constructive surgeries on selected burn patients as part of technology transfer under medical education.

Prof MA Hadi, vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) and president of Bangladesh Medical Association, said, "We require more trained nurses. The country has about 22,000 nurses whereas at least 100,000 trained nurses are needed in the health sector. Private sector can also explore and invest in such development programmes."

Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit, said, "Our dream is to have a separate building for management of burn patients. We are striving to produce teams of surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and technicians so that comprehensive management and treatment of burns are available in all major cities."

Italian plastic surgeon Paolo Morselli, founder and president of Interplast, Prof Nicolò Scruideri of University of Rome, Professor Carlo Cavina of Bologna University and Brig. Gen. Nazmul Huda, director of DMCH, also spoke.

Interplast has been visiting Bangladesh on charity missions since 1988. The team in cooperation with the local young surgeons has performed surgeries on more than 80 burn patients and congenitally deformed faces in last ten days.

The officials of the burn unit also acknowledged great contributions and support in improving plastic surgeries by Professor Ronald William Hiles of the United Kingdom.

Professor Hiles will perform surgeries at the hospital until the end of March.



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Awami Jubo League General Secretary Mirza Azam speaks at a rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting price hike of kerosene, diesel and essentials.

ST MARTIN'S ISLAND

Renewable resources can meet its power need

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The renewable resources in St Martin's Island could fulfil its electricity demand.

This was observed in a research-based paper presented by Engineer Tazmilur Rahman at a workshop on 'Green Energy Development Model in St Martin's Island' in the city yesterday.

The daylong workshop was organised by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) at its auditorium.

Tazmilur Rahman said total demands of electricity in the island could be fulfilled with its renewable resources including wind power and biomass like coconut oil.

He said coconut oil, coconut

frond, and coconut shell could also be used as a source of power generation.

"Bio-diesel can be produced from the coconut oil to run a diesel engine successfully," he added.

Tazmilur Rahman, project manager of LGED's Sustainable Renewable Energy, also presented his research model at the seminar.

Chairperson of Bangladesh Water Partnership Quamrul Islam Siddique was the guest speaker at the seminar.

He said time has come to curb destruction of rich bio-diversity of St Martin's Island.

Chaired by LGED Chief Engineer Md Shahidul Hassan, the workshop was also addressed by UNDP Assistant Resident Representative

Shireen Kamal Sayeed.

LGED Superintending Engineer Md Wahidur Rahman delivered the welcome address.

BIAA executives

BSS, Dhaka



Syed Moazzem Hossain, Major General (Retd) K M Abdul Wahed and Bahalul Mansoor Sagor have been elected president, senior

vice president and vice-president of Bangladesh Indenting Agents Association (BIAA) for 2005-06.

The BIAA election was held at its annual general meeting recently with its outgoing president Abdur Rashid in the chair. A 21-member executive committee was also elected.

Other office bearers are: Md Ismail Hossain Miah, MS Siddiqui, M Shahidullah, Obaidur Rahman, Md Nurul Abser Meah, Md Shahidul Ahsan, Advocate Rafiqul Islam Masum, Abdus Salam, M Anwarul Gani, M Parid Hossain, M Masum, KMH Shahidul Haque, M Shahidul Alam, SM Majidul Alam, Zillur Rahim Chowdhury and MBasirullah Bhuiyan.

BIAA's new president Syed Moazzem Hossain is the Managing Director of SMH Group of Companies.

Develop strategies to combat human trafficking in S Asia

Speakers tell regional workshop

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a regional workshop yesterday called for developing effective strategies and intensive cooperation among the South Asian countries to combat human trafficking, ensure smooth repatriation of victims and bring cross-border traffickers to book.

They said although governments and non-government organisations (NGOs) in the region have been combating the crime, the human trafficking still remains an issue of major concern due to its cross-border nature.

They emphasised the need for immediate signing of bilateral agreements among the countries for taking legal actions against the cross-border traffickers and repatriation of the victims.

The two-day workshop titled "Improving and Developing the Strategies for Prosecution of Cross-

boarder Traffickers and Smooth Repatriation of Trafficked Victims," organised by Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA) began at the Bag Inn Centre here yesterday.

Representatives from the government and the NGOs working in this field in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan have been participating in the workshop.

With BNWLA president Advocate Sigma Huda in the chair, the opening session was addressed by regional representatives of International Organisations for Migration (IOM) Shahidul Haque, Ms Anna Selim of Pakistan, Ugyen Wangdi of Bhutan, Advocate Sanjoy Ghosh of India and Dr Renu Raj Bhandary of Nepal.

BNWLA executive director Advocate Salma Ali gave address of welcome.

The workshop comprising eight sessions will focus on developing

effective strategies and new approaches for protection of victims and witnesses, prevention of trafficking, identification and repatriation of victims, ensuring trial of traffickers and creation of alternative opportunities for combating trafficking.

The speakers called for treating the human trafficking crime under the broader framework of the migration issue.

Describing poverty and underdevelopment as the major reasons for women and child trafficking in the region, Sigma Huda said the countries have to develop effective strategies and take coordinated measures to fight the menace.

"As this is a regional issue, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan are very much active with the burning issue but, the trafficking still remains an issue of concern due to its cross-border nature, she said.

Three receive burn injuries in Comilla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man threw acid on his sister-in-law and two others over a family feud in Comilla in the early hours yesterday.

The injured are Kohinor, 25, wife of Naimul Hassan, her nephew Kawsar, 13, and her one and a half-year-old son Sakib.

Kohinor and Sakib had burns in the face, neck and chest while Kawsar in the hands.

The injured were rushed to local thana health complex the same

night and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the morning. But finding no bed in the hospital, Naimul admitted them to a local clinic.

Kohinor said her brother-in-law Mintu, who had a feud with Naimul, threw acid on them from the rooftop at about 1:30am.

A resident of 80/A Siddeshwari Circular Road under Ramna Police Station, Kohinor went to her village at Jampura under Chowddagram a couple of months ago to mend her house.

Smuggled timber, fuel woods worth Tk 23 lakh seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Smuggled timber and fuel woods worth Tk 23 lakh have been seized in Cox's Bazar, Chittagong south and Bandarban areas.

In a joint raid at Bidgha Bazar and its adjoining areas in Cox's Bazar sadar upazila on January 3, BDR members and forest department officials seized 1700 square foot of timber and 2200 square foot of fuel woods stolen from government forests.

Besides, they demolished an illegal sawmills in the area which had long been engaged in cutting timber stolen from forests, said a press release.

Earlier in December, the forest staffs seized 2900 square foot of timber and 2700 square foot of fuel woods. They also seized two trucks, three boats, three jeeps and other modes of vehicles.

A notorious timber thief Abdul Quader was arrested from Riving area under Fashlakhal, and an illegal arms recovered from his possession.

Forest guards in Chittagong

south region recovered 858 square foot of timber, 550 square foot of fuel woods, 146 pieces of timber doors, one pickup van, and two trucks in past two weeks. They also arrested three notorious timber thieves.

Forest staffs of Bandarban region, seized 250 square foot of timber and a truck. They also arrested a notorious criminal for his involvement in timber smuggling on January 3.

Talking to The Daily Star, Environment and Forest Minister Tariqul Islam said his ministry has given top priority to check smuggling of forest resources.

Task forces have been formed and instructions given to the armed forces, BDR, police and intelligence agencies to combat the timber smuggling along with forest staffs, he added.

The minister said a number of forest officials have been suspended on charges of their involvement in timber smuggling, and their service will be terminated if found guilty after departmental inquiry.

Lawyers' Demand Day on February 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Gonatantrik Ainjibi Samity will observe Demand Day on February 9 for separation of judiciary and formation of the National Judicial Commission.

It was decided at a meeting of the members of the secretariat of central committee yesterday with its president Barrister Shafique Ahmed in the chair. The meeting also demanded repeal of all black laws and third amendment of the civil

procedure code.

The meeting also urged all bar association, including Supreme Court Bar Association, to hold rallies, press conference and form human chain on the day.

General Secretary of Central Executive Parishad Mohammad Jahidul Bari, Bar Council member Porimol Chandra Guha, Shubrata Chowdhury, SMA Abdus Sabur, Kazi Shajjoar Hossain, Nazmul Ahsan Mizan and Abdul Baten spoke at the meeting.



Art competition

BCS Computer City organises an art competition for the children as part of the concluding function of its City IT Festival 2004. Venue: City premises, Begum Rokeya Sarani. Time: 11:00am.

Flower festival

The concluding function of the 10th National Flower Festival, organised by the Export Promotion Bureau, will be held. Venue: T & T Ground, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar

Jatiya Granthakendra organises a seminar titled 'Family library: Reflection of enlightened family' to mark the 11th Dhaka Book Fair. Venue: Fair premises, Bangladesh Shipakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4:00pm.

Film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'Sunshine' directed by Isvan Sabo. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 10:00am.

Poets' conference

A conference of the poets from across the country, organised by Kabitapatra, an organisation of National Press Club poets, will be held. It will be followed by a musical function. VIP Lounge of the club. Time: 2:00pm.

Cultural function

Greenfield School will hold its annual cultural function. Students of the school will perform at the programme followed by a cartoon animation show. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:00pm.

Launching ceremony

A musical function will be held to mark the formal launching of an audio album and a VCD by Napin Music. Venue: Bakulata of the Institute of Fine Arts. Time: 4:00pm.

Conference

The inaugural function of a two-day conference of International Political Science Association will be held with US Ambassador Harry K Thomas as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of International Strategic Studies, 1/46 Old Elephant Road. Time: 9:30am.

Memorial discussion

Bigganchothana Parishad organises Araj Ali Matubbar Memorial Discussion. Venue: Business Faculty Auditorium of Dhaka University. Time: 10:00am.

Citizen's rally

Paribesh Bachaon Andolon organises a citizen's rally to protest the pollution of water and earth filling of Gulshan Lake. Venue: Banani-Gulshan Link Bridge. Time: 10:30am.

Meeting

Monthly meeting of Bangladesh Vocational Technical Institute Old Students Association will be held. Venue: 34/6, Pallabi Mirpur. Time: 4:00pm.

Blood donation

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Pallima Sangsad, Khilgaon. Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm.



Mild cold wave likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country with light to moderate fog during the morning till 6:00pm today.

Mild cold wave may sweep over Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Myrnsingh, Tangail and Srimongal. Met Office said predicting slight fall in night temperature.

Highest temperature 28.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Hatiya and lowest 9.4 degree Celsius at Chuadanga.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:27pm today and rises at 6:43am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.5	16.0	62	72
Chittagong	27.5	15.4	61	67
Rajshahi	25.4	9.8	71	70
Khulna	26.0	12.3	75	69
Barisal	26.4	11.0	89	—
Sylhet	28.0	14.1	69	60
Cox's Bazar	27.7	17.8	70	67

Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR)

Local Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed cover are invited from bonafide supplier trading firms for supply of the undermentioned items of Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research.

Serial No.	Tender No.	Description of items	Eligibility of supplier firm	Tender security/ earnest money	Price of tender
1.	Sec/Pur/53-3/2003-05(1)	Scientific instruments/ glass wares	Past experience of supplying the tender stated items to govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisation	Tk 75,000/- (seventy-five thousand) only	Tk 3,000/- (three thousand) only.
2.	Sec/Pur/53-3/2003-05(2)	Chemical goods	Past experience of supplying the tender stated items to govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisation	Tk 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) only	Tk 1,000/- (one thousand) only.

- Tender document to be had at : a) Cashier, BCSIR Secretariat, Library Building (3rd Floor), Dhaka. b) Office of Director, Dhaka Laboratory, IFST, IFRD & Leather Research Institute, Nayamat, Savar, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender : 25-1-2005 upto office hours.
- Tender to be submitted at : Office of Secretary, Superintending Engineer & Member-Secretary, Tender Evaluation Committee and Office of Director, Dhaka Laboratory/IFST/IFRD, BCSIR, Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205 & Leather Research Institute, Nayamat, Savar, Dhaka. Tender can be sent to the said offices by post (registered) or courier. Tender received after 3:00PM of 26-1-2005 shall not be accepted.
- Last date of submitting tender : 26-1-2005 upto 3:00PM.
- Tender validity period : 120 days.
- Time limit for supply : 60 (sixty) days (from the date of issuing work order).
- Place & date of opening tender : To be opened at the office chamber of Member (Finance) of the Council and Convener, Tender Evaluation Committee on 26-1-2005 at 3:15 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Attested copy of current year up-to-date trade licence, VAT, TIN, bank solvency certificate and past experience certificate on supply of schedule stated items should be submitted with the tender. If required tenderers shall have to produce the original papers on demand of BCSIR authorities. In case any fault is detected in the submitted papers, all tenders shall be treated as cancelled forthwith.

Detailed information can be obtained from the Purchase Section of the Council. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in part or all tenders without assigning any reason.

All programmes of purchase shall be executed as per rules of Public Procurement Regulations-2003.

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Member-Secretary
Tender Evaluation Committee
BCSIR, Dhaka

Office of the Narayanganj Pourashava

Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement Project (UGIIP)
Narayanganj District

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Memo No. Na: Pou/Proku/21(Works)/8(PW)/1/99-04/521

Dated: 30-12-2004

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement Project (UGIIP) and it is intends that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the work as mentioned in para-2. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries of the Asian Development Bank.
- The Narayanganj Pourashava invites sealed bids from pre-qualified eligible bidders for the construction and completion of the following works.

Sl. No	ID No	Name of the scheme	Contract No.	Bid security in Taka	Time for completion (days)	Price of bidding documents (Taka)
01	PR-2	Overly and improvement of road from Metro Cinema Hall via Ishakhan Road up to Adamjee Rail Crossing by bituminous carpeting (2 nd part)	1-04NRG-02R	1,12,041/=	90	4500/=
02	MD-1	Construction of partial cover drain and rest RCC pipe drain from Masdair Bazar to Shitalakhya River.	1-04NRG-01D	1,80,895/=	180	7500/=
03	MD-2	Reconstruction of existing drain from Grindlays Bank to Shitalakhya River.	1-04NRG-02D	1,63,185/=	165	2500/=
04	MD-3	Reconstruction of Salimullah Road side deep drain and part portion to be constructed with RCC pipe drain from Chashara More to Shitalakhya River.	1-04NRG-03D	2,23,905/=	180	9500/=
05	MD-4	Reconstruction of drain with cover slab from Chashara More to Metro Cinema (South side of Salimullah Road).	1-04NRG-04D	1,76,230/=	180	7500/=

- Bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the bidding documents, at the office of the Superintending Engineer of Narayanganj Pourashava, Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj and Deputy Commissioner of Narayanganj District.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the above office, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned above.
- All bids must be accompanied by a security of amount as mentioned in table (para-2) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Chairman, Narayanganj Pourashava.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 18-01-2005 at 11:00 hours in the office of the undersigned and all bidders are requested to attend the meeting on time.
- All bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, LGED, District Narayanganj, Deputy Commissioner, District Narayanganj on or before on 08-02-2005 at 12:00 hours. Bidders may deliver/submit their bids personally or by registered mail.
- Bill will be opened at 14:00 hours on 08-02-2005 the office of the undersigned in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

Superintending Engineer
and Head, IIS
Narayanganj Pourashava
District: Narayanganj

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