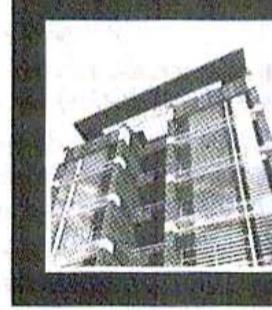


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Banglalink CEO Rashid Khan and RahimAfroz CEO Samir Asaf sign an agreement on behalf of their respective companies recently for safe recycle of used batteries.

Agreement to work for lead-free environment

The level of lead pollution in Dhaka is one of the highest in the world, says a press release.

Improper disposal of used old batteries, which is very hazardous in nature, contributes to the increase of this level.

Even if the recycling has to be done in an environment-friendly manner, it can pollute and contaminate air that we breathe and water that we drink.

Improper recycling of used batteries leading to lead pollution causes kidney damage, breathing complications, higher blood pressure, reproductive problems and anaemia.

Lead also interferes with normal body functions and nervous system and in extreme cases can cause convulsions, coma or death.

In the light of these startling facts, the government promulgated a social responsibility ordinance on July 6 of 2006 for safe handling and recycle of used old batteries.

In compliance with the ordinance, RahimAfroz has taken up a programme entitled 'Creating Lead Free Environment'.

banglalink, a leading telecommunication service provider in the country, has recently joined this initiative which is a drive for safe recycle of used batteries.

Rashid Khan, CEO of banglalink, and Samir Asaf, CEO of RahimAfroz, signed an agreement on behalf of their respective companies.

Hamid Nadia, Muhammad Ziaur Rahman and Taufiqul Karim Shridh of banglalink and Sayeed Hasan and Kazi Javed Islam of RahimAfroz were present on the occasion.

The joining of banglalink with the initiative of RahimAfroz should stand as an example to other socially conscious and responsible individuals, organisation and companies to help promote a safer green environment in the country, the release added.

EARTH Foundation

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for around Tk 200 crore.

BCSIR Chairman Dr Choudhury Mahmood Hasan said the EARTH Foundation only supplied water samples to the BCSIR for tests claiming that the water was filtered using its technology.

"We asked the EARTH Foundation to supply the filter too. It requires at least three to four months to test such filters as we need to use the filter for arsenic contaminated water from different areas to make sure that it filters arsenic in water from anywhere in the country," Mahmood said. The EARTH Foundation did not follow the BCSIR instructions, he added.

Water matrix of different places are different and a filter invented in the USA or Europe may not be applicable in Bangladesh, the BCSIR chairman explained.

The BCSIR has a committee to extend technological verification support under the Arsenic Mitigation Programme and this committee is the sole authority to certify any such filter, he said.

Michael T Behan, general counsel of ICDDR, B, said the institute never tested or certified the EARTH Foundation filter.

"Our Environmental Microbiology Laboratory simply received two water samples submitted by the EARTH Foundation and issued two routine lab reports on August 9, 2007," he said.

It appears that one of those reports was used in the foundation's advertisement, Behan said, adding, "Our laboratory has no knowledge of the sources of the

water samples or the type of filtration used, if any. Anyone can bring a water sample for testing at ICDDR, B. Our analyses and results cannot and do not state anything about the sample's source or any intermediary treatment it might have received."

Prof SK Akhter Ahmad of Department of Occupational and Environmental Health at NIPSON in a certificate recommended the filter on the basis of "certificates" of the ICDDR, B and BCSIR, which were actually not certification on the filter.

He said in the certificate that the EARTH filter project was conducted with his frequent advice and suggestions.

The EARTH Foundation's advertisement said each schedule document would be sold for non-refundable Tk 2,000 and that two percent earnest money of the total quoted value must be submitted along with the tender in favour of the foundation.

When contacted, Dr Mohammad Abdul Jalil, director of the foundation's health division, said, "There is no restriction against publicising the filter. We never said we are making the publicity for marketing and will not take certification from the BCSIR."

Jalil said, "We are sure that the filter will be certified. Our aim is to make available these low-cost filters to poor people."

Asked how many companies have taken part in the bidding, he said he does not have any idea about that.

Gates to tour Asia in Nov

APP, Tokyo

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates is to visit Japan next month, a report said yesterday, as Washington seeks to persuade Tokyo to maintain its support for forces in Afghanistan.

Gates will hold talks on regional security with his counterparts in China and South Korea as well as visiting Japan for the first time since he took office last December, the Sankei Shimbun daily said.

He said he would use the trip to discuss Japan's mission to provide fuel and other support to US-led forces in the Indian Ocean.

The opposition has vowed to bring Japan's ships home, arguing that the officially pacifist country should not be part of "American wars."

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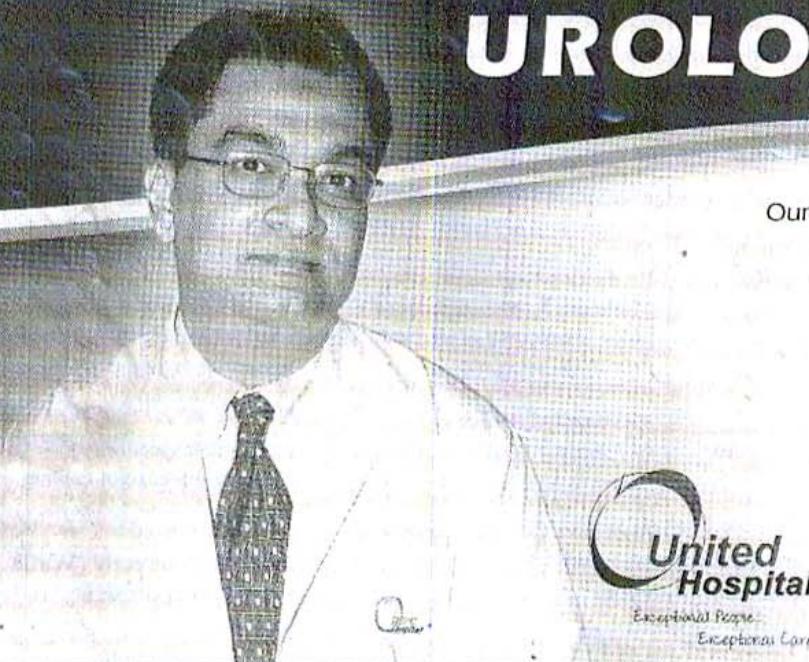


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Road accidents kill 4

STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed and 35 others injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Sylhet and Pabna yesterday and on Friday.

BSS from Chittagong adds: A woman was killed on the spot and three others were injured as a pick-up van and a private car head-on in Moijartek area under Patiya upazila here yesterday.

Police and hospital sources said the dead was identified as Roshana Akhter, 35, wife of late Kala Meah of Juidandhi under Atwara upazila.

One of the injured - auto-rickshaw driver Wakib, 25, and businessman Rezaul Karim, 40, were admitted to the Osmani Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed with the police.

Our correspondent from Pabna adds: At least 30 passengers were injured, 20 of them are critically, in a road accident on Pabna-Rajshahi highway at 'Tebunia' at about 11:00am yesterday.

The accident took place when a Pabna-bound bus and Rajshahi-bound bus collided at Tebunia, leaving 30 injured on the spot.

Of the injured, 20 were rushed to Pabna General Hospital in critical condition. They are Nasrin, 25, Miran, 5, Dulal, 30, Babu, 30, Mohsin, 40, Hanan, 30, Asad, 50, Abdul Kuddus, 25, Saidul, 50, Milan, 20, Apu, 50, Topon, 35, Sabina, 25, Ruhil Amin, 28, Munna, 30, Azahar, 40, Akher Ali, 40, Salam, 60, Samsunnahar, 40 and Panjab, 45.