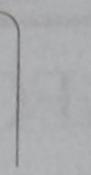


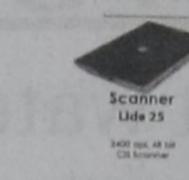
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Most hospitals, clinics in city skip waste management

HELEMUL ALAM

Most of the hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and dental clinics in the capital slip through the medical waste management net, posing a serious health hazard to residents, hospital staff and scavengers.

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) began the medical waste management with the help of Prism Bangladesh in July 2005 and has so far succeeded to cover 272 hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres. But the move is not sufficient enough as it can cover up to 20 percent of medical waste produced in the capital.

According to the Health Directorate, there were 437 registered clinics in the capital and 1,971 others elsewhere in the country till April this year. Besides, there are also 4,245 diagnostic centres and dental clinics in the country, of which 817 are in Dhaka.

"We've succeeded to collect improvement project. around 20 percent of hazardous waste so far bringing 272 hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres under our network," said Khandaker Anisur Rahman, executive director of Prism Bangladesh, a private organisation working for

management of medical waste. "The success is not so high as 17 government hospitals in the city generating most of the waste are still out of our management," he said. Nine of these hospitals are large and major sources of medical waste, he added.

Each bed of a clinic or hospital produces on an average 1-1.9 kilogram of waste every day. Of the total waste, only 10-15 percent is syringes, scalpels, saws, broken hazardous. But the entire waste turns unsafe due to lack of man-

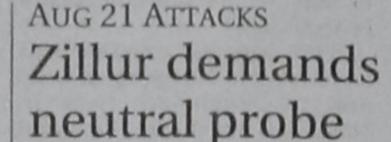
agement, said Tariq Bin Yousuf, project director of DCC landfill

Around 1,000 government and private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres produce over 200 tonnes of waste every day. Around 30 tonnes of the waste is hazardous and may cause HIV/AIDS infection, Hepatitis B, dysentery, diarrhoea, malaria, scabies, skin ailments and other diseases, Yousuf

The waste includes infectious pathogens in such concentrations that exposure to those could result in diseases, he added. Besides blood, body fluids, tissues, organs, body parts, hazardous pharmaceutical and chemical waste are there.

Sharps needles, blades, glass, nails and many items could

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UNB, Dhaka

Acting Awami League President Zillur Rahman yesterday demanded trial of those who were behind the killing of his wife Ivy Rahman, slain chief of Mohila Awami League, and others in the August 21 grenade attack four years

"It is clear that the BNP-led fourparty alliance government was behind the deadly grenade attack. We want the caretaker government to unearth the real culprits through neutral investigation and bring them to trial," he said.

Zillur was talking to journalists SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

TECHNICAL GLITCHES Tongi 80MW power plant shut down

UNB, Dhaka

The 80-MW Tongi peaking power plant was shut down yesterday due to a leakage in its cooling system.

Power Development Board (PDB) officials said operation of the power generation unit was halted at 5:35am after a leakage was spotted in the cooling system.

The officials, however, could not say how long it would take to fix the problem.

PDB control room officials said the country experienced about 1,000 MW of power cut during peak hours yesterday, a public holiday on the occasion of Janmastami, a religious festival of Hindu community.

The PDB and independent power producers (IPPs) together generated about 3,300 MW yesterday against a demand of 4,350 MW.

Wage war against corruption

ACC chief asks youths STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday urged youngsters to make the war against corruption in the country a success and work towards establishing the rule of law.

He was speaking as chief guest at the Bandhu Utsab, organised by Prothom Alo Bandhu Sabha at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) auditorium in the city.

> Over 1,200 members from 147 SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Taliban militants offer truce in Pak tribal area

AFP, Khar

Taliban militants in a troubled Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border yesterday offered a unilateral ceasefire as a two-weekold military operation left some 500 people dead, a spokesman

"We have directed our militants to stop attacks against the government and security forces in Bajaur from today," Maulvi Omar, spokesman for the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (Taliban Movement), told

The decision has been taken following talks with tribal elders, he SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



A child incarnation of Krishna being carried in a procession celebrating Janmashtami. The photo was taken at Palashi intersection in the capital yesterday.

Janmashtami celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Hindus yesterday celebrated Janmashtami, a religious festival marking the birth of Lord Krishna, across the country amid festivity and religious fervour.

On the occasion, religious organisations of the Hindus arranged various programmes including prayers to Krishna, puja, discussion, padabali kirtan, Geeta Jaggyam (special prayers), devotional songs in praise of Krishna, drama and cultural functions at

different temples. President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed greeted the occasion with separate messages issued on the eve of Janmashtami.

President lajuddin and his wife Anwara Begum exchanged greetings with the members of the Hindu community at the SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

Kyrgyzstan plane crash kills 71 AFP, Bishkek

A passenger plane crashed shortly after take-off from the Kyrgyzstan capital of Bishkek yesterday, claiming the lives of 71 people onboard, the health ministry said.

The Boeing-737 operated by Kyrgyz air company Itek Air was en route to Iran when it went down near Bishkek's Manas airport, the civil aviation ministry.

"According to new information, there are 71 dead," health ministry spokeswoman Yelena Bayalinova told AFP. She had earlier given a toll of 87 dead.

"There are currently 15 injured at Bishkek hospital including two who are in intensive care," said Bayalinova. "More injured are being taken to hospital."

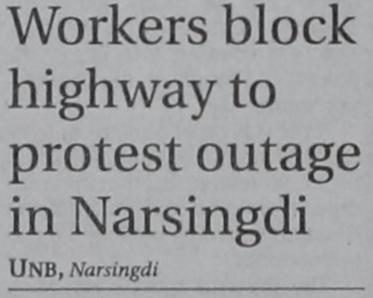
Prime Minister Igor Chudinov said there were 15 foreigners among the 83 passengers of the plane that also had a sevenmember crew, the Interfax news agency reported.

Among the foreigners were Iranian, Turkish, Chinese and Canadian nationals, he said. Rescue teams and firefighters

were dispatched to the site of the crash a few kilometres from the airport where the plane was engulfed in fire, officials said. US military officials at a nearby

base sent firefighters and medical staff to the scene, said Aygul Karemshakova, a press spokeswoman for the US base in Kyrgyzstan.

The civil aviation ministry earlier said at least 34 people had survived the crash.



Traffic movement on Dhaka-Sylhet highway was disrupted for about

two and half hours as jute and textile mill workers put up blockade on the highway yesterday morning protesting frequent power cut in factories.

Sources said hundreds of workers took to the street at about 8:00am and put up blockade on the road protesting frequent power outage that disrupted production in their factories.

The agitating workers withdrew blockade at about 10:30am



Numerous banners are hung over Green Road in the capital in a bid to lure students to coaching centres.

WOES OF FOREIGN WORKERS IN KUWAIT

Hundreds of thousands get half the promised wages

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of thousands of foreign guest workers including 2.40 lakh Bangladeshis in Kuwait are forced to continue jobs for half the wages their contracts pledge, says a USbased worker rights watchdog

(NLC), a non-government organisation working to promote worker rights in the global economy, released the report in New York on tation. August 21

conditions with their passports seized by the employers in the Kuwait. Middle Eastern country.

"Workers who ask for their weekforwages of just 14 to 36 cents

proper wages are beaten and an hour. It means they are being threatened with arrest and deportation. They are housed in squalid, overcrowded dorms with eight workers sharing a 10-by-10-foot room, sleeping on narrow, doublelevel metal bunk beds," it reads.

The NLC report also mentions

Camp Ariffan, a US military base in National Labour Committee Kuwait, where at least 310 Bangladeshi workers had to work 11 hours a day and seven days a week as cleaners until their depor-

The report describes how the earn \$34.72 for working 70 hours, them, was working 131 hours a workers have got to work seven whereas they should make at least week with just three hours sleep a days a week under inhumane \$63 as per the three-year contracts day. they had purchased to work in

pledged. In the first seven months of this year, the Bangladeshi workers at the US base were not paid over \$250,000 of their wages, it said, adding that the Kuwaiti companies working with the US military ille-

deprived of up to 84 percent of the

90-cent-an-hour wage they were

gally withheld the sums. Because of underpayment, some workers at the US military base had to take second jobs in It says most of the guest workers order to survive. Sabur, one of

In early 2008, food prices shot up in Kuwait, pushing the workers Many of them work seven days a further into misery, the labour SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

BSF kills two Bangladeshis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) last night gunned down two Bangladeshi cattle traders at a bordering village in 24 Parganas district of West Bengal in India. The incident took place at

Syedpur village under Basirhat Police station, opposite Bhatshala border in Debhata upazila of Satkhira.

Of the victims, one was identified as Zakir Hossain, 28, of village Sekendra in Debhata upazila while SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

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আবুল খায়ের গ্রুগের গুঁড়োদুধের আরেকটি চালান আটক শীর্ষক খবরের প্রতিবাদ

সম্প্রতি কয়েকটি দৈনিক পত্রিকায় গুঁড়োদুধের আমদানী ও মান সম্পর্কে যে সংবাদ প্রকাশ ও প্রচার হয়েছে উক্ত সংবাদে আমাদের মক্কেল আবুল খায়ের গ্রুপ অত্যন্ত ব্যথিত ও মর্মাহত হয়েছেন। আমাদের মক্কেল এ দেশে ব্যবসা-বাণিজ্য ও শিল্প বিকাশে একটি শীর্ষ স্থানীয় প্রতিষ্ঠান। তাদের উৎপাদিত ও সরবরাহকৃত বিভিন্ন পণ্য ভোক্তা সাধারণের মাঝে দারুন জনপ্রিয়তা ও গ্রহনযোগ্যতা লাভ করেছে।

আবুল খায়ের গ্রুপ গুঁড়োদুধ আমদানীতে কোনরূপ জালিয়াতি কিংবা অনৈতিকতায় লিপ্ত সংবাদটি মোটেও সত্য নহে। তারা দীর্ঘ দিন যাবং সম্পূর্ণ বৈধ পন্থায় দুগ্ধ সরবরাহকারী দেশ থেকে গুড়োদুধসহ ঐ জাতীয় ও অন্যান্য পণ্য আমদানী করে উহা বিক্রয় ও বাজারজাতকরণের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বদা দেশী ও আন্তর্জাতিক বিধি বিধান মান্য করে চলছেন।

কথিত সংবাদে আমদানীকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ সম্পর্কে যে মনগড়া ও অনুমান ভিক্তিক সংবাদ পরিবেশন করা হয়েছে তা মোটেও সত্য নহে। জন্দকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ সমূহ যে প্রক্রিয়ায় জন্দ করা হয়েছে তাহাও আইন ও বিধি অনুযায়ী হয়নি। জব্দকৃত আমদানীকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ সমূহ এলসি এর মাধ্যমে রপ্তানি কারক দেশ অষ্ট্রেলিয়া থেকে আমদানী করা হয়। আমদানীকৃত গুঁড়োদুধের মান সম্পর্কে অষ্ট্রেলিয় সরকার ইহার মান ও গুণাগুন পরীক্ষা করে হেল্থ সার্টিফিকেট প্রদান করেন। যেখানে মানুষ কর্তৃক খাবার উপযোগিতার কথা বলা হয়েছে। ইহা ছাড়া আমদানীকৃত ও জব্দকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ সমূহ জাহাজী করণের পূর্বে পিএসআই সংস্থা দারা উহার মান, খাদ্য উপযোগিতা পরীক্ষা করা হয়। তারা উহা যথায়থ নিয়মে পরীক্ষা শেষে উৎপাদন ও মেয়াদের সময় সীমা উল্লেখ করেন। উল্লেখ্য উক্ত পি এস আই সংস্থা বাংলাদেশ সরকারের নিয়োগকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান। এক্ষেত্রে জব্দকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ পিএসআই সংস্থা কর্তৃক কোনরূপ ভুল তথ্য প্রদান করা হয়ে থাকলে ইহার দায়-দায়িত্ব তাদেরই। জব্দকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ আমদানীর ক্ষেত্রে আমদানীকারকের কোনরূপ গাফলতি নেই। এলসির শর্ত মোতাবেক যে সমস্ত শর্তাবলী পূরণ করার কথা তার সবটাই এক্ষেত্রে সম্পন্ন হয়েছে।

ইহা ছাড়া উক্ত মালামাল জাহাজযোগে বাংলাদেশে আসার পর বাংলাদেশ পরমাণু শক্তি কমিশনের তেজস্ক্রিয়তা পরীক্ষণ এবং মনিটরিং গবেষণাগার দারা উহার নমুনা পরীক্ষা করা হয়। পরমাণু শক্তি কমিশন বিগত ১১/০৮/২০০৮ইং তারিখ উক্ত মালামালের নমুনা পরীক্ষা শেষে প্রদত্ত সনদে ২০০৯ইং সাল পর্যন্ত জব্দকৃত গুঁড়োদুধ খাবার উপযোগী বলে ছাড়পত্র/সনদ প্রদান করেন। কোনরূপ পরীক্ষা-নিরীক্ষা ছাড়া শুধু অনুমানের উপর ভিত্তি করে পত্রিকা সমূহ যে সংবাদ প্রচার ও প্রকাশ করেছে তা দুঃখজনক ও অনাকাঙ্খিত ছাড়া আর কিছুই নহে। এ জাতীয় ঘটনায় আমাদের মকেলের দীর্ঘদিনের অর্জিত ব্যবসায়ীক সুনাম, সুখ্যাতি, মর্যাদা ও ভাবমূর্তি দারুন ভাবে বিনষ্ট হয়েছে এবং ভোক্তা সাধারণের মাঝেও নানান প্রশ্নের সৃষ্টি হয়েছে। এ অবস্থায় অত্র প্রতিবাদ লিপিটি সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য প্রচার করা হলো।

ডঃ কামাল হোসেন এন্ড এসোসিয়েটস এর পক্ষে স্বাক্ষরিত

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Power loom workers blockade Chouala office of Narsingdi Palli Bidyut Samity-2 and barricade Dhaka-Sylhet highway yesterday demanding uninterrupted power supply.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

after Deputy Commissioner Jillar Rahman assured them of taking necessary steps in this regard.