

# Health service limps in Patuakhali district

109 of 164 doctors', all 66 assistant surgeons' posts vacant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

With 109 of the 164 posts of doctors lying vacant in different health centres in Patuakhali district, only 55 doctors are struggling to cope with healthcare service for about 17 lakh people in seven upazilas in the district.

On an average, one doctor is available for every 30,000 people in the district.

Dasmina upazila is run-

ning with only two doctors as 13 of the 15 doctors' posts are vacant. In Mirzaganj upazila 12 of 15, in Kalapara 15 of 18, in Galachipa 21 of 6, in Baufal 17 of 23, in Dumki 5 of 9, in Sadar upazila 15 of 18 posts are lying vacant. In Patuakhali General Hospital 9 out of 33 posts including that of senior surgeon of child and ENT are vacant while the post of junior consultant at TB clinic is vacant. The post of medical officer at Civil Surgeon's

Office and another post at District Reserve Store is also vacant.

All the posts of 66 assistant surgeons at union level are also vacant.

During a visit to Dashmina Upazila Health Complex, this correspondent found that many patients were returning home without getting treatment due to lack of doctors.

Masuma, 35, of Bashbaria village under the upazila came to the health complex with her

one and half-month-old child Salman as he is suffering from fever for several days.

"I came here at about 9:30am on the day but now at 1:30pm I am yet to visit any doctor. Many patients gathered here but only two doctors are serving them," she said.

"Earlier on Wednesday, I came here and collected ticket from the outdoor but returned home without any treatment," she added.

This correspondent also saw that indoor treatment was being hampered due to shortage of doctors there while over 100 patients were waiting for treatment.

"We have to serve both at outdoor and indoor although there are only three doctors against nine posts. As about 150 to 200 patients came for outdoor treatment daily we find it difficult to cope with the situation," said the upazila health officer.

"Sometimes visitors of patients become annoyed with us as we fail to give proper attention to the patients," he added.

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Amid shortage of doctors and accommodation, patients stay in a congested ward of Dashmina Upazila Health Complex in Patuakhali.

## UNKNOWN DISEASE Panchagarh college closed as 15 girls fall sick

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 15 students of Panchagarh Government Women's College were attacked with a 'mysterious disease' yesterday forcing the college authorities to stop the examinations and close down the college for an indefinite period, college sources said.

Resident students were asked to vacate the hostel after the incident, they said.

Two inmates of the college hostel fell ill on a sudden Saturday night, acting principal Mokhesur Rahman said. Later, other students fell ill creating panic among all the inmates, he said. Seven of the victims were admitted to Panchagarh General Hospital for treatment, he informed.

The symptoms were acute chest pain with suffocation and high fever, doctors said. Most of the victims trembled and became unconscious, they said.

However, a doctor seeking anonymity termed the disease as 'hysteria' which triggered sudden mental disorder.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nauabganj

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday seized 2,024 bottles of phensidyl at Chhoyroshia village of Alatali union in Sadar upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, a BDR team of Sultanganj Border Outpost (BOP) went to the village and recovered the bottles of phensidyl in an abandoned state.

However, none could be arrested in this connection.



Adivasi Sangskirtik Unnayan Sangstha brings out a procession on the premises of Godagari upazila headquarters in Rajshahi district marking World Children's Rights Day yesterday.

## BNP wants alliance ticket in all 6 seats in Sirajganj, Jamaat firm on two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Local BNP demands four-party alliance ticket all six seats in Sirajganj while Jamaat-e-Islami, a key partner of the BNP-led alliance, is serious about getting tickets for two seats in the district.

As Jamaat wants nomination from Sirajganj-4 (Ullapara) and Sirajganj-5 (Belkuchi-Chowhali) constituencies, a rift has been created between local BNP and Jamaat.

Earlier, there were seven constituencies in the district but the new delimitation has reduced the number into six. Chowhali upazila was under Sirajganj-6 constituency and Belkuchi-Kamarkhanda was under Sirajganj-5 constituency but now Sirajganj-5 constituency comprises Chowhali and Belkuchi upazilas while Kamarkhanda upazila has gone under Sirajganj-2.

In 2001, Major (ret'd) Monzur Quader and

Justice Mozammel Huq won in Sirajganj-6 and Sirajganj-5 as four-party alliance candidates.

Now BNP demands nomination for Quader or Huq from the Sirajganj-5 constituency, while Jamaat demands the seat for Sirajganj district Jamaat Amir Ali Alam.

Jamaat demands nomination from Sirajganj-4 constituency for Rafiqul Islam, Amir of Dhaka Mohanagar Jamaat, while BNP demands ticket from the constituency for M Akbar Ali who won the seat in 2001 election.

Jamaat leaders said Akbar has lost his popularity due to his huge corruption during the last regime.

Meanwhile, Jamaat leaders Ali Alam and Rafiqul Islam and BNP leaders Quader, Mozammel and Akbar have started mass contract separately in their electoral areas for nomination.

## 'Give ID cards to marginal fishermen'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Participants at a workshop held here yesterday underscored the need for supplying professional identity (ID) cards to marginal fishermen.

Community Development Centre, divisional fisheries department and Manusher Jonno Foundation, a major NGO, jointly organised the workshop.

Held at Saint Bangladesh Auditorium here, the workshop was attended by Santosh Ranjan Talukdar, Additional Divisional Commissioner of Barisal as chief guest.

Participants urged for supplying interest-free loan to marginal fishermen. They also emphasized on ensuring safety and security of Bangladeshi fishermen in deep sea. They urged the authorities concerned to take steps to stop looting of fishing wealth and illegal encroachment of foreign fishing trawlers.

## Workers Party leader Badsha submits nomination

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Workers' Party (WP) politburo member Fazle Hossain Badsha yesterday submitted his nomination papers and said he is the candidate of Awami League-led electoral alliance at Rajshahi-2 (Rajshahi City Corporation areas).

If nominated from the AL-led combine, Badsha is likely to face BNP's Mizanur Rahman Minu as his nearest rival in the election.

"I am not only the candidate of Awami League-led combine, but also the torchbearer of mass people and all pro-liberation organisations in the area," he told newsmen after the submission of nomination paper yesterday noon.

"If elected, I will take steps for reopening the closed down industries and factories. I will recommend for a budget giving priority to poor people," he said.

Meanwhile, local AL is keeping a noticeable distance with Badsha.

They have alleged that he did not take part in the campaign in favour of AHM Khairuzzaman Liton during

After the new delimitations, Rajshahi-2 constituency now covers only RCC areas.



Fazle Hossain Badsha August 4 RCC polls. In 2002 RCC polls, Badsha was lost to Minu and Badsha's suit for vote rigging at 20 polling centres is still under trial.

## Students can play vital role to check graft: ACC chief

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday said the new generation, especially the students, can stop corruption as they are yet to be involved in the bad practice.

The young generation can play a pivotal role in containing the trend of corruption prevailing in the country, the ACC boss said at a prize giving ceremony of a debate competition on 'Anti-Corruption' held at Government Ananda Mohan College.

"We want to uproot corruption from the society with the help of the students," the ACC chief told the meeting.

The ACC chairman distributed prizes among the winners of the debate competition.

Presided over by Ananda Mohan College Principal Prof M Shafuluddin, the ceremony was addressed, among others, by ACC Deputy Director Afzalur Rahman Bhuiyan.

Later at meeting with the officials of district and upazila ACC officials, he reviewed their activities and gave them directives.

Earlier, the ACC chief attended a view exchange meeting titled 'Social initiatives to fight against corruption' at Nazrul Institute auditorium in Trishal. Among other Vice-Chancellor of Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam Biswabidhalaya in Trishal Prof Shamsur Rahman and Upazila Nirbahi Officer Nazmush Shahadat Selim spoke on the occasion.

## 'Ensure voting rights for persons with disabilities'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Speakers at a rally held here yesterday demanded of the government to ensure rights of vote for persons with disabilities.

Spandan, Shanghati and ADD, three NGOs working for the disabled, jointly organised the rally in front of Sirajganj Press Club yesterday. Spandan president Masud Rana was in the chair.

Speakers urged the political

leaders to announce electoral pledges for persons with disabilities. If they get proper education and training, they too can contribute to the development of the country.

"We should create an opportunity to the differently abled to cast their votes freely and fairly," they said adding the political leaders should attach development pledges for the differently abled.

Later, a human chain was formed at the intersection in the town.



Jatiya Party chief former president HM Ershad submits nomination papers as a candidate in Rangpur-3 constituency for the upcoming parliament election yesterday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
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### Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare																								
2. Agency	Directorate General of Family Planning																								
3. Procuring entity name	Director (Logistics & Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage & Supply Management)																								
4. Procuring entity code	None																								
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka																								
6. Invitation for	Procurement of Fork Lift (Powered Stacker) & Wheel for Fork Lift (Powered Stacker)																								
7. Invitation Ref No.	DGFPL&S-2/2008-2009/6330/1056																								
8. Date	17/11/2008																								
9. Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM)																								
10. Budget and source of funds	GOB (Development)																								
11. Development partner	None																								
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17. Tender last selling date	23/12/2008 within office hour																								
18. Tender closing date & time	24/12/2008 up to 11:00am																								
19. Tender opening date & time	24/12/2008 at 11:15pm																								
20. Name and address of the office(s) Selling tender document	Logistics & Supply Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka																								
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21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Logistics & Supply Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka on 03/12/2008 at 11:00am																								
22. Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer shall have a minimum of last 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of similar goods. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 2 (two) years of experience in supply of specific goods. The tenderer shall have other qualifications as per tender documents. The minimum annual production capacity of the manufacturer shall be three times of 01 (one) piece of Fork Lift (Powered Stacker), 1 (one) set of wheel for Linde Fork Lift (Powered Stacker) & 1 (one) set of wheel for BT Fork Lift (Powered Stacker).																								
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31. a. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders and not bound to accept the lowest offer by the tenderer. b. All clauses and sub-clauses of "Public Procurement Regulation 2008" will be strictly followed.																									

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(Deputy Secretary)  
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Army Headquarter, EME Directorate  
Dhaka Cantonment

### Invitation of Tender

1. Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Army Headquarter, Master General of Ordnance Branch (EME Directorate) for purchase of following A-in-U items:

Ser No	Tender No & date	Nomenclature	Qty	Last date of selling tender schedule	Opening date of tender
a.	A-in-U/17 Date: 13 Nov 2008	Workshop crane with fol specification mentioned in the schedule)	10 (As per specification)	17 Dec 2008	18 Dec 2008

2. Tender schedule showing terms & conditions with technical specifications are available on payment at a specified rate during working hours at Army Headquarter, Master General of Ordnance Branch (EME Directorate), Dhaka Cantonment. 2.5% earnest money of the total tendered amount shall be deposited in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order along with the tender in favour of DEME, Army Headquarter, Master General of Ordnance Branch (EME Directorate), Dhaka Cantonment.

3. Participating firms must have past experience of supplying A-in-U items & mentioned items quantity may be increase or decrease.

4. Tender must be dropped before 1100 hrs on 18 Dec 2008 in the tender box kept at the reception room of AHQ, Agrajatra Gate.

5. Authority reserves all the right to accept or reject any or all the offers of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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