

Barisal medical college runs without forensic expert

Autopsy delayed, private taxidermists rule morgue

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Acute manpower crisis at forensic medicine department of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (SBMCH) is hampering academic activities and causing much delay in conducting autopsy of dead bodies.

The posts of one professor, one assistant professor, four lecturers and one medical officer of the department have been lying vacant for long while Assistant Professor Dr Habibur Rahman, who was in-charge of forensic section at SBMCH, and Lecturer Mafia Arefin have been recently transferred from here.

The situation is causing various problems including hampering classes for students, doing autopsy of dead bodies, taking on the spot examination of the victim, sending viscera to Dhaka and giving witness before the trial court.

Now left without any forensic expert, the department is facing serious problems in conducting post mortem of dead bodies in cases of unnatural deaths.

Post mortem reports of the bodies of Nupur, who reportedly committed suicide, and another person who died on February 6, could not be given as of yesterday, SBMCH sources said.

SBMCH sources said officially there is no post of dome or taxidermist in any public hospital of the country. However their works are done through unofficial private arrangements as their service is urgently needed during autopsy of dead bodies.

Shibu, Basanta and Babu, three members of dome community, work here privately as taxidermist and take Tk 400 to 1000 for autopsy of a body from relatives of the victim.

Heavy rush is seen at the morgue of SBMCH, the largest health service provider in the southern region, as dead bodies from six districts of Barisal division and

Shariatpur, Madaripur and Gopalganj districts of Dhaka division are often sent there for forensic examinations, hospital sources said.

As unnatural deaths and murder are recorded as 'police case' and dead bodies are handed over after post mortem, the grief-stricken relatives have to wait for long time to receive the bodies after autopsy due to the manpower shortage.

Dr Zahid Hossain, principal of the college, and Dr Abdul Khalek Shikder, deputy director of the hospital, told The Daily Star that higher authorities are well informed about the situation but filling of the nine vacant posts remain uncertain.



Biten by a dog near Rahmat Bazar in coastal island Hatia, this poor deer lies in a dying condition. In absence of any water source in the nearby forest, known as a safe heaven for the deer, the harmless creatures often come out of the forest and approach the sea shore for water.

Rivals kill outlaw

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

An outlaw was killed by rivals at Katdah village in Mirpur upazila Saturday night.

Zohurul Islam, so-called second-in-command of the outlawed Siddiq Bahini was killed by his rival Majnu Islam, gang leader of the outlawed Majnu Bahini, police said. Both the gangs had long-standing rivalry over establishment of supremacy in the area, they said.

Rivals slaughtered Zohurul at Katdah graveyard after abducting him from his Chakgram village home at about 9.00 pm. Later, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body.

Majnu also informed local journalists over phone that he had killed one of his rivals after resuming activities after a long time.

UPDF man shown arrested in Capt Gazi killing case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Security personnel on Saturday arrested Sachib Chakma, a member of the central convening committee of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF), at Bogachhari village under Naniachar upazila on charges of extortion, abduction and killing.

He was yesterday produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court that sent him to jail.

Kotwali police said Sachib Chakma, son of Nirayan Chakma of Jatramoni Karbari Para under Naniachar upazila, was wanted in seven cases, including two for murder, filed with Kotwali and Naniachar police stations.

Sachib was shown arrested in Captain Gazi murder case and an abduction case, police

said.

Captain Gazi was killed during a gunfight between Parbatya Chattogram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) and United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) at Naniachar on December 27, 2006. Gazi along with a team of security personnel went to Naniachar on information of an armed clash between the two rival groups and was caught in crossfire.

Immediately after the incident, a murder case was filed with Naniachar Police station accusing 45 people, including Sachib Chakma. He had been absconding since the filing of the murder case.

Shantidev Chakma, leader of UPDF Rangamati unit, yesterday condemned the arrest of their central committee member and demanded his immediate release.

WOMEN MPs FROM RESERVED SEATS

Ten lobby for AL ticket in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Ten women leaders and members of Khulna Awami League are aspiring for party ticket to become a lawmaker from reserved seats for women.

They are Principal Delwara Begum, Noor Afroze Ali, Prof Hosne Ara Runu, Lutfunnessa Lutfia, Advocate Sultana Rahman Shilpi, Anjuman Ara Begum, Naznin Rahman, Sufia Rahman Shunu, Advocate Aloka Nanda Das and Shamima Sultana Shima.

All these ten aspirants are desperately trying to get blessings and support of the central and local leaders of the ruling party.

"It is not yet clear if central committee will rely on opinion to be taken at the grassroots level of the party

to select its women lawmakers from the reserved seats," said Sheikh Harun-ar-Rashid, president of Khulna district Awami League.

Party insiders said five aspirants are ahead in the race so far as their performances in organisational affairs are concerned. They are Principal Delwara Begum, prof Hosne Ara Runu, Noor Afroze Ali, Sultana Rahman Shilpi and Naznin Rahman.

It is reported that names of lawmakers from women reserved seats would be announced in the second session of ninth parliament.

AL Central committee will ask for a list of panel candidates to be made on the basis of opinion of grassroots leaders, said Khulna City AL General Secretary, Mizanur Rahman Mizan.



Students attending classes under a banyan tree after a 'mysterious' fire gutted three rooms of Belgharia Government Primary School in Charchat upzila of Rajshahi yesterday morning.

College teacher dies falling from tree

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A teacher of Birganj Women's College died as he fell down from a coconut tree at village Kumarpur in Birganj upazila yesterday afternoon, police and family sources said.

The dead is Birganj Women's College lecturer Basanta Kumar Roy, 44, son of Bhabesh Chandra Roy of the aforesaid village.

He climbed up the tree for some coconuts. All on a sudden, he slipped through his fingers and died on the spot.

BCL men's bid to loot fish in Khulna foiled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police foiled an attempt to loot fish from a pond of Khulna Azam Khan Government Commerce College on Saturday by a faction of local unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

The incident occurred at 6:30am when the activists of the faction loyal to KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque hired seven fishermen to net fish from the pond.

BCL activists of other faction loyal to city AL General Secretary Mizanur Rahman brought the matter to notice of the college principal.

On arrival of police, BCL activists who made the attempt to loot fish from the pond left the spot.

When contacted, OC Ataur Rahman of Khulna Sadar Police Station confirmed it.

3 held with gun

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested three youths along with a revolver and four bullets from a bus at the east end of Bangabandhu Bridge.

The arrestees are Mohammad Khaled, 23, of Dharmogram village, and Rezaul Karim, 20, and Moniruzzaman Manik alias Raj, 21, of Putigara village under Aitakula upazila of Pabna district.

Akhaura land port normal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Export and Import Association of Akhaura land port in Brahmanbaria withdrew their indefinite strike yesterday after BDR sector commander of Comilla sector assured them of taking steps to release the truck driver, his helper and the seized truck.

Truck driver Hafiz Udding and helper Babul Mia were going to Agartala land port of India from Akhaura land port on Wednesday with the stone-laden truck with valid documents.

On the way, a team of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) seized their truck and arrested them.

On hearing the news, a section of the businessmen belonging to the Export and Import Association stopped the loading and unloading of Indian goods at Akhaura land port.

Classes under the banyan bough

600 kids' study hampered as fire destroys school rooms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Many of around 600 students of Belgharia Government Primary School in Charchat upazila had to attend classes under a banyan tree as three of their best classrooms were gutted in a fire yesterday morning.

Some sugar mill labourers called out villagers after seeing the fire at around 5:00am, said Sariatullah, a local youth.

One hour later, fire fighters controlled it.

By then, furniture of three rooms of the tin-shed school was gutted.

A confectionery, a poultry-feed store and a saloon were also gutted in the fire incident.

"At least 10 classrooms are required to accommodate all the students of the school but there were only six rooms (before the fire), said teachers.

So, we had to arrange classes for the rest at a building that was declared abandoned five years ago. We skip the building during the rainy season when risk of collapse is higher," said teacher of the primary school.

As this correspondent visited the school, some 12 km from the city, at noon yesterday, he saw children of class four attending their classes under a banyan tree.

"After coming to school, we found our classrooms burnt and teachers arranged classes under the tree," said Dristi, a class-four student.

The children of classes three and five were at the abandoned building that saw plasters from roof and walls had fallen off. Iron rod skeleton of the building were open at some points.

"I feel fear sitting in classes," said Panna, a class-three student.

TENDER SCAM AL cadres attack contractors in Satkhira: 5 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

At least five contractors were injured as cadres of Awami League (AL) and its associate organisations attacked them when they went to drop tenders at Satkhira Zila Parishad office in connection with renovation of three district council dak bungalows and leasing out 51 ponds.

Local AL leader Momin, district Chhatra League (BCL) General Secretary Asaduzzaman Lithu, Svecchhasebak League joint convenor Bedar Hossain Bablu, Lutfar Rahman and Mukul took control of the boxes for tender dropping at the zila parishad office in the morning, witnesses said.

As a few contractors approached near the tender boxes ignoring threats by the political persons, the latter swooped on them.

Five contractors including Akram Hossain Bappi and Abdus Salam were injured during the incident, they said.

Some 210 tenders were sold for renovation of the dak bungalows and 471 tenders were for leasing out 51 ponds, zila parishad office sources said.

But only three of the 210 sold tenders were dropped for renovation of buildings and 147 of 471 tenders were dropped for leasing out of ponds.

On contact, Satkhira Zila Parishad Executive Officer Mohammad Gaus confirmed the incident.



ফারইষ্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

প্রধান কার্যালয়, টিকে ভবন (১৪ তম তলা), ১৩ কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫।

কার ও মাইক্রোবাস ক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ফারইষ্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড কর্তৃক প্রকৃত গাড়ী আমাদানীকারক/বিক্রয়কারী/এজেন্ট/ডিলারের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত বিবরণ মোতাবেক ১০০% রিকভিশন কার ও মাইক্রোবাস ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে মুখবন্ধ খামে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাডে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে :-

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২। মাইক্রোবাস - ডিএক্স/জিএল ((Toyota Microbus DX/GL)

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- দরপত্রের সিডিউল এর প্রতিটির মূল্য ৫০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা অফেরৎ যোগ্য। কার (করোল্লা এক্স) ও মাইক্রোবাসের জন্য আলাদা আলাদা সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে এবং জমা দিতে হবে।
- আর্নেস্ট মনি প্রতি কার/মাইক্রোবাসের জন্য দরপত্র মূল্যের ২.৫০% টাকা পে অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে যা ফেরৎযোগ্য, তবে কার্যাদেশে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে গাড়ী সরবরাহ করতে ব্যর্থ হলে উক্ত আর্নেস্ট মনি বাজেয়াপ্ত হবে।
- দরপত্রের মধ্যে সরকারী নিয়ম অনুযায়ী ভ্যাট, ট্যাক্স ইত্যাদি সংযুক্ত থাকতে হবে যা সরবরাহ প্রতিষ্ঠান বহন করবে। কার/মাইক্রোবাসের মূল্য পরিশোধের সময় উক্ত ভ্যাট, ট্যাক্স কর্তন করে রাখা হবে এবং ব্যাংকে জমা দিয়ে চালানের কপি সরবরাহ করা হবে।
- রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফি কোম্পানী প্রদান করবে।
- দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থানঃ ফারইষ্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, টিকে ভবন (১৪তম তলা), ১৩, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫।
- দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ১০-০২-২০০৯ হতে ১৮-০২-২০০৯ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময় (সকাল ৯.০০ থেকে বিকেল ৪.০০ টা পর্যন্ত)।
- দরপত্র সিডিউল জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ১৯-০২-২০০৯ সময় বেলা ১১.০০ টা এবং খোলার তারিখ ঐ দিন সময় দুপুর ১১.৩০ টা। দরপত্র দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
- অন্যান্য শর্ত ও তথ্যাবলী দরপত্রের সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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