Women friendly hospital attracts more expectant mothers

MAHBUBA ZANNAT, back from Cox's Bazar

The concept of women friendly hospital has become popular with different district Sadar hospitals and upazila health complexes as this initiative has encouraged more expectant mothers to come to hospitals for safe delivery.

The District Sadar Hospital in Cox's Bazar, which was recognised as Women-Friendly Hospital (WFH) in May 2007, received some 878 pregnant women who underwent caesarean section last year. But the number of such patients was only 300 in 2006.

The number of patients having normal delivery has also increased to 540 last year from 250 in 2006 due to the government's specific initiative to bring more expectant mothers to health facilities. said the hospital authorities.

With the support of Unicef, the government has recognised seven district sadar erhood.

friendly hospital has added a breastfeeding corners for new dimension to the conven- mothers at the hospital. tional healthcare service, with mothers and newborns boys have also changed their support from trained nurses women as they were given from 2.5 percent, he added.



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Anurse attends to a patient at Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital.

"Doctors, nurses and ward

hospitals and upazila health and doctors. Emergency special training. At the same complexes as Women Friendly obstetric care is now available time, the hospital authorities Hospitals to ensure safe moth- along with management of are now inclined to prepare a violence against women. gender-sensitive budget," said Making the Cox's Bazar There are Ante-Natal and Dr Misbah Uddin Ahmed, Sadar Hospital a women Post-Natal Care corners and resident medical officer and public health researcher of the hospital.

have increased its budget for receiving more services and attitude towards pregnant safe motherhood to 4 percent

"As women are less privileged in society and often face various obstacles to coming to hospital for treatment, particularly for their delivery, the Women Friendly Hospital services to mothers," said Dr The hospital authorities Munawar Sultana, consultant of the district sadar hospital.

"It also aims to address gender equity alongside qual-

ity service, emergency obstetric care, neonatal care and management of violence against women," said Dr Yeasmin Rahman, deputy programme manager of Maternal and Child Health Programme of DGHS.

Records show that the situation has been improving in the district in the last two years, as the rate of delivery at home stood at 84.73 percent in 2008, which was 90 percent in 2001.

The maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) was 4.2 per thousand live births, which have come down to 3.2. Infant Mortality Ratio (IMR) has also decreased to 48 per thousand live births in 2008 from 62 in 2001, Civil Surgeon of Cox's Bazar Dr ABM Lutful Kabir said and termed it a major progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goal 4 and 5.

If manpower can be increased, the authorities would be able to provide high quality services to mothers and newborns, Superintendent Dr Nezamuddin Hawladar said.

The number of outdoor patients has increased by 25 initiative provides additional to 28 percent and the number of patients being admitted to the hospital is almost double the capacity of the hospital, but the number of staffs is too inadequate, he added.

Foreign currency, stamps, drugs seized RU CORRESPONDENT Station in Dinajpur and seized - were arrested in this connec-

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in separate drives seized huge quantity of foreign currency, fake foreign currency, stamp papers, and drugs and arrested seven people from different areas in Rajshahi region yesterday.

village under Kahalu Police Rahman, 32 and Durul Huda, 45 Ali, 40.

38 notes of US dollar and 2,800 tion. Rab also seized 5 kilogram notes of fake US dollars from the of marijuana and arrested Lal house of one Wahidul. Rab also Chand, 38. arrested one Shariful Islam, 26,

in this connection. In separate drives in Rab seized 320 gram of heroin Chapainawabganj Rab seized and arrested one Bablu, 22. 100 pieces of Tk 50 stamps and

In a drive at Mita Rest House at Sabujpara under Kurigram,

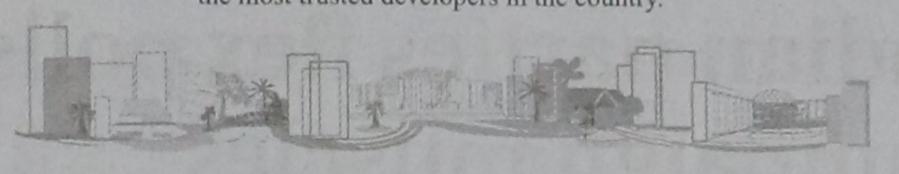
Rab also seized 257 bottles of 19,760 pieces of papers used in phensidyle form Dinajpur and official purpose from Kortoa 99 bottles from Rangpur and Acting on a tip-off, a team of Courier Service office. Two arrested two drug paddlers --Rab launched a drive at Puluria businessmen -- Firozur Azizur Rahman, 26, and Akbar



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Dhaka Ahsania Mission in collaboration with American Cancer Society, Cancer Research, UK and Framework Convention Alliance organises a workshop at the mission's auditorium in the city yesterday.

Bhasani University VC resigns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Maulana Bhasani University of Science and Technology (MBUST) Vice Chancellor Dr > Prof Monimul Haque resigned from his post showing personal reason yesterday.

He sent his resignation letter to the secretary of Ministry of Education, sources said.

When contacted, Prof. Monimul confirmed The Daily Star about his resignation.

Prof Monimul said since his joining at the MBUST, he has been living on the university campus alone. His wife and only daughter are living at teacher's quarter of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), he added.

Pictorial warning on tobacco products stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop yester- city. day called for steps to print pictorial warning on tobacco products and proper implementation of Tobacco Control Actto discourage smoking.

illeteratre, they cannot read the try. printed health warning. So, it is vital to use pictorial warning on tobacco products, the speakers added.

Research, UK and Framework the speakers said. Convention Alliance organised

issues in tobacco control law' at need to start anti-tobacco the mission's auditorium in the

Human Development Research Centre (HDRC), the speakers said about 37 percent of the people above 15 years use officer of RTV, former BFUJ As most tobacco users are tobacco products in the coun-

> annual expenditure on tobaco Editor of the Samakal Ajoy Das usestands at Tk 9370 crore.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission in used to meet the nutrition Editor of Bhorer Dak KM collaboration with American needs of one crore people by Belayet Hossain also spoke. Cancer Society, Cancer controlling the use of tobacco,

pictorial warning and labelling Sangbad Sangstha, stressed the technical officer of WHO.

campaign at the school level.

Journalist Pranab Saha Citing a recent study by called for raising awareness about the Tobacco Control Act for its proper implementation.

M Hamid, chief executive secretary general Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Editor of Bhorer Kagoj The study also said the Shyamal Dutta, Assistant Gupta, Jai Jai Din Executive This huge amount can be Editor Mahmud Al Faisal, and

Ehsanur Rahman, executive director of Ahsania Mission, Jaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, presided over the workshop the workshop on Inclusion of chief editor of Bangladesh moderated by Iqbal Kabir,



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Chevron Bangladesh Operations Director Derek Magness inaugurates the 2.6 kilometre stretch of Kosba-Radhapur road at Bibiyana in Moulvibazar recently.

Chevron rebuilds community road

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chevron Bangladesh has rebuilt a 2.6 kilometre stretch of the Kosba-Radhapur road at Bibiyana ceremony.

recently, says a press release. Chevron Bangladesh Operations Director Derek Magness officially inaugurated the stretch.

The energy company had expressed its interest to rebuild the road ever since its employees and contractors extensively used the mud road for the development of the Bibiyana

gasfield. Superintendent of Bibiyana Gas Plant Gary Sims, Director of External Affairs Naser

Ahmed, Community Relation Manager Zulfikar Ahmed Chowdhury and other officials were present at the inaugural

NDC team visits defence ministry

UNB, Dhaka

A 47-member delegation of the National Defence Course of National Defence College yesterday visited the Defence Ministry as part of their course

curriculum. Joint Defence Secretary Brig Gen M Zahidur Rahman received the delegation.



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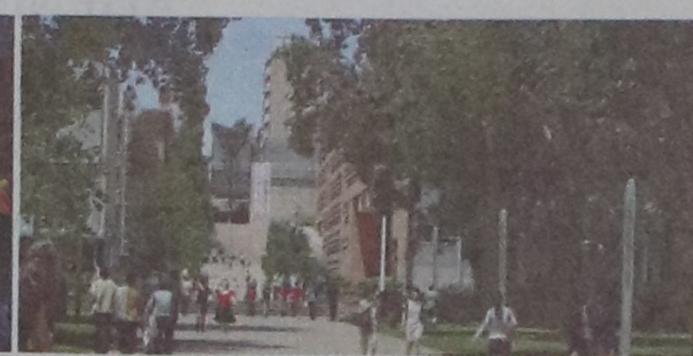
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