

Brac distributes Tk 5 lakh among retrenched jute workers

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Brac, a non-government organisation, yesterday distributed a sum of Tk 5,46,500 among 46 retrenched workers of state-owned jute mills to bear their expenses of medical treatment.

Md Moniruzzaman Monir, a KCC councilor, Md Abdul Awal Chowdhury, regional manager of Brac Welfare Project and other officials of the project were present at the distribution ceremony at Brac office at Khalishpur in Khulna city.

Call for action plan to reduce maternal deaths

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Around 15000 women die each year from pregnancy-related complications in the country. This was stated by MD Shah Monir Hossain, director general of the Directorate General of Health Service, at a workshop in the city yesterday.

He said the issue of declining this mortality rate should be addressed properly by the government and other agencies. The daylong planning workshop on motherhood campaign was organised jointly by Directorate General of Health Services and Directorate General of Family Planning in collaboration with EngenderHealth, Bangladesh and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

Speakers at the workshop stressed the need for developing a coordinated action plan to reduce maternal and neonatal deaths.

They also called for improvement of maternal health services through improved service delivery, monitoring and supervision.

Speaking as chief guest Md Abdul Qayyum, director general of Directorate General of Family Planning, said around 85 percent of total deliveries are attended by unskilled birth attendants.

Only 21 percent pregnant women made four antenatal visits, he said, adding that for pregnancy free from complications, regular antenatal visits should be emphasised.

Fran McConville of DFID Bangladesh, Khadija Mojidi of USAID Bangladesh, and Dr Jafar Ahmad Hakim of DGFP also spoke on the occasion.

Speaker visits Farroque's office, urges opposition to join JS session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday urged the opposition to return to parliament and discuss various issues, including seating arrangement.

He made the call during a surprise visit to the office of Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Farroque in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban at noon.

Farroque welcomed the Speaker at his office.

In the evening, Speaker Abdul Hamid told reporters that he would later decide on the public undertakings committee's plea to ensure presence of former Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury and two incumbent commissioners at the committee.

"I am now busy with the budget session of parliament. It's my main task now. I will deal with the issue after the budget is passed," the Speaker told reporters at his office.

The parliamentary standing committee on public undertakings earlier summoned the top bosses of ACC to appear before the committee. But they refused to do so, saying the committee does not have the jurisdiction to summon them.

Following their refusal, the parliamentary body accused them of undermining the dignity of the House and met the speaker on June 2 and requested him to ensure their presence before the committee.

Speaker Hamid said he might also consult with senior parliamentarians to dispose of the issue. "It's a very serious matter and it deserves proper attention,"

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Britain to help streamline revenue sector

UNB, Dhaka

Britain will assist Bangladesh in strengthening the capacity of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) for smoothly collecting optimum amounts of revenues for the state exchequer.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for financing the Tax Administration Capacity and Taxpayer Services (TACTS) project was signed between the governments of the UK and Bangladesh here yesterday.

A British High Commission release said UK Department for International Development (DFID) Country Director Chris Austin and ERD Secretary Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan signed

the MoU on behalf of their respective side.

This project, running for five years (June 2009-May 2014), "forms a core part of the UK's country partnership with Bangladesh, part of which aims to improve state institutions, promote accountability and target occupation".

The project will support the government in developing a sustainable source of resources that will finance its development plans, including public service delivery, and achieve its "vision of greater prosperity for all".

DFID will provide up to 7 million pounds sterling as grants for technical assistance to the NBR for improved taxpayer services under this project.

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