

Antibiotic resistance clue found

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US scientists have uncovered a defence mechanism in bacteria that allows them to fend off the threat of antibiotics.

It is hoped the findings could help researchers boost the effectiveness of existing treatments.

The study published in Science found that nitric oxide produced by the bacteria eliminates some key effects of a wide range of antibiotics.

One UK expert said inhibiting nitric oxide synthesis could be an important advance for tackling tricky infections.

Antibiotic resistance, for example with MRSA, is a growing problem and experts have long warned of the need to develop new treatments.

The latest research, done by

a team at New York University, showed that in bacteria the production of nitric oxide - a small molecule made up of one nitrogen and one oxygen atom - increased their resistance to antibiotics.

They found the enzymes responsible for producing nitric oxide were activated specifically in response to the presence of the antibiotics.

They also showed that nitric oxide alleviates damage caused by the drugs as well as helping to neutralise many of the toxic compounds within the antibiotic.

The researchers then showed that eliminating nitric oxide production in the bacteria allowed the antibiotics to work at lower, less toxic doses.

Study leader, Dr Evgeny Nudler, said developing new medicines to fight antibiotic resistance, such as that seen

with MRSA is a "huge hurdle". "Here, we have a short cut, where we don't have to invent new antibiotics.

"Instead we can enhance the activity of well-established ones, making them more effective at lower doses.

Dr Matthew Dryden, consultant in microbiology and communicable disease at Royal Hampshire County Hospital and general secretary of the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, said if the enzyme which creates nitric oxide could be inhibited, it could suppress the ability of the bacteria to counteract antibiotics.

"This would be a useful therapeutic advance, especially as we are running out of new classes of antibiotics and there is less antibiotic development in general."

Pakistan govt okays 3-nation rail proposal

Dhaka-Delhi-Lahore to be connected

ANI, Islamabad

Pakistan Railway Ministry has 'technically' accepted India's proposal regarding a South Asian regional train service running between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The Railway Ministry has sent the proposal to Foreign Affairs and the Commerce Ministry for further action, The Dawn reports.

Officials said the proposal was floated by the Indian Railways last month on the backdrop of planned launch of an Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul train service.

They said the proposed Dhaka-Delhi-Lahore rail line was feasible in all respects and if the need arose it could be extended to Karachi or Islamabad.

38 killed in Kazakhstan drug rehab centre fire

AFP, Almaty

Thirty-eight people were killed yesterday when fire ripped through a drugs treatment facility in a city outside Kazakhstan's largest city Almaty, emergency officials said.

There was no information on what caused the fire, which began at roughly 5:30 am (2330 GMT Saturday) in Taldykorgan city, or why dozens of people had apparently been unable to escape.

"According to tentative data, 38 people were killed in the burning inferno," the

Kazakh Emergency Situations Ministry said in a statement.

Rescuers were able to save 40 patients and medical staff, it said, but firefighters were still trying to contain the blaze several hours after it broke out.

Kazakh Prime Minister Karim Masimov immediately called for the creation of a commission to investigate the cause of the fire, a government spokeswoman said, Russian news agency RIA-Novosti reported.

"Today the head of the government signed such a decree; the commission will

be led by Vice Prime Minister Serik Akhmetov who, in the nearest future, will be flying from Astana to Taldykorgan," spokeswoman Ainagul Shakirova said.

Deadly fires are common in the former Soviet Union, with retirement homes and other state-run facilities particularly prone to such accidents.

In 2006, 45 women were killed when a fire erupted at a drugs treatment clinic in Moscow. The women had been trapped behind locked doors and barred windows during the inferno.

NGO worker beaten to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An NGO worker succumbed to his injuries yesterday at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after being tortured on charge of snatching in the Capital's Suhrawardy Udyan on Saturday.

Swapan Mandal, 35, was a resident of Indira Road in Farmgate.

His wife Lucky said he was tortured while he was working among floating sex workers of different parks as a part of his official duty.

Police said Swapan with his three accomplices tried to snatch a cellphone from Rajon, a student of management department of Dhaka University, on Saturday at around 7:30pm. As Rajon screamed, locals rushed to the spot, caught Swapan and gave him a good beating.

Police took him to DMCH after the incident.

His accomplices, however, could manage to flee the scene, Officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim said.

E-tendering

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tendering system has been started at four government departments - Roads and Highways Department, Local Government and Engineering Department, Water Development Board and Rural Electrification Board.

The planning minister hoped that a full-fledged e-tendering system would be introduced by October 2010.

AL lawmaker Nazma Akhtar in a call attention notice said image of the government is being tarnished seriously due to violence centring tender manipulations. "They [those involved in tender manipulation by muscle and arms power] will turn into Frankenstein if they are not stopped now," she said.

The ruling party lawmaker said conventional tendering system encourages nepotism, corruption, violence and killing incidents take place in many cases while the quality of the government's works goes down, and public money is wasted.

"People do not want to see the criminal activities centring tenders. Introduction of e-tender or digital tender system should be introduced to put an end to such irregularities and criminal activities," Nazma said.

Pakistan close to capturing Swat militant leader

AP, Islamabad

Pakistan claimed yesterday to be close to capturing the leader of the Swat Valley Taliban after arresting five of his senior commanders last week.

Pakistan's army launched an offensive in April after militants seized control of much of the valley in the country's volatile northwest. It claims to have cleared most of Swat and killed more than 1,800 insurgents, although sporadic militant attacks continue.

The army announced Friday the capture five top Swat Taliban commanders, including spokesman Muslim Khan its first direct success against the militant leadership.

Interior Minister Rehman Malik said authorities were now closing in on Swat Taliban chief Maulana Fazlullah.

"Fazlullah is surrounded, and he cannot escape us," Malik told reporters in Islamabad.

He said there were only one or two of the movement's leaders now left.

Malik claimed, "Fazlullah is now irrelevant" as midlevel leaders under him had been either killed or arrested.

Yet militants remain active in the region. On Sunday, a suicide bomber attempted to attack a checkpoint close to a fuel station in Swat. Security forces

fired on his vehicle from a distance and it exploded, killing him, said Maj. Mohammad Mushtaq.

Elsewhere in the northwest, a bomb killed three paramilitary troops in the Khyber tribal region, where security forces have mounted an offensive to secure a major supply route for foreign forces in Afghanistan.

The bomb, detonated by remote control, targeted a security convoy in the Mandiknas area, said Sadiq Khan, a local official. Two soldiers died at the scene and four were wounded. One of the injured soldiers later died at a hospital.

Pakistan began its latest offensive in the Khyber tribal region on Sept. 1 and says it has killed more than 150 militants. The fighting has caused thousands of residents to flee.

Militants have frequently attacked trucks traveling through the Khyber pass carrying supplies to Nato and US troops in landlocked Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, in the southwest a land mine explosion killed two women and two children from an influential ethnic Baluch family in the Dera Bugti area of Baluchistan province. The mine was planted just outside the door of Ahmed Ali Bugti's home.

Baul Samrat

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home at Ujandhol of Dera Upazila in Sunamganj yesterday afternoon.

Thousands of mourning admirers and disciples of the legendary mystic poet attended the namaz-e-janaza before the burial.

The body of Shah Abdul Karim had been taken from Sylhet to the Shaheed Smriti Soudha in Dera Upazila Parishad complex, where people from all walks of life paid last tributes to the baul maestro for an hour from 11:00am.

His second namaz-e-janaza was held in BADC ground in Dera around midday. Lawmaker MA Mannan, Sunamganj district Deputy Commissioner Zahir Uddin Ahmed, Dera Upazila Chairman Abdul Quddus and Dera Pourasava Chairman Ahmed Miah attended the janaza along with others.

The body was then taken to Abdul Karim's village home where the third and last janaza was held before burial.

Shah Abdul Karim died at a Sylhet hospital on Saturday morning at the age of 93. His first namaz-e-janaza was held at the mosque of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) shrine after Zohr prayers.

The Sylhet City Corporation mayor, litterateurs, cultural activists, political and social leaders as well as a cross-section of people attended the janaza.

Abdul Karim's body was

kept at the Sylhet Diabetic Hospital mortuary until yesterday morning.

Shah Abdul Karim was born in 1916 in Ujandhol of Sunamganj district. He had a brief schooling of just seven days.

Growing up with poverty and hardship, Karim started expressing his thoughts and emotions through music from a very early age.

His all-time companion was the ektara, a traditional single-string musical instrument. His songs sung in a melodic, soothing and pleasingly rustic voice had spell-binding effect on people in and around his village.

Abdul Karim received training on spiritual and baul music from Kamal Uddin, Shadhak Rashid Uddin and Shah Ibrahim Mastan Baksh.

Baul Abdul Karim wrote and composed over 1,600 songs. A few of his most famous numbers include "Agye ki sundor din kataitam", "Gari cholena cholena", "Jhilmil jhilmil korey", "Ashi bolelo gelu bondhu", "Maya lagaichhe", "Ami kulhara kalangkini", "Shokhi kunjo sajab", "Ailal na ailal na" and "Basanta batashhey shoi-go".

Baul Samrat Shah Abdul Karim was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 2001 for his outstanding musical achievements. He also received the Prothom Alo-Meril Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005, among other recognitions.



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Dated: 09/09/2009

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide local agents/suppliers/dealers/distributors/retailers and manufacturers for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Laptop, Printers, LCD Colour Monitor & Offline UPS for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. Necessary information are given below:

01.	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank.		
02.	Invitation for	The Procurement of IT Equipment.		
03.	Invitation of tender No. & date	CSD(EQUIPMENT)69(3)/2183/2009 dated: 09/09/2009.		
04.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.		
05.	Budget & source of fund	Bangladesh Bank.		
06.	Tender last selling date	04/10/2009.		
07.	Tender closing date & time	05/10/2009 at 11-30am.		
08.	Tender opening date & time	05/10/2009 at 11-35am.		
09.	Name & address of the office selling tender document	Common Services Department (Equipment Section, 6 th Floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.		
10.	Name & address of the office receiving tenders	Common Services Department (Equipment Section, 6 th Floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.		
11.	Name & address of the office opening tenders	Common Services Department (Equipment Section, 6 th Floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.		
12.	Eligibility of tenderers	a) Tenderers or their principals from all countries except Israel having experience in successful supply, installation, testing & commissioning Laptop, Printers, LCD Colour Monitor & Offline UPS in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organizations or registered companies in Bangladesh. b) Tenderers having distributorship/agencyship from reputed Laptop, Printers, LCD Colour Monitor & Offline UPS.		
13.	Brief description of the goods and services	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 04 (four) Laptop (Notebook Computer), 28 (twenty eight) Laser Printers, 01 (one) 60" LCD Colour Monitor & 03 (three) Offline UPS at Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.		
14.	Price of tender documents	Tk. 2,000/- (two thousand) only.		
15.	Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Tender security	Time for completion in months
	01	Laptop	Tender security amount will be Tk. 12,000/- (twelve thousand) only.	01 (one) month
	02	Laser Printer	Tender security amount will be Tk 75,000/- (seventy five thousand) only.	01 (one) month
	03	LCD Colour Monitor	Tender security amount will be Tk 40,000/- (forty thousand) only.	02 (two) months
	04	Offline UPS	Tender Security Amount will be Tk 600/- (six hundred) only.	01 (one) month
16.	Name of the official inviting tender	Md. Mozbar Rahman.		
17.	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager.		
18.	Address of official inviting tender	Common Services Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.		
19.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 7120959, Fax No: 9564117, E-mail: gmscd@bangla.net		

Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept any tender in full, in part or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Md. Mozbar Rahman
General Manager



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DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Memo No. DGM (Tech.)/NOCS/N.Goni/DPDC/Tender/2009/34/05

Date: 09/09/09

RE-TENDER NOTICE

1	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
2	Procuring Entity Name	Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited.		
3	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj.		
4	Invitation for	Invitation of sealed bid for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler.		
5	Invitation Ref. No.	DGM (Tech.)/NOCS/N.Goni/DPDC/Tender/2009/34/05		
6	Date	09/09/2009		
Key Information				
7	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (Single Stage - Single Envelope).		
Funding Information				
8	Budget & Source of Funds	DPDC's own fund (Revenue Budget).		
Particular Information:				
9	Tender Name	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler.		
10	Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date 04/09/2009 During Office Hour	Bid Submission Deadline Date 05/10/09 Time 12.00 noon	Bid Opening Time Date 05/10/09 Time 3.00 pm
11	Name & Address of the office for selling, receiving and opening of Tender Document	Place of Selling 01. Company Secretary, DPDC, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 9567256. 02. Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC, 33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj Telephone: 7634087	Place of Receiving 01. Company Secretary, DPDC, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 9567256. 02. Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC, 33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj Telephone: 7634087	Place of Opening 01. Company Secretary, DPDC, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Telephone: 9567256.
Information for Tender:				
12	Eligibility of Tender	Tenderer should be Bonafide Authorized distributor / dealer/supplier and 3 (three) Years specific experience for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Server, Computer, Line Matrix Printer, UPS & Air Cooler.		
13	Price of Tender Document for each Lot (Taka)	Taka 2000/- (Two thousand) only, non-refundable in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC.		
14	Item	Tender Security Amount (Taka)	Location of Delivery	
		Taka 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only in the form of Pay order/Bank draft issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favor of Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC, 33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj Telephone: 7634087	01. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Narayanganj (East), DPDC, 33 Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj. 02. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Narayanganj (West), DPDC, 33 Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj. 03. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Demra, DPDC, Simrail, Chittagong Road, Siddirgonj, Narayanganj. 04. Manager (Technical), NOCS, Siddirgonj, DPDC, Simrail, Chittagong Road, Siddirgonj, Narayanganj.	
Procuring Entity Details:				
15	Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Anwarul Islam.		
16	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Technical), NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
17	Address of official Inviting Tender	33, Isah Khan Road, Killarpool, Narayanganj		
18	Contact Details of official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 7634087		
19	a. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender (s) without assigning any reason thereof. b. Date of Selling & Submission of tender document may be changed due to any unavoidable circumstance c. Details of terms and conditions are given in the tender document, which is complied with PPA-2008.			
		Deputy General Manager (Technical) NOCS Circle, Narayanganj, DPDC, Dhaka.		