

Open child healthcare units at govt hospitals

PM asks authorities

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take steps to set up modern child healthcare department along with cardiology unit at all the divisional hospitals immediately and then gradually at 19 greater district hospitals.

She gave the order when National Professor MR Khan and a delegation of Pediatric Cardiac Society of Bangladesh met the premier at her office

yesterday.

The prime minister also asked for increasing seats and treatment facilities in the pediatric section of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

During the meeting, the prime minister was apprised by the Pediatric Society that every year some 25,000 babies are born with cardiac problems, but only 5-10 percent children of the country, mainly of the affluent section, get modern cardiac treatment.

As a result, 90 percent of the total child cardiac patients die within five years of birth and 50 percent within one year.

Such tragedies take place even though with modern treatment most of the child patients could be cured, the child specialists said.

Sheikh Hasina also spoke on the health risks of children if they are given several vaccination injections at a time.

The prime minister opined for examining whether the children can be given the

vaccinations at regular intervals.

Health Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr Syed Modassar Ali, Prime Minister's Office Secretary Molla Waheeduzzaman, Prime Minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Pediatric Cardiac Society of Bangladesh President Prof SR Khan, Secretary-General Prof Manzoor Hussain and Treasurer Dr Mohd Zahid Hussain were present at the meeting.

Road accidents kill 6

METRO DESK

Six people were killed in separate road accidents in Brahmanbaria, Chapai-nawabganj, Jhenidah and Bogra yesterday.

Our correspondent in B'baria reports: Two motorcycle riders were killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Baruipur village under Sarail upazila in Brahmanbaria yesterday night.

The dead were identified as Md Kamal Mia, 30, and Md Ali Azam, 40, of Mugolota village under Sarail upazila.

Quoting witnesses police said the accident occurred when Kamal and Azam were returning home in a motorbike, a speeding bus knocked them off their motorbike and crushed them under its wheels.

Our correspondent in C'awabganj reports: One person was killed and four others were injured in a road

accident on Chapai-nawabganj-Sonamodjid road at Ranhati Bazar under Shibganj upazila in Chapai-nawabganj yesterday.

The dead was identified as Mohammad Sohel, 18, a rickshawpuller and son of Ruhul Amin of Baganpara village under Shibganj upazila.

Quoting locals police said the accident occurred when a Sonamodjid land port-bound speeding truck hit his rickshaw, leaving him dead on the spot and four others injured.

The injured were treated at local hospital and local clinic.

Police recovered the dead body and sent to Chapai-nawabganj sadar hospital for autopsy.

Our correspondent in Jhenidah adds: One person was killed in a road accident near Kayergachi village on Dhaka-Kulna highway in Jhenidah yesterday.

MBBS admission test results published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of MBBS admission test for 17 public medical colleges were published yesterday.

A total of 36,170 candidates vied for 2,310 seats in the examination that was held on Friday.

The results have been posted on website 'www.dghs.gov.bd'.

The interested candidates having TeleTalk connections would also be able to find their results through sending short messages by typing DGHS <space> college <space> reg no and then sending the SMS to 2777.

Some 40 seats were reserved for freedom fighter quota, 20 for tribal indigenous people quota and the rest 2,250 were general seats, said Prof Khondakar Md Shefayetullah, director of Medical Education of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of the total successful candidates, 52 percent are male and 48 percent female, he said, adding that the admission process would be completed by October 29.

Shefayetullah said, "Massive steps were taken to prevent question paper leakage.

Activities of the medical coaching centres were suspended for 10 days from October 1 to October 10."

Intelligence agencies were also deployed to keep an eye on the coaching centres since October 1, he mentioned.

The admission tests in the private medical colleges would also take place by mid November, the official said.

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The results can be found on 'http://www.thedailystar.net/medicalresults.htm'.

500 sued in Ctg soccer clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police filed a case accusing over 500 people in connection with the clash that took place between soccer fans and cops centering a football match at MA Aziz Stadium on Saturday evening.

The clash following a foot-

ball match of Mayor Inter-Ward Football Tournament left some 30 people, including 15 policemen injured.

"One of the injured cops - Sub Inspector Mahbubur Rahman of Kotowali Police Station - filed the case on Saturday night accusing some 500 people," said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Mohiuddin Mahmud.

Police said the case was filed for assaulting police, hindering law enforcers while performing professional duty and damaging properties.

During the clash the unruly

feuding fans also broke a Gas Gun into two pieces and damaged several teeth of one constable with punch, they alleged.

One Md Rafiq was arrested

in this connection and pro-

duced before the court in the

afternoon, said investigation

officer (IO) of the case Badal

Bishwas.

34 more attacked with swine flu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prevalence of swine flu shows a fall in the country as 34 more people have been infected with the H1N1 virus last week whereas the number was 42 the previous week, government sources confirmed.

Since June 18, 680 people of 21 districts have been infected with the flu, they said.

At a press briefing at the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), the experts also said that no new district has been infected with the virus by this time.

Different city hospitals are also experiencing reduced number of patients in the separate outdoors and swine flu corners.

Many of the hospital

authorities are now thinking of closing the corners as the situation has been improving in the country.

When asked about running these separate corners with reduced number of patients, Mushtaq Husain, senior scientific officer of IEDCR, said the hospital committees can close the service if they think that is not needed.

"But since winter is the flu season in the European countries and many people from Europe would visit the country during that time, we should not slack about the screening and service programme," he said adding that the government should rather strengthen the school programme and take necessary preparations to combat any critical situation.

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