

# One pc of men suffer from breast cancer?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Medical experts at a seminar said women should stop avoiding doctors in fear of finding out possible diseases they may have, as early diagnosis often help in saving them from major diseases like breast cancer.

The experts also talked on breast cancer and other health issues of women at the seminar on 'Women's Health Concerns' organised by Foreign Office Wives' Association (FOWA) in the city yesterday.

"Statistics show that one out of every eight women tend to develop breast cancer, and therefore it is vital that they know about the initial symptoms and consult a doctor if needed," said Apollo Hospital surgeon Dr Anisur Rahman at the seminar.

He also said one percent of the men population also suffer from breast cancer, and their cases tend to be more critical than their female counterparts.

He pointed out some symptoms of breast cancer including puckering, painless lumps and nipples.

Many women avoid going to doctors in fear of finding out about possible diseases they may have, said Dr Anisur adding that, this creates problems in treating diseases like cancer, which can be treated successfully if diagnosed at an early stage.

Other medical experts at the seminar talked on the possible symptoms and treatment options for some health issues faced by women. Dr Monowara Hossain from Apollo Hospital gave a presentation on Gynae related problems, while Dr Jasmin Manzoor discussed about skin related issues and Dr Tahmina Hye talked on bone related problems that women face.

FOWA President Naima Kayes chaired the programme, while Apollo Hospital, Dhaka CEO Michael S Potter and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Vice-Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Dutta were among others present at the seminar.

# 'Vote for Sundarbans'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a meeting yesterday urged the people to vote for the Sundarbans to keep it in the list of the seven natural wonder's list to boost the country's tourism.

They said all should contribute to inclusion of the Sundarbans in the new list of seven natural wonders.

They were speaking at a discussion to mark the World Tourism Day organised by Bangladesh Wonders Promotion Foundation at the National Press Club.

Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Mayor Talukder Abdul Khalek was the chief guest at the discussion while State Minister for Water Resources Md Mahbubur Rahman and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications Ministry Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were the special guests.



Dr Gazi Salehuddin, professor of Chittagong University, briefs members of the International War Crimes Tribunal investigation team about the brutality of the war criminals during the War of Liberation in front of a memorial at Foy's Lake in the port city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

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Sujan President Prof Muzaffer Ahmad speaks at the third national conference of Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan) at Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in the city yesterday. On his right are Hameeda Hossain and Sultana Kamal and on his left M Hafizuddin Khan and Syed Abul Maksud. (Story on Page 16)

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# Doctor among three killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

At least three people were killed and four others injured in separate road accidents in Rajshahi and Narsingdi on Friday night and yesterday.

Our correspondent from Rajshahi reports: A doctor of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) was killed and another injured in a road accident at Badalgachhi of Naogaon on Friday night.

The deceased was identified as Dr Uttam Kumar Shinghabal, a resident surgeon of RMCH. The injured is identified as Dr Neena Khanam, a gynecologist of RMCH. She was admitted to RMCH.

The accident occurred around 9:00pm as a private car carrying the doctors ran into a roadside ditch failing to understand the position of a bailey bridge.

Quoting Naogaon police, RMCH doctors said Dr Uttam died inside the car that police rescued one hour later while Neena managed her way out.

Our correspondent from Narsingdi: Two people were killed and three others injured in a road accident at Dhaka-Sylhet highway under Raipura upazila in the district yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Salah Uddin Miah, 27, of Itna upazila in Kishoreganj while the other remained unidentified.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Bhoirab-bound covered van collided head-on with a Shibpur-bound CNG-run auto rickshaw from Bhoirab at BANGUNagar at about 8:00am. The two died on the spot.

Police went to the spot and sent the bodies to Narsingdi General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Abdul Baten, officer-in-charge of Raipura Police Station.

Police seized the vehicles but the drivers fled the scene, the OC added.

The three wounded persons are Jewel Miah, 23, Shohel Miah, 25, and Hazrat Ali, 30. They were admitted to local clinics.

A case was filed with Raipura Police Station in this connection.

# Minister assures safe travel of Hajj pilgrims

## Air tickets for 93,761 confirmed

BSS, Dhaka

The government has already arranged air tickets for a record 93,761 Hajj pilgrims this year.

"We have already signed agreements with other airlines as third carrier to ensure journey of all Hajj pilgrims on time," Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader told the news agency yesterday.

"We have taken all kind of preparations to ensure safe journey of this record number of Hajj pilgrims so that no one faces any difficulty in getting air ticket," he said.

The ministry has already issued circular directing Hajj agencies to buy tickets from those airlines that signed agreements with Biman Bangladesh to ensure on time jour-

ney of the devotees.

Quader also asked the airlines concerned to issue tickets to the Hajj agencies as per their quotas and list of pilgrims on a "first come first serve" basis.

Among the pilgrims, Biman Bangladesh Airlines will carry 34,000 and 28,000 by Saudia Airlines while the rest by other airlines, said Biman sources.

Biman has already rented two Boeing aircrafts from an Australian company to carry the extra number of Hajj pilgrims, it said.

Hajj Officer Bazul Huq Biswas said the number of Hajj pilgrims this year crossed all records of the past. "The number has almost doubled comparing to last year's 58,000," he said.

Of the Hajj devotees, 6,629 pilgrims will

perform Hajj under government management, costing Tk 2.28 lakh each.

This year, many Hajj agencies offered cost-effective tour packages like the government, which is one of the reasons behind the unexpected increase in the number of Hajj pilgrims, he said.

He said they made a provision this year that no visa would be issued before buying air tickets to check harassment of the intended Hajj pilgrims.

Presently, the Hajj agencies are busy renting houses in Saudi Arabia for the devotees and they will start applying for visa from next week.

Biswas said they have already arranged visas for all Hajj pilgrims under the government programme and the Hajj flights will begin on October 8.

# Help children build good character

## Prof Arefin urges guardians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddiqi yesterday said parents rush to all sorts of teachers to help their children get GPA 5, but they do not care to build good character of their children.

"Let's come forward and join the movement of building the characters of our next generation," he said.

The DU Vice-Chancellor was addressing a seminar on "movement to build up character to stop moral degradation in the youth" on the Dhaka University campus.

Eminent writer Syed Abul Moksud, Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad President Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, Ajachak Ashram Bangladesh Principal Dr Jugal Brahmachari and Jagannath Hall provost Prof Ajay Kumar Das also spoke among others.

The seminar was organised as a part of the orientation programme to welcome freshers to Jagannath Hall as well as to commemorate the hall's anniversary.

An art competition of children was also held and a rally was organised to commemorate the day.

# MMCH dental unit opens

BSS, Mymensingh

A separate dental unit was opened at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) yesterday to provide necessary treatment of dental diseases in the district.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Captain (Retd) Mujibur Rahman Fakir MP formally inaugurated the unit.



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddiqi speaks at a discussion at Jagannath Hall prayer house yesterday.

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# Manpower crisis in rly to be resolved

## Says communications minister

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain yesterday said the government has taken initiatives to resolve the manpower crisis in Bangladesh Railway (BR) and undertaken extensive plans to procure new passenger coaches, locomotive flats and tankwagons.

The communications minister was speaking at a meeting with the leaders of Bangladesh Railway Shramik League at the Rail Bhaban in the city.

He said that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the ministry to modernize the railway and run it smoothly.

He said the proposed Padma Bridge would be a rail-ready bridge and it would make 1.3 percent contribution to the GDP. There would be efforts to add railway lines to this bridge, he added.

BR Director General M Belayet Hossain, Road and Railway Division Joint Secretary Farid Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, BR Additional Directors General TA Chowdhury, Habib Ahmed and M Akhtaruzzaman, General Manager (East) MA Taser, General Manager (West) Anhar Mahmud and other senior officials were present at the meeting.

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