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# Hospital not fit for healthcare

#### Observes HRC chairman after visit to DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Medical College Hospital now remains a neglected centre for the treatment of the lower middle-class and poor sections only, observed National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman.

"When I compare the present state of the hospital with that of 30 years back, it hurts me," NHRC chairman told The Daily Star yesterday after a two-hour visit to the largest hospital in the country.

Once the DMCH was the only hospital

where patients used to come for better treatment. It was dirt-free and the doctors were very caring to the patients. All those days are long past now, he lamented.

Starting from around 10:30am, Prof Mizanur Rahman, along with another honorary NHRC Commissioner Fauzia Karim, visited several wards and units, including the emergency, radiology, imaging, outdoor and causality units.

The team noticed that patients were receiving treatment lying on corridors and floors. Its staff neglect their duties of serving the patients.**SEE PAGE 15 COL 7** 



#### Film actor Saifuddin passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent film actor Saifuddin Ahmed passed away last night due to old age complications at the Combined Military

Hospital in the capital. He was 82, family sources said.

Saifuddin, known as a comedian, left behind a son, three daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at Banani graveyard last night.

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### Right to **Know Day** today

RTI Forum asks govt to make all accords public

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Right To Information (RTI) Forum has called upon the government to make public all the signed national and international agreements, which are related to public interests.

It also urged the Information Commission to immediately publish the list of government and nongovernment officials at every level who are responsible for disclosing information.

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BDR PROTESTS KILLINGS ON BORDER

photograph shows patients lying on the floor outside the emergency unit.

Health service at Dhaka Medical College Hospital remains in deplorable condition. This recent

## BSF says only criminals killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Raman Srivastava said yesterday people killed by BSF personnel in the bordering areas were 'criminals,' and almost half of them were Indian nationals.

"All these people are dying inside the Indian territory not in Bangladesh territory," he said.

They move across the border in various ways at dead of night with certain motives such as smuggling. And BSF troops open fire without finding any alternative, Srivastava added.

The BSF chief made the remarks at a press briefing on conclusion of the six-day BDR-BSF conference at the Bangladesh Rifles headquarters at Pilkhana in the capital.

BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Rafiqul Islam however told the press briefing that they protested frequent shooting and killing of unarmed Bangladeshi people by BSF men.

At the conference, BDR focused on two specific issues-killing of Bangladeshi people along the border and smuggling, particularly of drugs which spoil the younger generation, Rafiqul Islam said.

And a list of smuggling points with pictures was handed over to his Indian counterpart, and he assured that steps would be taken in this regard, he mentioned.

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