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WILL POWER DEFIES PHYSICAL CHALLENGE: Surjomori Hemram uses her congenitally deformed hand to write at the ongoing Junior School Certificate examinations at Thakurgaon Government High School centre yesterday.

SBMCH DOCS, STAFF FORM HUMAN CHAIN Improved service, modern equipment demanded

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
Doctors, nurses, medical and nursing students and staff of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital (SBMCH) yesterday formed a human chain on the campus demanding improvement of service, work environment and arrangement of modern

medical equipment. Barisal City Corporation Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron, medical college Principal Prof Dr Abrar Ahmed, hospital Director Dr Abdur Rashid, among others, participated in the human chain programme organised by SBMCH Management Committee from 1:30-2:00pm.

More than 80 percent equipment installed in the hospital for diagnosis and treatment of diseases are old modelled and most of them have remained out of order for long, said SBMCH sources. The equipment includes the ones used for CT scan, MRI, cobalt X-ray, digital X-ray, normal X-ray,

ultrasonogram, ECG, Doppler echocardiogram, incubator, safe blood transfusion and others. Seven of the nine R-ray machines have remained out of order for over a year, said a hospital official. Services of different units and wards of outdoor and indoor including emergency, pathology, neuro-surgery, neuro medicine, cardiology, gynaecology and paediatric departments of the hospital need immediate development through providing modern equipment and appointment of experienced technicians, said organisers of the human chain.

The hospital is suffering from acute crisis of manpower, especially third and fourth class employees, and it affects service, environment and discipline in the largest public sector health service providing institution in the region, they added. Hospital Director Dr Abdur Rashid said at least Tk 3 crore is needed to make the emergency machinery functional. Meanwhile, sources alleged that a section of technicians of SBMCH with the connivance of some private diagnostic centres made the equipment non-functional to divert patients.



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Doctors, nurses, students and staff of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital form a human chain on the campus yesterday demanding arrangement of modern equipment and appointment of sufficient manpower to ensure quality service at the region's largest medical service provider organisation.

5 youths confess to killing Nahid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Five young men, arrested in connection with the abduction and murder of 4-year-old Nahid, yesterday confessed to killing the boy for ransom.

Officer-In-Charge of Belkuchi police station Mostafizur Rahman said the arrestees during primary investigation told police that they were involved in the crime.

Body of Nahid, abducted by criminals on October 31, was recovered from under a bridge at Syangati village in Belkuchi upazila on Wednesday.

The helpless boy was son of Harunur Rashid, a grocer of the village.

Police said criminals abducted Nahid from his residence and later demanded Tk five lakh as ransom.

The abductors strangled Nahid as his parents did not comply with their demand,



they said. On Tuesday night, police arrested Sumon, 24, of Chandangati village in connection with the abduction. Following his confessional statement police recovered the body in the morning and sent it to local hospital morgue for autopsy. Later, police arrested four others -- Ali Alam, 18, Salauddin, 20, Babu alias Bappi, 24, and Russel, 18, -- from different villages.

Nothing can stop a determined Surjomori

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

She was born with one hand and that too is badly deformed.

But defying the physical challenge to continue schooling by sheer will power, she attends the ongoing Junior School Certificate (JSC) examinations at Thakurgaon Government High School centre.

The girl, Surjomori Hemram, is the daughter of Rafi Hemram of Nargoon, a village inhabited by indigenous people in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

"Surjomori was born without the left hand while her right hand is defective. She has three brothers and a sister. As she grew up, she showed interest in learning and expressed eagerness to go to school. I admitted her to Nargoon Government Primary School," Rafi

Hemram said. "After successful completion of primary education, she was admitted to Nargoon High School in the same upazila. Now she is appearing in the JSC examinations. She is good at study but I could not arrange any private tutor due to poverty," he said. Boni Amin, headmaster of Nargoon High School, said Surjomori Hemram was always attentive to study and did good results in the school examinations, although she has to write with a defective hand.

"My school teachers gave all out support for continuation of my study. Despite my physical barriers, I want to obtain higher education so that I can run independently in future. But I am thinking about managing the education expenses in coming days," Surjomori told this correspondent after the first day's examination yesterday.

SERIAL BLASTS IN HABIGANJ TOWN Trial of two cases Nov 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal has fixed November 22 to start trial proceedings against seven accused, including outlawed JMB chief Maulana Saidur Rahman, in two cases for serial blasts in Habiganj town on August 17, 2005.

Judge Mahub-UI-Islam fixed the date on Wednesday. He will also record deposition of the prosecution witnesses in three other cases relating to the serial blasts the same day, court sources

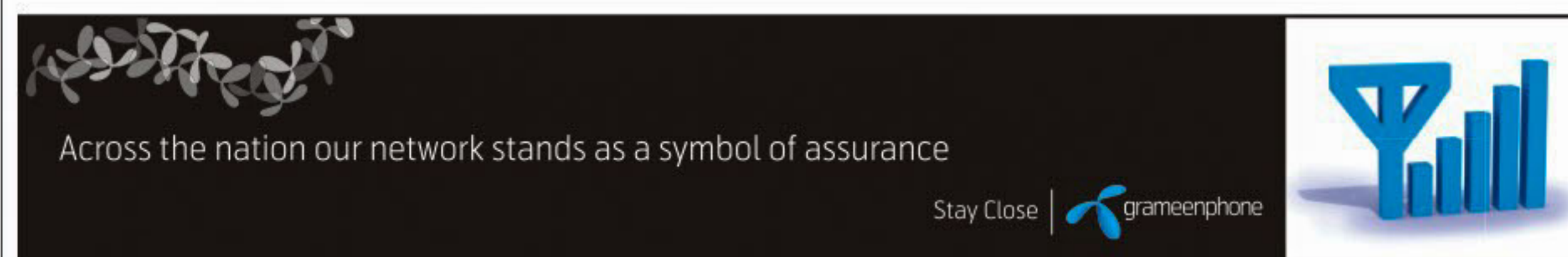
said. On October 27 this year the tribunal began trial proceedings against seven accused in the three cases. Of the accused, Maulana Saidur Rahman, his son Shamim and two others were produced in the court. The rest of the accused are still at large. The tribunal on 14 October framed charges against the seven accused in all five cases for the serial blasts in the district town. Bomb blasts occurred simultaneously at Habiganj municipality market, in front of

Habiganj Judge's Court building and three other places in the town on August 17 in 2005. Five cases were filed with Sadar Police Station the same day. Police arrested Maulana Saidur Rahman's son AHM Shamim 22 days after the blasts at 'IB computer centre' at Tinkona pukur par in the district town on September 7, 2005.

The law enforcers also seized some books on jihad and CDs from the computer center. Maulana saidur Rahman

was arrested in the capital. Police pressed charges against the seven, including Maulana Saidur Rahman and Shamim, in four cases in 2008 while CID submitted charge sheet against the accused in another case in 2009.

The five other accused are JMB operatives Azizul Islam Gazi alias Hanif, Shafiqul Islam Nazim (absconding), Hafej Huzaifa alias Sumon, Belal alias Tamim and Salah uddin alias Salehin.



Information Boat: Sailing towards developments

Unlike Munira Begum's unquantifiable but no less valuable benefit from the Information Boat, Shamsu Mia, a farmer from Dhirai, Sunamganj, Sylhet got a far more tangible advantage. Cursed with insect problems that were damaging his crops, he sought help from the Info Boat. On the boat, they provided him with the information needed to tackle his insect problems and, almost overnight, a decent harvest was turned into a bumper crop. "I was prepared to lose my entire harvest and knew I would not be able to feed my family. But instead, I got my best harvest in 5 years!" says Shamsu.

The info boat project is not only serving the under privileged people with information, it is also contributing the country to trim down the unemployment problem. Rakib Hossain Palash is a young man from Akhrabazar in Kishoreganj. His father, a retired army officer was finding it difficult to run his family of seven. But Palash managed to pass SSC with excellent result and joined computer classes then. Having gained computer skills, he got a data entry job at CARE and also worked to compile the voters list in Kishoreganj and Sylhet. One of his colleagues informed him of a CARE-Grameenphone joint venture, which was looking for a manager for their Info Boat project. He immediately applied and got the job. In a year's time, he was given the charge of two more boats. This kind of empowerment can only be achieved when people have ready access to the right resources.

The Progress of Bangladesh requires all the entities within our society to contribute to the complex web of the advancement process. Grameenphone feels privileged to be part of the national development movement through its humble initiatives like information boats, which will play a significant role in the evolution of a better nation.

As the current scenario stands, less than 15% of the population of Bangladesh has access to satellite or cable broadcasts and approximately 60% of the population does not have access to electricity. Thus, it is not surprising that information communication technologies (ICT) are generally restricted to a handful of the elite. To break that taboo, the Info Boat initiative sailed out of a partnership between Grameenphone and CARE whereby information hubs are being created to meet the communication needs of rural communities, especially in the Char and Haor areas. Its uniqueness, much like the natural beauty of Bangladesh's riverine areas, lies in the fact that the information hubs are not brick and mortar-based, rather they follow the wind and tide to any destination that needs them. It connects the people of those remote areas with the rest of the world to have the opportunity to enrich their lives and livelihoods.

The Information Boat are equipped with computers, Internet and email facilities, photocopiers, fax machines, printers, webcams, scanners and much more, depending on the needs of a specific community. This process of tailor-making each boat for an individual community continues as they are outfitted with relevant digital content, such as livelihood and agricultural information, all suited for the specific areas they serve. At the same time, skilled trainers from CARE Bangladesh offer a number of different livelihood options for the local community people, starting from advising and empowering women to providing legal information.

Munira Begum of Kishoreganj has not seen her son Rahim in three years. He left his family behind to work in Saudi Arabia and has only been in touch through sporadic phone calls which hardly console his mother. After hearing of the Info Boat, she sets up a meeting with Rahim, online. Three years without so much as a picture, and then his face flashes before her, as for the first time in her life, she uses a webcam to video conference with her child. "I had given up hope of ever seeing my son's face again. This experience was magical", says a weeping Mother.



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