

61pc die of non-communicable diseases: WB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 61 percent people of Bangladesh die of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), the largest health burden in the country, says a new report of the World Bank.

The report also warns that the burden of NCDs will significantly increase as the proportion of people aged over 65 rises to 6.5 percent of the total population by 2025.

The World Bank (WB) launched the report "Capitalising on the demographic transition: Tackling non-communicable diseases in South Asia" on Wednesday.

Bangladesh will face the health crisis with rising rates of heart diseases, diabetes, obesity, and other NCDs, it says.

Low birth weight -- common among the poor in Bangladesh -- is an important risk factor for NCDs in adults, says Michael Engelgau, M.D., a senior health expert of the WB.

And multiple risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and glucose frequently occur in the same person, he adds.

According to the report, average life expectancy in Bangladesh now stands at 64 years and it is rising.

But people here are getting older without better living conditions, healthier nutrition, rising incomes, and access to good healthcare, it says.

So Bangladeshis are becoming more vulnerable to heart disease, cancers, diabetes, and obesity, creating pressures on health systems to treat and care for them, it adds.

The new report encourages Bangladesh to adopt and carry out country and regional approaches to cut unhealthy risk factors in the general people and check NCDs.

2 stores in BMA building gutted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire gutted two stores of surgical instruments in Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) building in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday afternoon.

Fire fighters subdued the blaze in a half-hour effort at 3:00pm.

Shahbagh police said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at Khaza Trade Link, a shop of surgical instruments, on the ground floor and spread to an adjacent shop.

The panic-stricken people managed to get outside the building, as traders inside the building used fire extinguishers soon after the fire broke out, he said.



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Identity of girl on CMH bed yet to be known

Relatives requested to contact

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The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a press release yesterday requested the relatives of the unidentified girl aged around 20, who is under treatment at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the city, to contact.



The unidentified girl

She was admitted to the hospital as she was injured in a road accident on Kuril Bishaw Road in the city on Sept 21 last year.

She is still unable to walk or speak. One can contact to the Deputy Commandant of CMH, Dhaka. Telephone: 8871234. Her height is 5' 10" and was wearing a yellow salwar kamij

Paban's bail term extended

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday extended the bail term of Khandaker Akhter Hamid Paban, son of BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, till March 1 in a case filed for cracker explosion in front of Khaleida Zia's Gulshan Office last year.

Judge Mohammad Akhteruzzaman of the Third Additional Metropolitan Judge's Court passed the order after Paban's lawyer submitted a petition seeking extension of Paban's bail term considering his illness.

The court also fixed the same date for hearing on charge framing against Paban and five other accused in the case. With this, the court had extended Paban's bail term for the fifth day.

Another Dhaka court on January 26 extended his bail term till yester-

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