MEDICINE THEFT AT RMCH

Doctor-staff nexus unearthed by MPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) launched an investigation after two local lawmakers in a sudden visit on Thursday discovered that doctors and staff are engaged in medicine theft.

Lawmakers Omar Faruk Chowdhury and Fazle Hossain Badsha found the doctors forcing patients to buy medicine from outside, despite availability of the government allocated medicine in the hospital store.

According to the MPs, one Abul Kashem of Darikhorbona in the city was admitted to the orthopedic ward on February 12 with a fractured left leg.

On-duty doctor Shahidul Islam Khan prescribed to provide 20 kinds of medicines, injections, and medical equipment for the surgery.

Unable to afford the cost, Kashem turned to the MPs for the money. Instead of providing the money, the MPs rushed to the hospital and found out the real situation.

The hospital authorities informed the MPs that the government provides 17 kinds of medicines and equipment mentioned in the prescription.

Enthusiastic fans cheer for players of Bangladesh cricket team, leaving Sher-e-Bangla International Cricket Stadium, after their win against Ireland yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

President leaves for Kuwait

UNB, *Dhaka*

President Zillur Rahman yesterday left here for Kuwait on a three-day state visit to attend the golden jubilee celebration of State of Kuwait's Independence.

A special flight sent by the Ameer of Kuwait carried the president from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 2:10pm.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Post and Telecommunication Minister Rajuddin Ahmed Raju, chiefs of three services, Kuwait Ambassador to Bangladesh and high civil and military officials saw off him.

Over 100 migratory birds killed

3 poachers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*

Only three days after bird enumeration ended at Hakaluki Haor, more than a hundred guest birds fell victim to poison traps set by poachers.

Police arrested three poachers in connection with the killing of birds at Sonapur village of Juri upazila in Moulvibazar district on Wednesday.

The arrestees--Sabul Miah, 35, Bachchu Miah, 32, Zakir Hussain, 22--hailed from Sadipur village of Kulaura upazila in the district.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Juri police in a drive arrested the trio and recovered 107 dead birds from their baskets, said Md Zahidul Haque, sub-inspector of Juri Police Station.

They came to Sonapur to sell the birds, he said.

The arrestees confessed they had killed the birds setting poison traps at Nagua-Dulia Beel of Hakaluki Haor under Kulaura upazila Wednesday morning, police said.

The bird enumeration was held at the haor from February 19 to 20 with financial support from the Integrated Protected Area Co-management (IPAC) project.

A team led by eminent bird researcher Dr Enam Al Haque conducted the enumeration.

BFUJ polls today

BSS, *Dhaka*

Election of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ)-2011 will be held across the country today.

The polling of the apex body of the journalist community will begin at 9:00am and continue till 5:00pm with an one hour interval from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

The members of the journalist unions will cast their votes at booths set up in the respective union offices in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Khulna, Jessore, Narayanganj, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Bogra and Dinajpur.

In Dhaka, the polling will be held at Jatiya Press Club.

President of BFUJ Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Secretary General Altaf Mahmud urged all voters to vote within the time.

Cop source hacked to death in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police source was hacked to death by miscreants in the city's Jatrabari area yesterday.

Eyewitnesses said a gang of four to five criminals severely hacked Amir Sikder, 28, a source of Jatrabari Police Station, in North Jatrabari area around 2:00pm.

Locals rushed critically injured Amir to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Housewife held over death of domestic help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife, who allegedly tortured to death her 10-year-old domestic help at her Uttara residence in the city on Wednesday, was arrested yesterday.

Police said they arrested Hosnewara Begum, 46, wife of Abdur Rashid, a stock market investor, from a house at Section 14 of Uttara where she was hiding.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Abdus Selim of Uttara Police Station, also investigation officer of the case, said during preliminary interrogation Hosnewara admitted that she and her husband often beat the girl, Aklima, for various offence, but did not think the girl would die.

SI Selim said they were trying to arrest Rashid.

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Third death anniversary of Bazlur Rahman today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the third death anniversary of Bazlur Rahman, one of the country's most prominent journalists, freedom fighter and editor of the daily Sangbad.

Different organisations took various programmes to observe the day.

His family, Bazlur Rahman Foundation and other organisations will lay wreaths at his grave at Mirpur Martyed Intellectuals' Graveyard at 9:00am.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, wife of Bazlur Rahman, will hand over a check of Tk 1 lakh and his clothes to Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed authorities at 11:00am.

A doa mahfil will also be held at Nakla orphanage at his Sherpur village after Asr prayers.

Bazlur Rahman died in 2008 at the age of 67. He graduated from the economics department of Dhaka University and earned acclaim for writing regular articles on economy and different sectors of journalism.

Bazlur Rahman was born to Abdur Rahman and Raisunnesa in Char Niamat village of Fulpur upazila in Mymensingh on August 3, 1941.

He spent a significant period of time working for Bangla newspaper Ekota. He actively participated in the Six Point Movement, Mass Uprising of '69, War of Liberation in 1971, movement against the military regime after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the autocratic regime of HM Ershad.

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