

Radiation rises in sea nearby

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It has announced that fresh water rather than seawater will now be used to cool the damaged reactors, in the hope that this will be more effective.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan said the situation was "very unpredictable".

The official death toll from the 11 March earthquake and tsunami has passed 10,000, and more than 17,440 people are missing.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been made homeless; an estimated 250,000 people are living in emergency shelters. Food, water and fuel are in short supply.

The Japanese government has put the rebuilding cost at \$309bn.

SAFETY MEASURES
The levels of radiation found in the sea near the plant were more than eight times higher than those found in the same area last week, the Japanese officials said.

A spokesman for Japan's Nuclear Safety Agency said the radioactivity level in the sea off the nuclear plant was

"relatively high" but the impact on marine life would be minor.

"Generally speaking," spokesman Hidehiko Nishiyama told a news conference, "radioactive material released into the sea will spread due to tides, so you need much more for seaweed and sea life to absorb it."

He continued: "And, since [the iodine] has a half-life of eight days, by the time people eat the sea products its amount is likely to have diminished significantly."

The contamination probably came from both airborne radiation released from the reactors or tainted water that spilled into the sea, Mr Nishiyama said.

In a televised address on Friday, Prime Minister Kan said: "The current situation is still very unpredictable. We're working to stop the situation from worsening. We need to continue to be extremely vigilant."

He also thanked the workers, firefighters and Self-Defence Forces for "risking their lives" to try to cool the reactors at the Fukushima

Daiichi plant.

Japan's chief cabinet secretary Yukio Edano has said a rigorous inquiry is under way to establish the cause of a leak at the plant, after tests showed water in the turbine halls of reactors 1 and 3 had radiation levels 10,000 times higher than normal.

Japan's Nuclear Safety Agency has reiterated its position that it believes the reactor may have been damaged but it is going no further than that, says the BBC's Mark Worthington in Tokyo.

The agency has denied any suggestion that the reactor core may have cracked, Kyodo news agency reports.

The two affected workers, who remain in hospital, had reportedly not been wearing the correct protective boots and had ignored a radiation alarm at the plant.

A revision of safety measures has been ordered.

The government has asked people still living within 20-30km of the nuclear facility to leave voluntarily. Until now, resi-

dents in the zone had been advised to stay indoors.

FOOD FEARS

Japan has banned shipments of foodstuffs grown in several prefectures around the damaged nuclear plant.

People in Fukushima prefecture have been told not to eat 11 types of green leafy vegetables because of contamination worries.

Importers of Japanese products are finding low levels of radiation in some food stuffs, however the amounts found do not pose a health hazard.

China, Singapore, Hong Kong, and other Asian importers have already placed bans on some imports of vegetables, seafood and milk products.

Australia, the European Union, the United States and Russia have followed suit.

The Fukushima plant is 250km north-east of the capital, Tokyo.

Radioactive iodine was detected in Tokyo's water supply earlier this week. Levels have since fallen, but remain high in other areas of northern Japan.



Kids perform at a programme organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday to mark the country's Independence Day. PHOTO: STAR

Civil surgeon at fault

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"The civil surgeon's negligence in preparing the autopsy report has been proved which is against medical ethics," the report said.

"The civil surgeon in a most unlikely move formed a committee for the autopsy at his own initiative realising the importance of the matter. Besides, being the ex officio of Shariatpur General Hospital the civil surgeon was not aware of Hena's admission and treatment at the facility," read the report.

It also said had not the second autopsy been done, the cause of the death had remained unknown.

Meanwhile, the Shariatpur Superintendent of Police (SP) has prepared another report recommending departmental actions against two officials of Naria Police Station, Mirza Abul Kalam and Muhammad Aslam Uddin Mollah.

While preparing the autopsy report, Sub-Inspector Aslam Uddin mentioned some irrelevant issues and could not examine the body properly. Moreover, Inspector (Investigation) Mirza Abul Kalam Azad did not refer to the incident of rape while lodging the case even after intensive interrogation of Hena

Akter.

The Shariatpur SP also submitted his report before the HC on Thursday.

The first post-mortem done by the doctors of Shariatpur General Hospital on February 2 made no mention of injury marks on Hena's body. The doctors assigned for the post-mortem were the hospital's Resident Medical Officer Nirmal Chandra Das, and medical officers Rajesh Majumder and Hosne Ara Begum.

However, the DMCH autopsy on February 8 said that the reason behind the death was haemorrhage followed by septicaemic shock as a result of wound from blunt object and were ante-mortem and homicide in nature.

The DMCH doctors who performed the autopsy are Zubaidur Rahman, assistant professor of forensic medicine, Firoza Wazed, assistant professor of gynaecology, and Najibur Rahman, assistant professor of pathology.

Meanwhile, as per the HC directive on February 10, the government formed a seven-member probe committee led by the director general of Directorate of Health to enquire why the two autopsy reports varied so much.

The committee has recently submitted its report to the HC saying that such misleading post-mortem reports appear due to lack of appropriate training.

The committee recommended the government arrange compulsory training for the post-mortem doctors under the departments of forensic medicine at government medical colleges.

It suggested having doctors of the first post-mortem take part in the re-post-mortem and put their signatures in the report. A high-powered committee led by an associate professor may be formed for the re-post-mortem procedure, sources said.

The seven-member probe committee by the Directorate of Health comprises its Director General Prof Khandker Md Shefayet Ullah, Prof Mizanul Huq, departmental head of forensic medicine of DMCH, Prof TC Das, departmental head of forensic medicine of Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital, Rowshan Ara, head of Gynaecology department of Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital, Habibuzzaman Chowdhury, departmental head of forensic medicine of Shaheed Suhrawardi Medical College, Kajal Islam,

deputy secretary (police) of home ministry, and Md Fazlul Huq, deputy solicitor (civil) of law ministry.

The Daily Star in a report on February 7 raised doubts about the autopsy report from Shariatpur and Naria, which prompted the HC to issue a suo moto rule the same day for exhumation of Hena's body and a fresh autopsy.

The body was exhumed that night and sent to DMCH. The next day a fresh post-mortem was done at

DMCH. This time the doctors found extensive wounds on the body, and determined those as the cause of Hena's death.

The HC bench on February 10 issued eight directives for the government, including filing of a fresh case in connection with Hena's death on five specific charges against the deliverers of the fatwa, and to probe why there has been a gulf of difference between two post-mortem reports.

Retirees rule admin

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Cooperatives Division Mihir Kanti Majumder are top officials on contractual service.

Chairman of National Board of Revenue Ahmed Nasiruddin, Alternative Executive Director of World Bank Kazi Md Aminul Islam, Chairman of Bangladesh Parjaton Corporation Hemayetuddin Talukder, Tariff Commission Chairman Mojibur Rahman, all holding the rank of a secretary, have also got contractual appointments, according to sources in the establishment ministry.

The government on Wednesday cancelled the leave preparatory to retirement of Nepal Chandra Sarker and gave him a contract as secretary of the Information Commission. On the same day, Chairman of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation Tuls Das Mitra got an extension to his contract for another year.

Maj Gen (retd) Motiur Ahmed also got his service contract extended for three years as director general of National Security Intelligence while the DG of Bangladesh Television Kazi Abu Zafar Mohammad Hasan Siddique got one more year in job.

Retired bureaucrats have also been nominated for top positions at Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk), Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), Public Works Department, Directorate of Education Engineering and Bangladesh missions abroad.

Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York AK Abdul Momen is serving a contractual period while Commodore (retd) Md Khorshed Alam is on a three-year contract as additional secretary at the foreign affairs ministry.

The contractual appointees also include BTRC Chairman Maj Gen (retd) Zia Ahmed, its member Mollick Sudhir Chandra, industrialist Abdus Salam as chairman of Chittagong Development Authority, Kamal Lohani as DG of Bangladesh

Shilpakala Academy, Abahani Limited's Director Syed Shahed Reza as ambassador to Kuwait, Gias Uddin as ambassador to Germany and Nurul Huda as chairman of Rajuk.

The extension proposal of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation Chairman Maj (retd) MM Iqbal is under consideration.

The government should discourage contractual appointments, observed Akbar Ali Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government.

"The officials in service lose their morale as contractual appointments block their promotion and posting," he told The Daily Star.

The government should limit contractual posts to some technical areas where it does not have an adequate number of qualified people, added Akbar, also former cabinet secretary.

Asked about the increasing number of contractual jobs, Establishment Secretary Iqbal Mahmud claimed such appointments were given to some technical posts only.

Official statistics, however, show a different picture as many non-technical posts are filled on contract basis.

Talking to The Daily Star, many serving bureaucrats expressed grievances over appointing a large number of ex-bureaucrats to so many high-ranking posts.

Though inefficient, many of the contractual appointees were chosen on political consideration, they alleged.

"Contractual appointment is a common practice worldwide for better service. But excessive contractual appointments of chosen officers to key positions in the name of better performance has been a practice in Bangladesh," observed a senior official of the establishment ministry.

He said the serving officials will lose interest in their jobs if the government depends more on the retirees.

Some officers believe political governments get opportunity for contractual appointments due to the declining standard of civil bureaucrats.

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KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method (NOTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	Govt. of Bangladesh (GOB).
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11.	Tender notice publication date in newspaper	22/03/2011.
12.	Tender last selling date	24/04/2011 within office hours.
13.	Tender closing date and time	25/04/2011 at 02.00pm.
14.	Tender opening date and time	25/04/2011 at 03.00pm.
15.	Name & address of the office(s):	(a) Selling tender document (principal) (1) Member (Textbook), National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-9550805, Fax-02-9565724). (2) Secretary, National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-9565644, Fax-02-9565724). (b) Selling tender document (others) (3) Deputy Secretary (Section-10), Ministry of Education (MOE), Room # 1806, Building # 6, Bangladesh Sachibhalaya, Dhaka-1000 (Phone-02-7162484, Fax-02-7167577).
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(d) Opening tender document	Secretary, National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), 4th Floor (Room No-508), 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. On 25/04/2011 at 03.00pm. In presence of tenderers or representatives who choose to attend.	
16.	Pre-tender meeting	Place: Conference Room, 1st Floor, NCTB Bhaban. Date: 12/04/2011, Time: 11.00am.
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22.	Name of official inviting tender	Braza Gopal Bhowmick.
23.	Designation of official inviting tender	Secretary.
24.	Address of official inviting tender	Secretary, NCTB, 69-70, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
25.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No: 02-9565644, Fax No: 02-9565724.
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