

## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY TODAY

# Pabna mental hospital limps with 12 docs



A patient, taken to Pabna Mental Hospital outdoor yesterday with his hands in fetters, tries to hide his face from the camera.

**Despite staff shortage, the 500-bed hospital has over 400 patients under treatment. Besides, 80-100 visit outdoor department a day**

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When the country is observing World Mental Health Day today, the country's largest specialised hospital for treatment of mental diseases in Pabna struggles to provide treatment for its patients.

Emphasising the need for increasing allocation in the sector, 'The Great Push: Investing in Mental Health' has been taken as this year's slogan on the day.

Only 12 doctors are working in the 500-bed Pabna Mental Hospital that has 319 working staff against 504 posts, hospital sources said.

At present 428 admitted patients are under treatment at the hospital. Besides, 80 to 100 patients take treatment from the 'outdoor' department daily.

Surprisingly though, many cured patients have to be kept at the hospital as their family members discontinued contact after managing their admission by giving false addresses, said Abdul Bari, ward master

of Pabna Mental Hospital.

"Shabuj Das and Mahabub Anwar were admitted to Pabna mental hospital in 1994. But their addresses, mentioned during their admission, were later found false. Their family members left them here to get rid of the trouble when they were affected with mental disorder," he said.

Over 60 patients, who got cured through treatment for years, are still staying at the hospital due to similar reasons, he said.

"Please inform my family members to take me from here," Mahabub Anwar cried to the journalists.

Abu Khaleque, Khaled Saifullah and many other cured patients echoed the same sentiment.

"When a patient is cured by treatment he needs proper mental support from their family members and society. Due to the lack of mental support most of them return back again," said Dr Dipak Kumar, the superintendent of Pabna Mental Hospital.

"Mentally disorder

patients need soft treatment in family and society. If a mentally disorder patient gets proper behaviors he will be cured easily." Dr. Nikhil Kumar, the PGT Psychiatry of Pabna mental said.

During a visit to Pabna mental hospital it is found that the new patient is being treated poorly caused more suffering. Md Alhaz, 25, son of Abdur Razzak of Purba Bonogram village in Santhia upazila under the district, was taken to Pabna Mental Hospital in chains.

"I was an income generating person a month ago. But suddenly I suffered from a fever then turned violent within before the Eid ul Fitre," Razzak said.

Many other patients were found waiting in front of Pabna Mental Hospital outdoor.

"We are trying to provide the best services although we are suffering from doctors, nurses and staffs crises," Dr Dipak, the superintendent said.

## SNIPPETS

### Spurious liquor kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two people died after drinking rectified spirit in Chowgacha upazila of Jessore early yesterday. Sufal Ranjan, 40, and Chunu Sardar, 45, bought the poisonous liquor from a local bazar and fell sick after drinking it, said Yunus Ali, second officer of Chowgacha police station. They were rushed to Chowgacha upazila health complex. Doctors declared Sufal and Chunu dead around 8:10am after they were shifted to Jessore Sadar Hospital.

### Housewife electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A housewife was electrocuted at her house at Dakbangla road in the town yesterday noon. The victim was identified as Roksana Begum, 32, wife of Haider Ali, driver of Lalmonirhat Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) General's vehicle. Police said, the housewife was electrocuted as she came in contact with a live electric wire while putting clothes on it for drying. Police recovered the body and sent it to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

### Two Indians arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Police arrested two Indian citizens from bordering Memberpara area of Matiranga upazila of the district on Saturday evening. The arrestees are Mohan Kumar Chakma, 29, son of Thuiga Joy Chakma and Sisi Moni Chakma, 19, son of Manok Chakma of Jurakapa area under Shilchhari district in Tripura state of India. Officer in-charge of Matiranga police station Abu Yusuf said, on information police arrested the two for their suspicious movement around 05:30pm and seized Indian and Bangladeshi currencies from them.

### Lightning kills woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A housewife was killed and three of her family became unconscious as a lightning struck them at Shreekolosh village under Rampal upazila yesterday. The deceased was identified as Asmin Begum, 23, wife of Daud Sarkar of the same village. Injured Shanti Rani, 50, Promise, 5, and Sumi, 26, were admitted to Shalikh upazila health complex. Rampal upazila health and family planning officer Dr Bimol Krishan Bain said the incident occurred when Asmin went out of her house during heavy rain. The three others fainted due to the loud sound, he said.

### Human chain in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna unit of Bangladesh Tamak Birodhi Jote, an anti-tobacco body, formed a human chain in the city yesterday on the occasion of National Tobacco-Free Day. Eight different professional, socio-cultural and non-government organisations joined the human chain programme. Later, the leaders of the Jote submitted a memorandum to the prime minister through the deputy commissioner of Khulna at 11:30 am demanding amendment to the existing tobacco control act and its strict enforcement. Md Masum Billah, general secretary of the Khulna unit of tobacco control act implementation committee handed over the memorandum to the deputy commissioner.

### Two arrested with arms

UNB, Pabna

Two persons were arrested along with arms while fleeing allegedly after mugging a man at Kalikapur village in Sujanagar upazila on Saturday. The arrestees were identified as Shahin Hossain, 20, son of Iman Ali Sheikh and Ripon Hossain, 19, son of Isahag Ali of the village. Police said the two, while fleeing after taking away Tk 30,000 from Ashok Kumar Bhoumik of the village at gun point at noon, are caught by local people. Later, after a good beating, they handed them over to police who recovered one pistol, two sharp weapons and the snatched money from their possession.

# Rehabilitate displaced, returnee Jummas

## Khagrachhari rally demands

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Leaders of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Jumma Refugee Welfare Association have demanded rehabilitation of the returnee Jumma refugees and internally displaced Jummas in the CHT region.

They have also demanded full implementation of the accord signed in Agartala, capital of the Indian state of Tripura, on March 9 in 1997 between the then Awami League government and the leaders of Jumma refugees.

The demands were raised at a rally at Larma Square ground in Khagrachhari town with association's President Prabhakar Chakma in the chair.

The speakers said Jumma refugees are suffering a lot as most of the important points of the accord have not yet been implemented. They said the government should immediately implement the accord fully to mitigate the sufferings of the Jumma refugees and establish peace in CHT.

They also demanded full implementation of the CHT Peace Accord, removal of Chittagong Hill Tracts Land Dispute Resolution Commission (CHTLDR) Chairman Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury, amendment to the controversial clauses of the commission Act 2001 and their recognition as indigenous people in the constitution.

The speakers threatened to launch a tougher agitation

programme if their demand for rehabilitation of Jumma refugees was not met immediately.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Vice-president of Jumma Refugee Welfare Association Ajit Baran Chakma, its General Secretary Santoshita Chakma, Vice-Chairman of Dighinala Upazila Parishad Supriya Chakma and Principal Madhu Mangal Chakma.

Later, a team led by Prabhakar Chakma submitted a memorandum to the prime minister through Khagrachhari deputy commissioner demanding rehabilitation of Jumma refugees and full implementation of the CHT Peace Accord.



Owners hurriedly remove their illegal structures from Kuakata sea beach as Patuakhali district administration starts demolishing such structures on the beach yesterday.

# Kuakata beach cleansing drive finally begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The local administration finally started demolishing the illegal structures on Kuakata sea beach, prompting owners of around 400 temporary set-ups remove the materials on the first day of the drive yesterday.

As a mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Md Saiful Islam accompanying Rapid Action Battalion and police reached Kuakata beach at about 11:00am, most of the owners of temporary illegal structures started removing those in a hurry. Men of the illegally built concrete structures also left the area.

At about 3:00pm, the mobile court started dismantling Sky Cottage, a hotel housed at an illegally constructed one-story building.

"We started operation to remove all the illegal structures from the beach as per a directive issued by the High Court," said Kalapara Upazila Nirbahi Officer Didare Alam Mohammad Maksud Chowdhury, also president of beach management committee.

"We will evict all the illegal structures within a very short time as per the notice," Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner (DC) Golam Md Hasibul Alam.

On September 27, Patuakhali DC office issued a notice to owners of all 225 concrete structures on the beach to remove the set-ups within seven working days but nobody complied with, said Md Shah Alam Sarder, additional deputy commissioner (ADC-Revenue) of Patuakhali.

Earlier a team led by the ADC identified as illegal 225 concrete structures spreading in the area from Khajura in the west to Cower Char in the east on the beach.

The High Court (HC) on June 2 this year directed the authorities concerned to immediately remove all structures from Kuakata sea beach and submit a report on the compliance within seven days, sources of Patuakhali district administration said.

It also asked them to take necessary steps to stop encroachment, earth filling and construction of structures on the beach.

# One killed as Jubo Dal rivals clash in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A man was killed and 10 were injured in a clash between two factions of Jubo Dal in Sreenagar upazila of the district Saturday night.

The dead was identified as Akter Hossain, 33, son of late Amzad Hossain of Doyahata village in the upazila.

Mizanur Rahman, officer in-charge of Sreenagar police station, said the clash started between the two groups of Jubo Dal, an associate body of BNP, at Doyahata village around 7:45pm.

One group is led by Md Sayem, president of Sreenagar union unit while the rivals by one Iqbal Mahmud Akash, he said.

The OC said that one of the supporters of Sayem used to stalk a relative of Akash, which forced her to stop going to school. A general diary has been lodged with the local police station in this regard.

To settle the matter, the two groups sat in arbitration at the office room of the OC on Saturday afternoon in presence of Berek Bepari, Sreenagar UP chairman, but the meeting ended in failure. Later both the groups, equipped with sharp weapons, locked in a fierce clash after returning to the village from the arbitration.

Of the injured, Akter succumbed at Mitford Hospital in the capital city around 10:00pm, the OC said adding that the deceased was a supporter of Akash group.

The other injured were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Mitford Hospital where the condition of Sagar, 30, and Saleh, 25, brothers of the victim, and Azim, 22, was said to be critical.

Saiful Islam, assistant police superintendent, said additional police have been deployed in the village to avert further untoward incidents.

# Hilsa seized in Noakhali, Pirojpur

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Law enforcers and coast guard members seized a huge quantity of hilsa fish from trawlers in Noakhali and Pirojpur districts yesterday and the day before.

Mobile courts in Noakhali yesterday seized 167 kg hilsa fish and 60,000 metres of current net in two separate drives in Hatia and Begumganj, reports our correspondent.

Local UNO and coast guard members searched two fishing trawlers in the Meghna River and the hilsa and the nets worth Tk 3 lakh early in the morning.

In Pirojpur, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized 1500 kg hilsa fish from a trawler at Parerhat in Sadar upazila on Saturday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the elite force, led by DAD Sajjad Hossain, raided fishing trawler FB Jasim and seized the hilsa fish, reports UNB.

The government clamped a ban on hilsa catching at four points of seven districts of the country for 11 days from October 6, the peak breeding season, to increase production of the delicious fish.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The flood affected people yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally in the town demanding adequate relief materials for the victims and steps to remove the stagnant water from the area.

They also protested proposed construction of sluice gate at Padmashakhra point in Sadar upazila on the river Ichhamati saying it would not help drain out the floodwater.

Satkhira Nagorik Committee, a local civil

society body organised the programme to press home their demands.

The procession was brought out from in front of Satkhira Press Club in the morning.

Parading the main thoroughfares of the town, the processionists held a rally in front of Satkhira deputy commissioner's office.

Speakers at the rally said, over 4 lakh people in Satkhira, Jessore and Khulna districts became marooned after rainwater and waters from the silted Kabodak and Betna rivers entered the area overflowing their banks in

August.

But the areas are still waterlogged and the marooned people are passing hard days due to acute scarcity of food, drinking water and medicines, they alleged.

They also alleged that lack of dredging of the two rivers led to waterlogging in the areas.

They demanded immediate re-excavation of the silted Kabodak, Betna, Shalikh and Marichchap rivers which have already lost navigability, to save the people of the areas.

**পটুয়াখালী বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়**  
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## সম্পূরক ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সম্প্রতি বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত হওয়ায় পটুয়াখালী বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ২০১১-২০১২ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এ্যানিমেল সায়েন্স এন্ড ভেটেরিনারি মেডিসিন অনুষদে বিএসসি এ্যানিমেল হাউসকেই (অনার্স) [B.Sc. Animal Husbandry (Hons.)] স্নাতক ডিগ্রি প্রোগ্রামে লেভেল-১ সেমিস্টার-১ মেটাে ৩০ জন ছাত্রছাত্রী ভর্তি করা হবে।

২০০৮/২০০৯ সালে এসএসসি বা সমমান এবং ২০১০/২০১১ সালে এইচএসসি বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ, এসএসসি/সমমানের বা এইচএসসি/সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তর ক্ষেত্রে চতুর্থ বিষয় বাদে প্রতিটিতে ন্যূনতম জিপিএ ২.৫ সহ সর্বমোট জিপিএ ৬.০ প্রাপ্ত ছাত্রছাত্রীরা আবেদনের যোগ্য। ইতোপূর্বে ৩টি জাতীয় পরীক্ষায় (দৈনিক প্রথম আলো-২৩ সেপ্টেম্বর; ডেইলি স্টার-১৮ সেপ্টেম্বর এবং দৈনিক কালেরকণ-১৭ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১১) প্রকাশিত শর্ত অনুযায়ী A ইউনিটের আওতায় বি.এসসি.এজি. (অনার্স); বি.এসসি. ফিশারিজ (অনার্স); উত্তর অব ভেটেরিনারি মেডিসিন (ডিভিএম); বি.এসসি. ডিজাস্টার ম্যানেজমেন্ট (অনার্স); বি.এসসি. নিউট্রিশন এন্ড ফুড সায়েন্স (অনার্স) ও বি.এসসি. এ্যানিমেল হাউসকেই (অনার্স) ডিগ্রির জন্য আবেদনকারীদেরকে একই ইউনিট A পূরণ করতে হবে এবং উত্তরপরে তাদের ভর্তির বিষয় পছন্দের ক্রমানুসারে (১ম, ২য়, ৩য়, ৪র্থ, ৫ম ও ৬ষ্ঠ) উত্তরপরে (OMR) শীটের নির্দিষ্ট অংশে ভরাট করতে হবে।

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