

## Medical board

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humanity during the 1971 Liberation War. The jail authorities, however, sent the 89-year-old to the BSMMU prison cell later that day. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) formed the three-member medical board to check his health.

Cardiology specialist Sajal Krishna Banerjee, a member of the medical board, told The Daily Star that the board submitted its report around 1:00pm after conducting thorough checkups and tests on Ghulam Azam.

Sajal, however, said, "The board has also advised some new tests for Ghulam Azam and asked the BSMMU authorities to do those by today [Friday]. After examining the new reports, the board will give its final opinion on Saturday [today]."

He said they have brought some changes to Ghulam

Azam's prescription by adding some new medicine and deducting some others.

Abdul Majid Bhuiyan said apart from necessary supplies from the hospital, his family on Thursday gave warm clothes for Ghulam Azam.

He told The Daily Star yesterday that the hospital would inform the medical board's opinion to the jail authorities today (Saturday) when the weekend is over.

Inspector General of Prisons (IG-Prisons) Brig Gen Ashraf Islam Khan said they would act according to the opinion of the medical board and also the suggestions of the BSMMU doctors as Ghulam Azam is under the care of doctors.

Ghulam Azam has been charged with 62 counts of crimes against humanity at the International Crimes Tribunal.

## Criminal killed

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At the moment, a gunfight took place between them on Prosanna Poddar Lane, leaving Sajib injured, it said.

Rab with the help of local people took him to a local clinic where doctors declared him dead.

The elite crime busters said they recovered a pistol, one magazine, one bullet and four cartridges from the spot.

However, Sajib's mother Shirin Begum at the morgue told The Daily Star that local criminals Mamun and Sana Rony, also Rab informers, called Sajib out of his aunt's house in the city's Mugdapara at 10:00pm on Thursday.

Mamun and Sana were seen roaming in Rab's car in Tantibazar area around a month back, she said adding, "When I heard that they

called him over phone and took him out, I doubted that they would hand him over to the Rab to kill him. It has become true."

She said, "My son got spoiled and was imprisoned. I did not want him to get released from jail but his accomplices arranged his bail around four months ago."

"I with my son took shelter at my sister's Mugdapara house to evade further arrest but Rab killed him by staging a crossfire drama," Shirin Begum claimed.

Meanwhile, two alleged muggers were bullet-hit in city's Mohakhali area early yesterday during a 'gunfight' with police as they were trying to flee in a car.

Gulshan police said they asked a private car to stop when it was going towards

Mohakhali from Gulshan at about 1:00am. But the criminals opened fire from inside the car prompting police to retaliate.

Officer-in-Charge Shah Alam of Gulshan police said the gang tried to flee the spot leaving the car. Chasing them, law enforcers managed to capture five of them.

Injured Sazzadur Rahman Tusher, 35, and Md Ilias, 25, were admitted to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation under police custody.

Three knives, 11 mobile phone sets, five money bags and one vanity bag were recovered from their possession.

Asked about recovery of any arms, the OC said two of the gang managed to escape the scene with the arms.

## Plan to build 3 new bridges

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and has been conducting a study on Kanchpur and Meghna-Gumti bridges," said Shahauddin Khan, superintending engineer of Roads and Highways Department (Dhaka Circle).

He said the communications ministry has requested Jica to finance also the new Meghna bridge.

"They have responded positively," said the RHD official.

It has become essential to build three new bridges, as trouble with any of the existing bridges will severely hinder transport of goods through the country's busiest highway, said communications ministry officials.

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader recently visited the three bridges and said that they are risky. He directed RHD officials to repair the bridges immedi-

ately to ensure uninterrupted vehicular movement on the highway.

But it will be a huge challenge to handle the high volume of traffic on the two-lane Meghna and the Meghna-Gumti bridges during repair.

One lane of the bridge will be off limits during repair that will result in huge traffic congestion on both sides of the busy highway. The average daily traffic on Dhaka-Chittagong highway is about 30,000, said RHD officials.

**REPAIR OF MEGHNA BRIDGE**  
The government has taken a Tk 150 crore project to repair Meghna bridge, the condition of which is the worst among the three old bridges.

Experts found that scour holes -- hollows in the riverbed caused by undercurrents -- have rendered its several piers vulnerable.

Besides, high volume of traffic and overloaded trucks continue to damage its deck. The bridge's expansion joints and hinge bearings have also been damaged.

The RHD repaired its expansion joints in 2008. But it did not last long for plying of heavy vehicles.

"We floated a tender last year to find a suitable international firm for the bridge's repair. We hope the selection process will complete in two months," said Shahabuddin Khan, who is supervising repair of Meghna bridge.

He said the government is doing everything to get the bridge repaired as quickly as possible because any delay in its renovation might shorten the bridge's 100-year lifespan.

Concrete blocks will be placed around all its piers as part of the repair work, he added.

## Pre-polls pledges largely unfulfilled

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The plan for 2011-15, prepared by the planning commission under the planning ministry and endorsed by the government, also stated that the situation has not changed in the last three years in some vital areas.

Now, the Awami League-led government will have only two years to implement the plans.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
In the electoral manifesto, Awami League promised to give due importance to strengthening the local government institutions. "Union, Upazila and District Councils will be strengthened through decentralisation of power," it reads.

"Local governments are

weak, with little administrative and financial capacity," says the five-year plan, adding, "The setting of expenditure priorities, allocation of resources, procurement of goods and services, and the implementation of projects are largely centralised at the ministry level in the capital city of Dhaka."

It said at central and local levels, day-to-day general administration is run by the civil servants and they are not accountable to local government bodies.

In the plan, the government now promises to take different measures to increase revenue of local government bodies, strengthen their capacity to implement local-

level programmes. It also promises to form a Local Government Commission (LGC) which will design and monitor changes to the legal framework of the local government bodies.

Interestingly, it is the Awami League-led government that dissolved the LGC formed by the erstwhile non-partisan caretaker government in 2008.

**FIGHTING CORRUPTION**  
The government was supposed to be very harsh on corruption according to its electoral manifesto that promised for taking multi-pronged measures to fight corruption.

The government looks weak in taking strict measures in line with its electoral

pledges to eliminate bribe, extortion, and against those having undisclosed and black money and loan defaulters.

In the five-year plan, the government, however, stated, "The government recognises the importance of tackling corruption and is aggressively seeking to reduce the opportunities for corruption by increasing use of e-governance tools, mandating the development of citizens' charters...."

It promises that the government will put in place some key reforms, such as introducing legislation and practices that will enhance transparency of operations of the government.

In the electoral manifesto, Awami League also promised to make the Anti-Corruption Commission stronger. However, the government has actually moved to clip the wings of the ACC over filing cases against government officials.

To this end, the government placed a bill in parliament on February 28, 2011, for introducing a provision in the ACC Act for prior government permission to file corruption cases against government officials and start trial.

In the five-year plan, the government announced that the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will be provided with clear independence to carry out investigation and prosecution. It announced that it would appoint an Ombudsman with sufficient staff as guaranteed by article-77 of the constitution.

Interestingly, Awami League has made similar pledge in its electoral manifesto. But the government has yet to take any move to appoint an Ombudsman.

In the manifesto, Awami League said wealth statement and source of income of the prime minister, members of the cabinet, parliament members and of their family members will be made public every year.

But the wealth statements of members of the council of ministers and MPs and their family members were not made public in any of last three years.

**PARLIAMENT**  
To establish good governance, Awami League in its electoral pledge said all necessary steps will be taken to make parliament effective and to make the government accountable to the parliament for all its activities.

But the reality is that the parliament has become largely dysfunctional due to frequent boycott by the main opposition BNP MPs and also the government's indifference to make the House effective.

In the five-year plan, the government said it would take measures to promote standards of policy debate, ensure and encourage reviewing of government actions by parliamentary committees.

It also announced to take steps for increasing the number of hearings open to public, particularly of important budgetary committees such as the Public Accounts Committee.

**JUDICIARY & EC**  
In the electoral manifesto, Awami League promised to ensure independence of the judiciary.

But some appointments of judges to the Supreme Court

triggered widespread controversy in the last three years.

The government also did not amend the constitution to ensure true independence and separation of the judiciary from the executive in light of the constitutional provision. The judiciary was separated in 2007 during the last caretaker government regime.

In the five-year plan, the planning ministry stated that the separation of the judiciary from the executive has not yet brought expected results as there remains a number of areas that need to be looked into.

For the development of the judiciary, the government now promises to take different key reform programmes,

including the one for establishing transparent criteria and process for recruitment of competent judges.

The government also announced establishing a mechanism for selection of non-partisan and competent people who can form the Election Commission.

In the electoral pledges, Awami League also promised to continue electoral reforms to make the EC stronger.

But the reality is different. The government is yet to move to enact a law that is required to form an independent search committee for constituting a new EC.

**CIVIL SERVICE**  
In the electoral pledges, Awami League promised that the administration will be free

from politicisation and will be pro-people. "Efficiency, seniority and merit will be the basis of appointment and promotion and reforms will be brought in public services," it had stated.

But the reality looks rather different. The planning ministry in the five-year plan made some gloomy observations about the unchanged situation.

It stated that the civil service system is regulated by a mix of rules and guidelines that provide limited incentives for performance. Systems for setting performance goals and evaluation are weak and opaque resulting in promotion and rotation of staff based on criteria other than performance, the plan-

ning ministry asserted.

"The civil service has also become vulnerable to political interference and at times it has clouded its ability to serve public interest," stated the plan document.

The five-year plan, however, said the government has developed a roadmap for civil service reforms that identifies key priorities and areas in which to conduct the reforms. It has drafted a civil service act, it said.

"The vision for the Sixth Five-Year Plan is to build a framework for the civil service that systemically rewards performance and merit and reduces external political interference," the planning ministry stated in the plan document.

**Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC)**  
BMRC Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) is going to offer a "Workshop on Research Management" for a duration of 7 weeks. The Workshop will be started from the 2nd week of February, 2012 (Tentative) in BMRC.

Applications are invited through proper channel from the interested Graduate, Post Graduate Doctors & Post Graduate Medical Students specially who are in Thesis Part will get preference. Applications along with copies of all certificates, detailed bio-data and one copy of passport size photo should reach the undersigned on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012.

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**INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE**

Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, (UFFL) Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed tender for procurement of Roll-O-Matic Air Filter & Different Types of Valve, Elbow & Tee under INCOTERMS on CFR(C)/C&F(C) Chittagong Sea Port or CPT(C) Hazrat Shah Jalal International Air Port, Dhaka or DDP (Delivery Duty Paid at Project site), Bangladesh basis :

SI No.	Tender No.	Description of the Materials	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable)	Amount of Tender Security.	Last date & time for submission of Tender
01.	UFFL/FP-ELECT/1/2011-2012/457 Date : 09-01-2012.	Roll-O-Matic Air Filter	TK. 1,000/-	TK. 55,000/-	05-03-2012 At 11-00 a.m.
02.	UFFL/FP-PM/3/2011-2012/458 Date : 09-01-2012.	Different Types of Valve, Elbow & Tee	TK. 1,000/-	TK. 40,000/-	12-03-2012 At 11-00 a.m.

The Tenders will be received in the office of the Additional Chief Manager (Foreign Purchase), Commercial Department, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh and will be opened immediately after closing at 11-00 a.m. on the date & time as mentioned above in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised representatives, if any. Tender documents will be available at the cost mentioned above (Non-refundable) from (1) Accounts Division, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong & (3) UFFL. Due to unavoidable Circumstances if the tender will not be received/opened in due date & time the same will be received/opened on the next working day. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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**INTERNATIONAL RE-TENDER NOTICE (SHORT DATED)**

EDCL invites International Tender for Supply of Plastic Pallets for Pharmaceutical Industry on C&F© Chittagong by Sea basis :-

S/L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP / Plastic Pallets / SEM / 35 / 2011-2012 dated 12/01/2012	Supply of Plastic Pallets (Dhaka, Bogra and KELP, Khulna)	Tk. 1000/set Equivalent to US\$ 13.50 Non-refundable	Closing : 24/01/2012 at 11.00 AM Opening : 24/01/2012 at 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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ক)	এপিএসসিএল -এর পানি পরিশোধনাগারে ব্যবহারের জন্য ১৩০ (একশত ত্রিশ) মেট্রিক টন সোডিয়াম ক্লোরাইড (NaCl) সরবরাহ করা।	টাই ৫০০.০০ (অফেরতযোগ্য)	টাই ২৭,০০০.০০	চুক্তি স্বাক্ষরের তারিখ হইতে ৩০ দিন (সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তানুযায়ী)
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