

Appeal for help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

K a n i j Fatema, 18, has been suffering from URI (urinal tract infection) for about two years now and both her kidneys have been affected.

She is now undergoing treatment at Magura Sadar Hospital under the supervision of medicine consultant Dr Rokouzzaman.

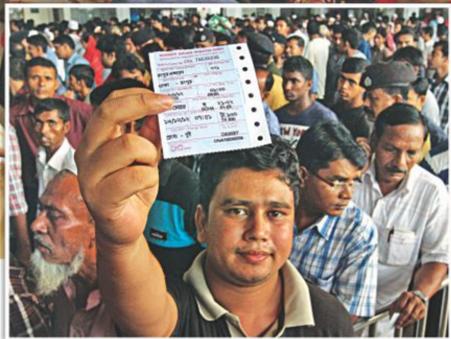
She has been advised to go to Dhaka for better treatment.

Kanij, hailed from Rajdharpur village in Jhenidah sadar upazila, has been working as a school teacher of Brac with a monthly salary of TK 1,280.

She is unable to continue her treatment with her meager income and negligible support from her relatives.

Her father Shahidul Mondal requests the affluent and generous people of the society to come forward with financial assistance for Kanij's treatment.

For sending contributions, please call at 01762-348893 or contact at the address: Kanij Fatema, C/O- Shahidul Mondal, village and post-Rajdharpur, upazila-Jhenidah sadar, district-Jhenidah.



Throng of people line up for train tickets at Kamalapur Railway Station as advance sales opened yesterday ahead of Eid-ul Azha. Inset, a man holding up his much longed-for ticket.

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**SAARC NEWS AGENCY
SIC resolution backs
Dhaka's proposal**

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh's draft Project Concept Paper (PCP) for establishing a permanent Saarc News Agency has been incorporated in the resolution of the 8th Governing Board of Saarc Information Centre (SIC) held in Nepal on September 25-26.

The resolution is aimed at taking a decision on the issue after holding discussions at different levels of Saarc.

BSS City Editor Ajit Kumar Sarkar gave the proposal for establishing the Saarc News Agency (SNA) at a seminar in Paro of Bhutan on May 29-31.

Describing inclusion of the PCP in the resolution as a positive development, Director General (Saarc and Bimstec) Syed Masud Mahmud said, "I will discuss the issue at the DG-level meeting of the Saarc countries to be held in November this year."

Officials at SIC said representative of Bangladesh submitted the PCP informally, and it has been included in the resolution as all members of the Governing Board (GB) of SIC supported it.

The GB asked the Bangladesh representative to submit the PCP taking approval from the proper authorities, the said.

The GB also recommended that the SIC should work out a mechanism for obtaining relevant information from the member states, Saarc Secretariat and Saarc Regional Centres on regular basis to make the centre as an information hub for the Saarc countries.

Information Secretary Hedaetullah Al Mamoon told the news agency that the draft proposal for establishing a permanent Saarc News Agency (SNA) will formally be sent to Saarc Information Centre soon.

"The scrutiny of the proposal is at the final stage. We will send it to the Saarc Information Centre as soon as possible," he told the news agency.

**BNP's mass procession
Wednesday for CG**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The opposition BNP will organise processions at all district and divisional headquarters on Wednesday as part of its month-long mass campaign for the restoration of the caretaker government system.

The procession in the capital will begin at 3:00pm from the BNP's central office in Naya Paltan.

"We will organise a peaceful procession. I hope the government will not try to obstruct it," BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan told reporters yesterday after a joint meeting with the leaders of the party and its front bodies at the Naya Paltan office.

Meanwhile, addressing a commemorative programme at the Diploma Engineers Institution, BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed alleged that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had not taken any action to quell the violence in Ramu though she was informed about it soon after the attacks went underway.

He also struck back at the prime minister, who on Friday castigated the BNP's probe body and its report on the Ramu incident.

"The government is trying to draw the attention of the international community by using the slogan of militancy in the Ramu violence," claimed the senior BNP leader.

The BNP probe body, led by Moudud, has blamed the government for the incident and demanded a judicial enquiry led by a retired judge.

He said the prime minister attacked him "personally" because the BNP had released its investigation report.

Moudud said there were 14 corruption cases against Hasina, which she had managed to get withdrawn after assuming power in 2009. "Had the trials been held lawfully, she might have been awarded 108 years of imprisonment," he said.

About the PM's comments on eminent personalities, including Dr Muhammad Yunus, he said Awami League supporters also sometimes felt embarrassed owing to her "disgraceful" comments.

The programme was organised in memory of eminent journalist Ataus Samad and former BNP lawmaker Sayeed Iskander, the latter being the brother of party chairperson Khaleda Zia.

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