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Yunus for mobile phone use to detect cancer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday said initiatives should be taken to use new technologies like mobile phone to detect diseases like cancer.

Anybody can monitor their health situation second-by-second through mobile phones, and the possibility is already here, he told the inaugural session of 7th Saarc Federation of Oncologists (SFO) International Cancer Conference.

"I can get the body temperature from mobile phones. I can get the heartbeats from my mobile phone. I can get my pulse rate from my mobile phone. You can also do ECG on it," said Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank.

"Now these technologies are happening. This is possible." Different pathological tests could also be possible through mobile phones, he added.

SFO Bangladesh Chapter organised the two-day conference at the capital's

Radisson Hotel. More than 50 oncologists (cancer specialists) and 700 physicians from different countries, including USA, Germany, Japan, Australia and Singapore, and diplomats, educationists, intellectuals from the Saarc countries attended it.

Describing social business as a way to reach general people with healthcare facilities, Prof Yunus said healthcare is a big problem all over the world, including the rich countries like the US, as it is highly expensive.

In the third world countries, healthcare is a major problem, and social business could give a solution to this problem as the business theory is neither moneymaking proposition nor charity proposition, he said.

Dr Madan K Piya, patron of SFO (from Nepal); Prof MA Hai, president of SFO; and Prof AMM Shariful Alam, general secretary of Oncology Club, among others, addressed the inaugural session.



Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus addresses the 7th Saarc Federation of Oncologists (SFO) International Cancer Conference at Radisson Hotel in the capital yesterday.

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This week's Star Campus, a weekly publication of The Daily Star, has some interesting articles for the readers. The Spotlight is about the youth contributing to the future of the nation for a bright future with an initiative called 'CVTV - Celebrating Victory through Volunteerism.' The Going Spiral section this week is about the injustice and unrest in Palestine caused by the Israeli military and how they too deserve victory and independence, once and for all. The Star Chat this week is with actor, Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed as she shares stories about her childhood, school, inspirations and aspirations. Do not forget to grab this week's Star Campus as it hits the country tomorrow. And, as always, have a great read!

Obituary

METRO DESK


Mohammad Abu Siddique, president of Dhaka Sangbadpatra Hawkers' Bohumukhi Samabaya Samity Ltd, died of cancer at a hospital in the capital early yesterday. He was 82, said a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons and two daughters.

The samity's Managing Director Mostafa Kamal and its all staff condoled the death of Siddique.

Death anniversary

METRO DESK


Today is the second death anniversary of Ambia Khatun Mojumder, mother of Abdullah Al-Mahmud (Mahin), chairman of Crystal Insurance Company Ltd, says a press release.

The board of directors, shareholders and all staff of the company prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Man shot, two cops injured in clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A man received bullet wounds and two policemen were injured in a clash between police and residents of Khirshintikor in the city yesterday over a land dispute.

Injured constables Saiful Islam and Faruk Hossain, and bullet-hit Mujdar Hossain were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Kajol who claims the land as owner said he and his two business partners bought the land some 30 years ago but recently one Raju Ahmed had been trying to grab it.

Yesterday, Raju, his men and some policemen of Boalia Police Station asked Kajol's men to leave the land. When they denied, police charged baton, he alleged.

When locals retaliated, police shot Mujdar, he added. The land fell under Shah Makhdum Police Station's jurisdiction and Raju had bribed the Boalia officer-in-charge (OC) to grab the land, added Kajol.

Shah Makhdum Police Station OC Shamsul Arefin said they were not informed of the visit by Boalia police.

Denying the allegation, Boalia police OC Alamgir Hossain said he did not know the police station jurisdiction of the land. "We went there to prevent any untoward incident" after getting information about possible violence over the land. Raju could not be contacted despite repeated attempts on his cellphone.

Anti-communal confce now on December 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An anti-communal national conference, which was scheduled to be held on Thursday, will be held now on December 23 at Mahanagar Natyamancha in Gulistan of the capital.

Fifteen eminent dignitaries -- Prof Salahuddin Ahmed, Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim, Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Syed Shamsul Haq, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, Qaium Chowdhury, Dr Hamida Hossain, Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, writer Selina Hossain, Sultana Kamal, Kamal Lohani and Ramendu Majumder -- have convened the conference.

Leaders of different political, socio-cultural, and student organisations will take part in the daylong event.



Dr Fazle Rabbee's 41st anniversary of death today

METRO DESK

Today is the 41st death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Fazle Rabbee, says a press release.

On this day in 1971, the Pakistani army and their collaborator Al-Badar picked him up from his Shiddheshwari residence of the capital around 4:00pm and killed him brutally at midnight in Rayer Bazar. His body was recovered from Rayer Bazar killing ground on December 18.

The renowned heart specialist, Dr Fazle Rabbee, served as professor of medicine and cardiology at Dhaka Medical College.

To mark the death anniversary of this progressive physician, wreathes will be placed at his grave today and food will be distributed among the poor.

Victory Day tomorrow

STAR REPORT

The nation will celebrate the 41st anniversary of victory over the Pakistani occupation forces tomorrow with a call for hastening the war crimes trial and upholding the spirit of independence.

On the day in 1971, the nation achieved victory after a bloody nine-month-long Liberation War.

General AAK Niazi, who commanded the Pakistani occupation forces, surrendered to the allied forces of Bangladeshi freedom fighters and Indian forces at Suhrawardy Udyan in Dhaka with 93,000 soldiers.

Three million people sacrificed their lives for the freedom while two lakh women fell victim to physical torture including rape by the occupation forces and their local collaborators like the Razakars, Al-Badar, and Al-Shams.

The day, a public holiday, will be heralded by a 31-gun salute while the Bangladesh flag will be hoisted atop government, semi-government, and autonomous offices.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will place a wreath at the National Memorial in Savar at dawn followed by other political, social and cultural organisations and individuals.

The army, navy, air force, BGB, police, Ansar-VDP and fire service will stage a special parade at the National Parade Ground at 10:00am.

Their bands will perform at important places in Dhaka. Ships of the navy and Bangladesh Coast Guard in Chittagong, Khulna, Mongla, Sadarghat, Pagla, Narayanganj and Barisal will remain open for visitors from 2:00pm till sunset, says a press release.

Socio-cultural bodies, including Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy and Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, chalked out elaborate programmes, says press releases.

President Zillur Rahman, the prime minister and leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia, in separate messages, greeted the countrymen, reports BSS.

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