



PHOTO: STAR Treatment seekers return frustrated from Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital on Monday as the government-run hospital with most of the doctors' posts vacant can provide services to only a small number of patients.

# LALMONIRHAT HOSPITALS, HEALTH COMPLEXES

## Patients go back for want of doctors

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

As many as 86 posts of doctors in the government-run hospitals and health complexes in the district have remained vacant for long, much to the sufferings of treatment seekers. Patients coming to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital and other upazila health complexes for getting outdoor treatment free of cost are often frustrated due to shortage of doctors, locals said. Poor patients, especially from char (landmass emerged from riverbed) villages in the Teesta and Dharla basin areas, are the worst sufferers. Posts of 50 doctors at

Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital, 10 at Kaliganj upazila health complex, nine each at Aditmari and Hatibandha upazila health complexes and eight at Patgram upazila health complex are vacant, said sources at Lalmonirhat Civil Surgeon's office. Besides, there are only 54 staffs against 122 posts in those hospitals. "We have to serve both outdoor and indoor patients although only 14 doctors are working here against 64 posts. Some 550 to 600 outpatients come for treatment daily. Sometimes patients and their attendants become annoyed as we cannot give proper attention to them," said Dr tapon

Kumar Roy, resident medical officer of Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital. Dr Hafizur Rahman, in-charge of the Children's Ward of the hospital, said, "We get exhausted to deliver service to so many patients here. More doctors as well as room are needed in this ward and we earlier informed the civil surgeon of the matter." Dr Jahangir Alam Sarker, civil surgeon of Lalmonirhat, said, "I officially informed the higher authorities of the doctors' shortage in the hospitals in the district. We hope the vacant posts will be filled up shortly to ensure proper health services to the people."



PHOTO: STAR Inaccessible for vehicles due to lack of an approach road, this bridge on Muradia canal in Dumki upazila under Patuakhali district gets only a bamboo-made link for use by pedestrians.

# Bridge lies idle as there are no approach roads

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A bridge on Muradia Canal in Dumki upazila of the district has been lying idle since completion of its construction in December last year due to lack of approach roads. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) constructed the 48.5 metres long concrete bridge on the canal at a cost of Tk 2.25 crore, but approach roads were not built to make the bridge usable. Villagers under two unions--Muradia and

Srirampur--are facing serious problems in transporting their produces like paddy and vegetables to local markets for sale while sick people heading towards hospitals suffer most. While visiting the area on Friday, this correspondent saw that pedestrians were crossing the bridge, using a makeshift bamboo structure. "The government has constructed the bridge, spending over Tk 2 crore. But we are not getting any benefit from the bridge as it remains totally unusable due to absence of approach roads," local people said.

Contacted, Abu Saleh Md Hanif, executive engineer of LGED in Patuakhali, said approach road on both sides of the bridge could not be built due to land acquisition problem. "On completion of land acquisition, we will start construction of the approach roads," he said. Construction of the bridge started on January 10, 2010. State Minister for Religious Affairs advocate Shahjahan Mia, also lawmaker from Patuakhali-1 (Sadar-Dumki-Mirzaganj) constituency, inaugurated the construction work on the day.

# Blasts rock B'baria district town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A series of cocktail blasts rocked Brahmanbaria district town on Monday night. Witnesses said the explosions took place following an altercation between two customers and the owner of

Jhalak Jewellers at Keydas intersection in the town at around 8:45pm. After a few minutes, a gang of criminals arrived at the place and exploded cocktails in front of the jewellery shop. The gang then exploded cocktails at Sarak Bazaar, Janata Market,

Kapuria Potty and Sarna Potty. People in these areas ran helter-skelter for safety while shop owners pulled shutters down. Townspeople said the gang blasted at least 50 cocktails at the five important places.

# 10 DISTRICTS OF KHULNA DIVISION

## Passengers suffer as bus strike continues

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

The indefinite strike enforced by the bus workers in 10 districts of Khulna division continued for the second day yesterday, much to the sufferings of thousands of passengers. Khulna regional unit of Bangladesh Transport Workers' Federation called the strike in Jessore, Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Narail, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Kushtia and Magura districts from 6:00 am on Monday, demanding pay hike of drivers, supervisors and helpers. Leaders of the unit said they went on an indefinite strike on Monday (June 17) as their earlier deadline given to the Bus Owners' Association to meet the demand expired on June 16. Bus services between Dhaka and 10 southeastern districts

also remain suspended due to the strike. Azizul Alam Mintu, president of Bangladesh Paribahan Sangstha Sramik Samity, also a unit of the federation, said three months' ultimatum was given to the leaders of Bus Owners' Association in April 16, but they did not pay heed to the demand. Leaders of the Khulna regional unit of Bangladesh Transport Workers' Federation and Bangladesh Bus Owners Association sat in a meeting at Gabtoli in the capital on Sunday morning to settle the issue. The meeting yielded no positive results. "We have enforced the strike as the meeting with transport owners held only a few hours before the expiry of the deadline ended inconclusively," Mintu said. Federation leaders said the transport owners are giving Tk 1200 to a driver, Tk 500 to a supervisor and Tk 450 to a helper for a round trip on Dhaka-Chittagong route, while they are paying Tk 900, Tk 370 and Tk 350 to each driver, supervisor and helper for the same trip on different routes in Khulna division. "We have placed the demand before the transport owners to remove wage anomalies," they said, adding that the strike will continue until the demand is met. In Jessore, the district administration yesterday held a meeting with the local unit leaders of the federation and the Bus Owners' Association to resolve the issue. The meeting ended without any positive result.



PHOTO: STAR Nineteen fishermen, who were abducted by robbers in the Meghna in Monpura upazila of Bhola on Sunday, bought their freedom and returned home yesterday.

# Fishermen buy freedom

A CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Nineteen fishermen who were abducted by robbers from Baluar Char area in Monpura upazila on Sunday bought freedom yesterday. On return, they said that two fishermen, Selim and Musa, who jumped in the Meghna when the robbers swooped on them, were still missing. The gang of notorious robber Kalam 'dakat' of

Hatiya upazila looted all the fishing materials worth Tk. 30 lakh. They abducted 16 fishermen and also took away four trawlers on Sunday. Abu Bakar Siddikur Rahaman, owner of the four trawlers said he gave Tk 5 lakh as ransom to the robbers to free all the fishermen and trawlers. The abducted fishermen came back at around 11:00am yesterday, he added.

Siddik blamed the law enforcing agencies for doing nothing for them. Contacted, officer in charge of Daulatkhan PS Mobassir Ali said that although he heard about the incident he had nothing to do as it was not under his jurisdiction. Officer in-charge of Monpura police station SM Sirajul Islam said they were not aware about the incident.

# Shibir leader killed in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Islami Chhatra Shibir leader was stabbed to death by criminals in Munsefi Residential Area of the district town on Monday night. The deceased was identified as Mohibur Rahman Chowdhury, 32, vice-president of ward no 9 Shibir unit of Habiganj municipality and son of Abdul Khaleque Chowdhury of Mokka village in Baniachang upazila. Witnesses said a gang stabbed Mohibur indiscriminately with sharp weapons in front of a Kindergarten School in the area around 10.00pm, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to Habiganj Sadar Hospital where he died aftersometime. In Joypurhat, local leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student body Islami Chhatra Shibir blocked Joypurhat-Naogaon road in Sadar upazila for three hours yesterday, protesting the seizure of a motorcycle of a Shibir man

by police, reports our Dinajpur correspondent. Jammatt-Shibir activists brought out procession in Tentulia area of the upazila in the morning and blocked the road by felling trees. Later, traffic movement on the road became normal after 3 hours at about 12.00 noon following police intervention. Earlier on Monday night, police seized a motorcycle of Shibir man Uzzal Hossain from Nakuria village in Sadar upazila, failing to arrest him. Police said they did not get any valid documents of the bike. "We will return it if we get its real owner", said OC Abdur Rashid of Joypurhat PS.

# AL activist murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An Awami League activist was murdered at Baoura Ghoshpara village in Belkuchi upazila of Sirajganj district on Sunday night. The deceased, Nikhil Chandra Sarkar, 42, son of late Monindranath Chandra Sarkar, was an activist of AL Belkuchi upazila unit. Locals found the body of Nikhil lying beside a road at the village yesterday morning and informed the police. The body bore stab injuries. Police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Siraganj General Hospital for autopsy. Police said they are trying to unearth clues to the murder.

# First day of CHT hartal passes off peacefully

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The first day of 72-hour hartal enforced by Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad (PBCP) and Parbatya Gono Parishad (PGP), protesting the approval to the CHT Land Commission (Amendment) Bill by the cabinet, passed off peacefully in the three hill districts yesterday. In Rangamati, most shops kept their shutters down during the hartal hours. All modes of motorised vehicles including buses remained off the roads. Water vessels also did not move from the district town to upazilas. Settlers under the banners of PGP and PBCP gathered at Banarupa in the morning and brought out a procession in the morning. In Bandarban, shops remained open. Movement of CNG-run auto-rickshaws

and rickshaws was normal but no long distance bus left or entered the district town. Police were seen patrolling the streets at all the key points. In Khagrachhari, all modes of vehicles except CNG-run auto-rickshaws and rickshaws went off the roads in the morning. No picketing or procession was seen in the district town during the hartal hours. The decision to enforce the shutdown was taken at a joint meeting of the two organisations on Sunday night. Earlier, Parbatya Chhatragram Samoadhikar Andolon, a platform of Bangalee settlers in the CHT, also enforced a 3-day strike in Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari districts from June 9 to 11 on the same ground.

# SNIPPETS

## 4 get life for abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Additional District and Session Judge Md. Abdul Hamid yesterday sentenced four people to life term imprisonment and fined Tk 1 lakh each, in default, to suffer five years more in jail. The convicts are Al-Amin, Abul Hossen, Amirul Islam and Oli Ahmed of Panoir village in Mohongonj upazila. The case in brief is that, on January 11 in 2004 the four abducted the daughter of a man of same village and confined her to a room in Dhaka for three months. There they raped her during the period. After three months the girl managed to flee and returned home.

## 20 hurt as AL, BNP clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 20 people, including policemen, were injured in sporadic clashes between the activists of BNP and ruling Awami League in Sonaimuri upazila of the district on Monday night. Fifteen shops were looted and vandalised during the incident. Locals said, BNP activists led by local leader Nazrul, launched an attack on a BCL activist triggering a chase and counter chase. Following information, Sonaimuri police went to the spot and brought the situation under control after firing several blank shots.

## Man held with explosives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Police arrested a criminal along with two kilogram explosives at Navaran intersection on Jessore-Benapole road yesterday afternoon. The arrestee was identified as Faruk Biswas, 32, son of Taher Biswas in Balfield area of Benapole. Officer-in-Charge (OC) Choyruddin of Sharsa police station said, on a tip-off, a team of police raided the area and arrested Faruk along with the explosives kept in a polythene bag.

## Schoolteacher murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A schoolteacher was stabbed to death in Baoura Ghoshpara of Daulatpur union in Belkuchi upazila of Sirajganj district on Monday night. The deceased, Nikhil Chandra Sarkar, 42, son of late Manindranath Chandra Sarkar of Baoura village was physical instructor at Kamarpara High School in the upazila. Police and the locals said, a gang of criminals killed Nikhil when he was returning home at about 11.30pm on Monday.

## Press club executives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Press Club elected its new executives for 2013-2014 with Swapan Banarjee (the Bangladesh Somay) and Sohrab Hossain (The Daily Star) as president and secretary. The election was held at Patuakhali Press Club auditorium from 10am to 12pm while 25 members out of 28 cast their votes. Swapan got 11 votes while Sohrab got 13 votes the other elected members are -- Zafar Khan (Jugantor), vice president, Muzahidul Islam Prince (Ekushey TV), joint secretary, Shankar Das (Prothom Alo), treasurer, Jalilur Rahman (BSS), office secretary, Md. Shahidul Alam (SATV), publication secretary. The executive members are Nirmol Kumar Rakhsmit (Ittefaq), Nikhil Chatterjee (Daily Sun), Faisur Rahman (ATN Bangla) and Zakaria Ridoy.

# Corrigendum Notice

Memo No-C-280/2114 Dated: 11-06-2013  
The following are the corrigendum for advertisement of sealed tenders for **Construction of Residential Apartment Building for Low & Middle Income Group of People at Sector-18 of Uttara, Dhaka. (Short Title: Uttara Apartment Project)** (Sub-Head: Construction of 2(two) Nos. 16-storied 1250sq. ft. (net) Apartment (Type-A) building having 16-storied foundation with one basement floor in/c parking facilities at Basement and Ground floors, Internal Sanitary, Water supply, Fire fighting, Gas Connection, Internal Electrification works & other Ancillary works). **Re-Tender Memo No-C-280/2011, Dated: 05-06-2013.** This corrigendum should be considered as the part of the tender.

Tender Notice Sl No. 22	As mentioned in IFT Re-Tender Memo No. C-280/2011, Dated: 05/06/2013					To be Replaced				
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security	Completion time	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security	Completion time
	33	Lot No. 33 (Type-A)	Sector-18, Uttara, Dhaka	Tk 1,70,00,000.00 (one crore & seventy lac)	30 months	33	Lot No. 33 (Type-A)	Sector-18, Uttara, Dhaka	Tk 1,70,00,000.00 (one crore & seventy lac)	30 months
	34	Lot No. 34 (Type-A)	Sector-18, Uttara, Dhaka	Tk 1,70,00,000.00 (one crore & seventy lac)	30 months	34	Lot No. 34 (Type-A)	Sector-18, Uttara, Dhaka	Tk 1,70,00,000.00 (one crore & seventy lac)	30 months
	35	Lot No. 34 (Type-A)	Sector-18, Uttara, Dhaka	Tk 1,70,00,000.00 (one crore & seventy lac)	30 months	35	Lot No. 35 (Type-A)	Sector-18, Uttara, Dhaka	Tk 1,70,00,000.00 (one crore & seventy lac)	30 months

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