

Hope for HIV

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to suppress HIV almost four months ago and the other seven weeks ago. They still have no detectable HIV in their blood cells.

"While these results are exciting, they do not yet indicate that the men have been cured," said Timothy Henrich, from the division of infectious diseases at Brigham.

"Long-term follow up of at least one year will be required to understand the full impact of a bone marrow transplant on HIV persistence," he said, adding that the virus could still be present in an organ such as the brain or in the gastrointestinal tract.

"If the virus does return, it would suggest that these other sites are an important reservoir of infectious virus," Henrich said.

Even if the virus does not reappear, bone marrow transplants are not feasible for everybody. But the experiences of the two men will teach scientists a great deal more about how to combat the virus.

Brave cop

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injuring a rickshaw, badly injuring its puller.

Critically injured Sohrab was rushed to Combined Military Hospital in Savar where the doctors declared him dead.

The rickshaw puller Mizanur Rahman, 30, was declared dead after he was taken to a local hospital in Savar.

Meanwhile, locals caught the bus driver and handed him over to the police.

Strong

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Le Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge) is a 600-year-old stone bridge built over a steep-sided gorge in Héralut, but for Jodi Rose it's simply "The One".

After visiting dozens of bridges all over the world for her Singing Bridges musical project, she decided this was the one she wanted to celebrate her love for bridges with.

"Although he is made of stone, the resonance of his being is very present, and I feel at peace in his strong embrace," Jodi said.

"He gives me a safe haven, brings me back to ground myself, and then lets me go again to follow my own path, without trying to keep me tied down or in thrall to his needs or desires. I am devoted to him. The perfect husband... strong and silent," she added.

For her unique wedding, Jodi wore a wedding dress, carried a bouquet, and even prepared a short vow for her beloved.

A dozen people attended the event, including the mayor of Saint-Jean-de-Fos, a small nearby town. This wedding was only symbolic, a statement of her love and dedication to bridges.

"The Devil's Bridge is everything I could desire in a husband - sturdy, trustworthy, sensual, kind and handsome," the Australian musician says about her new husband.

Service dips in divided Dhaka

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People also have to tolerate mosquito bites almost round the year as mosquito control drives by the corporations have become very rare, he added.

CERTIFICATES MADE DIFFICULT

Collecting various certificates from the 10 zonal offices of the DNCC and DSCC has become a tall task for the residents.

Officials and employees of the corporations force people to pay bribes for issuing citizenship, succession and other certificates, alleged city dwellers. Earlier, people did not have to pay money to obtain the certificates.

To set the context for seeking bribes, the officials demand different docu-

ments from people, which were not needed before.

"I went to zone-3 office of the DSCC to collect a succession certificate, but the officials declined to give me one by giving me an excuse of a lack of necessary documents. However, a middleman asked me to pay Tk2,000 to have the job done," said Shohag of Hazaribagh.

Talking to The Daily Star, officials claimed that they had asked people to produce some additional documents to comply with the relevant laws that the ward councillors did not abide by before.

Faruk Hossain of Mirpur said previously they could easily go to a councillor for repairing roads, waste management or collecting

certificates. But now all these jobs have become very tough and time-consuming, he complained.

Contacted, former DSCC administrator Zillar Rahman said, "I always felt that the [local government] secretary was there as I ranked lower to him in government service."

Secretaries should head the corporations till the elected mayors take over. The administrators should perform routine work only for a small period, he observed.

He suggested holding polls to city corporations at the earliest to ensure better services to residents.

Regarding the hassles in collecting certificates, Zillar said there were 90 ward

councillors in as many wards to issue certificates. The same job was being done now by 10 zonal executive officers. As a result, the officials could not make people happy.

The government officials work on an hourly basis, whereas the public representatives are available all the time, he pointed out.

The now defunct DCC had 120 councillors, including 30 women councillors in reserved seats.

Though the elections to the city corporations were slated for May 24 last year, the High Court stayed the polls. On May 13 this year, it cleared the way for the holding of the polls. Sources in the city corporations said the elections still remain uncertain.

Dhaka South

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income, unchanged. For this fiscal year, it has a target to earn Tk 270 crore from holding tax. Last year, it collected Tk 170 crore against a target of Tk 265 crore.

For maintenance and development of roads and traffic infrastructure, it allocated Tk 178.50 crore, up from Tk 146 crore of the previous year.

For mosquito control, it allocated Tk 11 crore which was Tk 8.55 crore last year.

However, the allocation for waste management has been cut by Tk 1 crore in the budget. This year the city corporation kept Tk 3 crore for the service.

The DSCC will rely more on funds from the government and donor agencies for development programmes in the new fiscal year.

It expects to receive an

amount of Tk 1,189.58 crore through government grant, foreign finance and private sector investment. The amount is Tk 58 lakh more than that of the previous year, said DSCC administrator.

According to the budget, an additional fund of Tk 50 crore is expected from the government's block allocation, Tk 50 crore from special allocation and Tk 12.75 crore from other sources.

Addressing at the budget unveiling ceremony, the DSCC administrator proposed that the government impose tax on vehicles carrying number plates of other districts. He suggested drivers collect tax token of Tk 1,000 to move about the city.

He also proposed that the Dhaka north and south city corporations get 75 percent share of the revenue collected from city vehicles by

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, as the city corporations repair the roads.

Apart from these, he urged the local government division to take necessary steps to pave the way for collecting tax from the utility service providers using city corporation land.

Criticising the budget, Abu Alam Mohammad Shahid Khan, secretary of local government division, told the ceremony that the city corporations spent half the revenue collected from holding tax on staff salary, which was unacceptable.

He suggested for bringing it down to 10 percent.

In the current budget, the DSCC has kept Tk 288.92 crore for revenue expenditure. Of this, Tk 145 crore is allocated for the salary and allowance of its employees.

Defence evidence goes against him

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Quader Chowdhury were 98th and 95th on the list.

"Yes," said Salahuddin, adding that it was the personal observation of the writer of the book.

Malum suggested that Salahuddin's father met Lt Gen Tikka Khan, erstwhile governor general of East Pakistan, on April 19, 1971 and supported Operation Search Light launched against Bangalees on March 25, 1971.

The prosecutor said the news was published by the Dainik Pakistan the following day but Salahuddin intentionally tried to hide the "fact" before the tribunal.

Salahuddin said, "It is not true because I was not in Bangladesh on April 19 and April 20 [1971]."

Malum said Salahuddin was injured in a bomb attack carried out by guerrillas in Chittagong on September 20, 1971, and he was treated at a hospital.

"PTI (Press Trust of

India) ran the report as per the information given by your father Fazlul Quader Chowdhury and based on PTI's report Dainik Pakistan published a news on September 29, 1971. You have hidden the historical truth," Malum suggested.

Salahuddin said it was not true and that he was not in Bangladesh on those dates.

Salahuddin said he had not submitted to the tribunal any documents supporting his educational qualification or his "stay" in Pakistan as a student during the war.

The prosecutor yesterday quoted from two other books - Amar Juddho, Amar 71 and Bangal Keno Juddhe Gelo - written by Shiru Bangalee in which the presence of Salahuddin in Chittagong during the Liberation War "was apparent".

In reply to another question, he said he had not lodged any case in connection with his father's "killing" since the allegation was

based on hearsay witnesses.

The war crimes accused said his ancestors were not Bangalees.

Yesterday, Salahuddin was at the receiving end of a lecture on criminal psychology from Tribunal-1 Chairman Justice ATM Fazle Kabir.

Salahuddin had often said the tribunal would sentence him to death but yesterday when he said it again the tribunal reacted.

Malum asked Salahuddin if he had read or known about the Daily Azadi's report on December 9, 1970, that after Salahuddin's father's defeat in the 1970 general election, a gang massacred the Hindus of Rauzan, Chittagong, in revenge.

"I don't have any knowledge of it. But the editor of the newspaper was Prof Khaled, who was the political opponent of my father," said Salahuddin, adding something that was not recorded by the court.

Tribunal judge Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim said, "There is no need for additional words."

Salahuddin responded by saying, "It's okay. I say it [the extra part] so that you can recall it when I'm being hanged."

At this point, Justice Kabir stepped in and took the microphone.

"On several occasions Salahuddin said, 'Hang me'. I have been conducting trials for 31 years. To date, no accused has ever said, 'Hang me'," he said, adding that no other war crimes suspect, convict or accused had asked for it either.

"Everyone says he is innocent," said Justice Kabir amid pin-drop silence in the courtroom.

"I read an essay by a foreign writer about 10 or 12 years ago. In the essay the writer talked about the psychology of criminals," he said, adding, "When the magnitude of the sense of repentance grows in a crimi-

nal, he says, 'Punish me, kill me'."

"We don't know whether Mr Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury committed any offence [during the Liberation War in 1971]. We don't know whether he is asking to be hanged out of repentance," the judge said.

He said the judges would not be able to fulfil Salahuddin's desire to be hanged if they did not get proper evidence to convict him.

Without context, Salahuddin said there was another trial going on in Gazipur and the "results will be seen on July 6".

Justice Selim then said Salahuddin talks about the gallows every time a tribunal decision goes against him.

Salahuddin then said he says "Hang me" out of frustration.

The prosecution yesterday completed cross-examining Salahuddin, who is facing 23 war crimes charges.

Schoolboy found killed at home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 15-year-old boy was allegedly strangled by unknown criminals at his Kalachandpur residence in the capital's Gulshan yesterday.

The body of Tilok Augustine Palma was found on a bed around 12:00 noon, his mother Nirmala Rita Palma said.

Tilok was immediately rushed to United Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Family members suspect that Tilok, a student of class-IX, was strangled as injury marks were found around his neck.

Tilok's father Komol Patrik Palma, a foreign embassy official, his mother Nirmala, a school teacher, and elder brother went out of their home around 9:00am.

His mother returned home around 11:00 am and found the door of their flat closed. Failing to get any

response from inside the flat after pressing the door bell button several times, she opened the door with an extra key.

She went to Tilok's room and found him lying dead on his bed. She also saw a belt beside the body.

Family members said five to six local boys had tried to snatch Tilok's cell phone while he was on his way to school on Sunday.

Two days later, Tilok and his school friends confronted two of the local boys which resulted in a scuffle.

Tilok's family suspect that the scuffle might be the reason behind his death.

Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, told The Daily Star that the body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

"The reason behind the death could be ascertained after getting the autopsy report," he added.

Of insults and injuries

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League (AL), which won office in 2008 by a landslide.

Bangladesh's business community has become familiar with a five-year cycle. As elections loom, the economy slows. Presently the IMF expects it to dip beneath the 6% rate of growth to which the country has become accustomed. This periodic slowdown happens mainly because whichever side happens to be in opposition goes to lengths to harm the economy and with it the ruling party's prospects.

As America withdrew the GSP, the ruling AL's information minister reminded the nation of Mrs Zia's op-ed in the Washington Times. The BNP could do little to

defend itself, but to make the extraordinary claim that the party had never submitted the article. Upon catching them out as flip-flopers, the AL shrieked that the BNP were "enemies of the nation" in so far as they had sought to harm the garment industry.

In choosing this line of attack, the AL revealed an alarming degree of forgetfulness. The League, as many will remember, came to power after inducing a military coup in 2006, which it accomplished in part by allying with leftists to cripple the garment sector. This sort of amnesia is not uncommon in Bangladeshi politics.

After having won its way into office—arguably with the help of the army, which seized power in January 2007

and thus made way for the elections of 2008—the AL scrapped the military government which was supposed to serve as a caretaker through the next round of elections.

To cap it off, the AL created a special police force to keep in check those unruly unions—ie the same unions that took their side in 2006. One manager says that now the BNP is mimicking the AL's own spoiler tactics by inciting the current worker agitations. Labour organisers concur. One of them compares both of the main political parties to "hawks", circling the workers from above, seeking to make use of them for their own "dirty politics".

Part of the AL's new anti-union policy was raised by America in its suspension

of the GSP. In April 2012 a labour organiser named Aminul Islam was arrested, tortured in custody and then died under suspicious circumstances. Civil society groups in Dhaka and abroad who were angered by his death were among those who pushed for GSP's suspension.

Many other critics suspect that the AL's seemingly vindictive treatment of Nobel prize-winning economist, Muhammad Yunus, may also have pushed America towards withdrawing the GSP. Mr Yunus is widely seen as a darling of the West and was awarded a Congressional medal in April 2013, to Mrs Hasina's evident annoyance. A government commission had been established to

conduct a workshop on splitting up the Grameen Bank, the micro-lending agency that won Mr Yunus his fame, on July 2nd (its meeting was postponed after the GSP's suspension was announced). The critics detect a wider campaign on the part of the AL against Mr Yunus, ever since he started hinting he might try his hand at politics, in 2006.

The fear now is that Bangladesh could lose its duty-free access to other trading partners, which could be devastating. The EU, for instance, takes 60% of the Bangladesh's exported garments. The industry is bracing for hard times, both in the overseas markets and in the maelstrom of domestic politics.

Indian envoy meets Khaleda

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Rahman told The Daily Star. In her June 29 speech in parliament, Khaleda had alleged that killing of Bangladeshis along the Indian border was yet to stop due to "submissive policies" adopted by the government. There has been no settlement with India yet regarding the Teesta water sharing deal, she added.

She had expressed concern at the postponement of the Joint River Commission

(JRC) meeting by India. Reaz, who assisted Khaleda at the meeting, did not elaborate on the reply of the Indian government.

The Indian envoy and the BNP chief discussed the Bangladesh's next general elections and construction of the Tipaimukh dam on the Borak river in India.

Khaleda told Pankaj that the elections will not be free and fair without a neutral polls-time government.

When Pankaj cited the

victories of the BNP favourites in the June 15 elections to four city corporations, the BNP chairperson said its leaders could have bagged more votes had the polls been held in a more free and fair manner, Reaz quoted Khaleda as saying.

India, said the envoy, would not side with any political party during the polls in Bangladesh as it does not want to interfere in another country's internal politics.

Indefinite strike

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Nayan said the same magistrate was harassing staff at CNG filling stations in the capital also, although Petrobangla had assured the 600-member association at a meeting on June 26 that there would be no such harassment.

The nationwide strike came a day after the Sylhet division chapter of the association called an indefinite strike yesterday for the same reason.

Sales were suspended at all the filling stations in the northeastern part of the

country, causing sufferings to the people.

SM Rokun Uddin, additional commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, confirmed the incident.

Neither the magistrate nor the state minister for power and energy could be reached for comment. BAN ON CNG SALES EXTENDED

Owners of CNG-run vehicles are going to have a tough time filling their fuel tanks during the Ramadan as the government has decided to extend by two hours the

ban on filling stations selling the gas.

At present, CNG filling stations are barred from selling compressed natural gas between 5:00pm and 9:00pm.

In the first 26 days of Ramadan, filling stations would not be allowed to sell the gas between 3:00pm and 9:00pm, Energy Adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury told a meeting at the Secretariat yesterday.

He said the move aims to divert more gas to households and power plants.

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