

8 fake doctors jailed in Ctg

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A mobile court here yesterday sentenced eight fake doctors to two years in prison each for treating people illegally without any registration from the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC). The court also fined them Tk 1 lakh each, defaulting on which they will have to serve an additional jail term of three months.

The convicted are MH Kabir of Bandartila, NR Nijami of Bandar, Harunur Rashid of Mistripara, MG Bhuiyan of New Mooring, Asim Sen of Kattali, Gopal Majumder of Jamal Khan, RJ Saha of Natun Bazar and Nepal Dasgupta of DT Road.

AHM Anwar Pasha, executive magistrate of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-7, passed the order.

The eight were produced before the media at a private clinic in the city's Jamal Khan around 5:00pm.

A 50-member team of Rab-7 conducted drives at 14 spots in the city, said Rab-7 Commanding Officer Shahed Karim.

"We had a list of 14 fake doctors in the city. We conducted the drives after collecting information for months," he added.

Magistrate Anwar Pasha said all the convicted were using different degrees like the MBBS and MD in their nameplates. Introducing themselves as specialist doctors, the eight were practising at different private clinics and pharmacies in the port city.

When the mobile court asked them to produce their registration certificates from the BMDC, they failed to oblige.

Every physician in the country must be registered with the BMDC for practising medicine. But the eight opened a fake organisation, Bangladesh Combined Medical and Dental Council, and prepared fake certificates for themselves, said Civil Surgeon Medical Officer Dr HM Ahsanullah Haque.

Talking to The Daily Star, MG Bhuiyan, one of the fake doctors who had introduced himself as a child and medicine specialist with an MD degree in his nameplates, said patients visited him as they recovered from illness under his treatment.

He, however, admitted illegally using the MD degree.

Drop Rampal project by tomorrow

Citizens' platform asks govt

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The National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports yesterday demanded cancellation of the government decision to set up the Rampal Power Plant close to the Sundarbans tomorrow.

Leaders of the committee made the call ahead of its long march programme towards the Sundarbans starting on Tuesday to press home the demand.

"The Sundarbans protects us. Now, we have to protect the Sundarbans, considering its immense contributions [to the environment]. That's why, the long march has been announced," said Prof Anu Mohammad, member secretary of the committee, while briefing reporters on different aspects of the long march at Mukti Bhaban in the capital.

On April 20 this year, Bangladesh and India inked a deal to construct a 1,320MW coal-fired power plant in Bagerhat's Rampal, only 14 kilometres away from the Sundarbans.

Prof Mohammad alleged that in the name of solving the energy crisis, the government has taken "such a destructive path" to serve the interests of a vested quarter at home and abroad.

"There are many options to generate power but there is no alternative to the Sundarbans," he said, urging the government to implement their seven-point recommendations to solve the country's energy crisis.

He also called upon "conscious" Indian citizens to stand by Bangladeshis to protest the decision of constructing the power plant project.

"We will not make it happen. We will resist it," he added.

Eminent columnist Syed Abul Moksud said, "We want electricity and development, but we cannot sacrifice the environment for this."

Ruhin Hossain Prince, Bimal Biswas, Tipu Biswas, Junaed Saki and Saiful Haque, among other leaders of the organisation, were also present on the occasion.

The long march will begin from the Jatiya Press Club premises at 9:00am on Tuesday and will end with a rally at Digraj in the Sundarbans on September 28. Rallies will also be held in Manikganj, Faridpur, Jessore and Khulna during the five-day long march.

Meanwhile, Somogee Sangskritik Prangan, a cultural organisation, organised a programme at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) on Dhaka University campus yesterday, demanding cancellation of Rampal Power Plant to save the wildlife of the forest.

The Bangladesh High Commission was informed by HSBC on June 11 about its decision to close the accounts of Bangladesh missions in London, Birmingham, and Manchester, giving them 60 days' time.

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HSBC closes

programme of strategic assessment to all its businesses since May 2011, and our services for embassies are no exception," Talukdar Noman Anwar, head of communications for HSBC Bangladesh, said in a statement to The Daily Star.

HSBC, Europe's biggest bank, would not mention any specific reason for closing the accounts, and the official said: "We do not comment on individual customer relationships."

HSBC is trying to recoup its reputation after one of the world's biggest money-laundering scandals hit the bank last year.

The US fined London-based HSBC \$1.9 billion last year over claims the lender gave terrorists and drug cartels access to the US financial system. The bank was accused of failing to monitor more than \$670 billion in wire transfers and more than \$9.4 billion in purchases of US currency from HSBC Mexico, prosecutors said.

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Suu Kyi fears unrest could deter investors

AFP, Singapore

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday warned that communal violence and weak "rule of law" could scare off investors despite the country's rapid pace of political and economic reform.

The democracy icon told a business conference in Singapore that a stalemate in resolving protracted insurgencies, inter-ethnic conflicts and lack of robust laws posed the biggest challenges to development in the former pariah state.

"Although we have achieved ceasefires, we have not really achieved a peace settlement... In addition to that, we have communal tensions and communal outbreaks of violence," Suu Kyi said in a keynote address at the high-level conference.

"Unless we get these sorted out, we are not going to get the kind of stable, peaceful society where people would be happy to invest in."

Resource-rich Myanmar has been shaken by recent religious violence that has exposed deepening national faultlines despite the reforms launched by President Thein Sein in the formerly military-ruled nation. About 250 people have been killed and more than 140,000 left homeless in several outbreaks of violence since June 2012, mainly minority Rohingya Muslims who have been the target of riots and a nationalistic campaign led by radical monks.

MYANMAR'S TROOPS BUILDUP

BGB on alert, not alarmed

UNB, Dhaka

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) was alert but not alarmed by the report that Myanmar has deployed three regular army battalions along its border with Bangladesh.

"We're yet to receive any indication of army deployment by Myanmar from our troops deployed along the border. We're watchful, but not worried about it," BGB Director General Major General Aziz Ahmed told UNB.

As per the information

provided by the BGB members, there was nothing abnormal at the border, he added.

He, however, said the Myanmar authorities can keep their army near the border to ensure security of the police force deployed along its border with Bangladesh after the disbandment of its border force Nasaka.

Myanmar media, citing security sources, reported that the authorities have deployed three army battalions along the Bangladesh border to tighten security

and the army has already camped within five miles of the border.

Besides, two police battalions will be sent later, ELEVEN Myanmar reported quoting the chief minister of the Rakhine state as saying.

Nasaka was formed by the former junta in 1991 for the border security in the Rakhine state. It was comprised of officers from the army, police, customs and immigration departments.

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rail link was done in 1890. In 2001, a feasibility study was done on the 128-km rail line that was estimated to cost Tk 2,058 crore.

The Awami League government revived it in 2009. But now a new study is required to make adjustment in accordance with the inflation.

Of the two proposed metre gauge lines, one 100-km-long will connect Dohajari in Chittagong with Cox's Bazar via Ramu, and the other 28-km-line will connect Ramu with Gundum near Myanmar border under the project

linking it with TAR, a railway network across Europe and Asia. This is also a part of sub-regional connectivity.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is assisting to conduct the second feasibility. It will also help prepare tender documents and design.

Opposition not invited by UN

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On September 11, BNP Vice-Chairman Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury claimed that the UN had requested the government and the BNP to send delegations to New York for holding talks this month to find a solution to the current political impasse.

He said the UN secretary general would mediate the dialogue as part of his efforts to resolve the crisis.

Several ministers and ruling Awami League leaders had immediately refuted the claim.

The Daily Star could not independently verify the claim. When it contacted two officials at the UN office in Dhaka, they both said they were unaware of any such initiative from the UN.

Acting BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhruddin Alamgir last night said he

had no knowledge of the matter. "I will ask Shamsheer about this and let you know," he said.

Shamsheer's mobile phone was found switched off last evening, while Reaz Rahman, the foreign affairs adviser to the BNP Chairperson, couldn't be reached over his cell phone.

Earlier this month, different media houses published reports about a UN initiative to invite BNP leaders to the UN headquarters for holding a dialogue with a government delegation.

But speaking at Friday's press briefing, Momen termed the reports baseless.

Shamsheer, also a former foreign secretary, told The Daily Star on September 11 that the government had refused to send its representatives to New York for holding talks with the opposition this month.

"A top official of the United Nations recently informed us that despite a request from the UN secretary general, the ruling party would not send any delegation to New York," he said.

Asked if his party would send a delegation, he said it would be meaningless if the BNP sent a delegation and the government did not.

Meanwhile, referring to media reports that the US State Department invited the BNP and the AL to hold talks in the US on the current political crisis, a top BNP leader said he was unaware of any such invitation.

AL Joint General Secretary and Prime Minister's Special Assistant Mahbul Alam Hanif said his party didn't receive any such invitation from the US State Department.

Child death cut by 72pc

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The report, published as part of the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation's (UN IGME) annual data release on child mortality, identified India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Congo and China as the five countries where half of over 6.5 million global yearly child deaths occur.

India has the highest number of under-five deaths in the world, with 1.4 million under-five deaths in 2012.

The Unicef, WHO, the WB and UN Population Division are the four partners in the UN IGME, founded in 2004.

In the last 22 years (1990-2012), global rate of under-five mortality came down from 90 to 48 (per 1,000 live births).

By reducing its own under-five mortality rate from an astounding 144 to 41 during the same period, Bangladesh has made significant strides in minimising the preventable child deaths.

Bangladesh's child deaths dropped from over 0.5 million a year (1990) to 0.12 million in 2012.

Cutting the world child mortality rate by one-third (from the 1990 bench year) is a key millennium development goal (MDG-4) that Bangladesh had already attained four years ahead of target year 2015.

However, Unicef in its

child survival progress report 2013 warned that at global level the MDG-4 goal would not be reached until 2028 if the current trends continue.

"The cost of inaction is alarmingly high -- as many as 35 million more children could die mostly from preventable causes between 2015 and 2028, if the global community does not take immediate action to accelerate progress," reads the Unicef report, also published earlier this month.

Projecting Bangladesh as a country-level progress example, Unicef said, "In Bangladesh, under-five mortality rate decreased by 72 percent from 1990 to 2012, mainly thanks to expanding immunisation for children, delivering oral rehydration therapy to treat diarrhoea, and providing Vitamin A supplementation.

"Expanding a network of community health workers also improved the quality of healthcare and led to an increased use of health facilities. Women's empowerment, education for mothers, improving mothers' health, and implementing strategies to reduce poverty also contributed to reducing child deaths."

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Director of the Centre for Medical Education Prof Dr Fatima Parveen Chowdhury attributed the success to building

public awareness, extensive coverage of vaccination and vitamin A supplementation, high-level political commitments as well as active participation of non-government development organisations in various child survival interventions.

Fatima, also a former director of the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN), said increased habit of exclusive breastfeeding by lactating mothers had a pivotal role in dropping down the under-five deaths. Since 2007, the percentage of exclusive breastfeeding among children under six months in the country has risen from 43 percent to 64 percent, she noted.

As per the UN IGME report, Bangladesh also succeeded in reducing the infant deaths from 365 (in 1,000 live births) in 1990 to 102 in 2012. But the rate of neonatal deaths (76 in every 1,000 live births) remains high. Infant mortality is rated on probability of dying between birth and one-year age while neonatal deaths are rated on probability of dying in the first month of life.

"Absence of skilled (child) delivery persons and lack of sufficient antenatal and postnatal care cause such high number of neonatal deaths," explained Dr Fatima, also secretary of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council.

BSF admits

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crossing the border illegally and was shot dead by the BSF soldier as her clothes got stuck in the barbed-wire fence at Anantapur border point in Phulbari upazila of Kurigram on January 7, 2011.

Gory pictures of her body hanging upside down on the barbed wire fence had triggered outrage in Bangladesh.

The BSF official said the force was under pressure

Modern-day

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The 62-year-old Count Scarpa, a quirky millionaire from Sao Paulo, Brazil, announced he has decided to do like the pharaohs and entomb his \$500,000 Bentley Continental Flying Spur in his back garden, on Monday, via Facebook. The message came with a photo of the successful businessman holding a cockatoo on one arm while resting the other on his luxurious limousine. To assure those who doubted him that his claim was sincere, the following day Scarpa posted another photo of him holding a shovel next to a big hole in his garden, with the car parked behind him, adding that he was going to put in the ground by the end of the week.

His bizarre messages got thousands of "likes" and "shares" on Facebook, and eventually got the attention of the media. Count Scarpa was invited on the "Agora É Tarde" TV show where he told host Danilo Gentili he got the idea after watching a documentary on Sunday. "I was watching a documentary about the pharaohs of Egypt, very interesting. They buried their entire fortune to have a comfortable life on 'the other side'!" he said.

following the acquittal of Amiya Ghosh by a trial court.

"We had to be defensive in the Felani case following the extensive coverage of the trial by the Bangladeshi media and the ruling by a special court that the accused was not guilty," he noted.

Amiya was charged with culpable homicide and the BSF had initiated a General Security Force Court (GSFC) trial against him in Cooch Behar district of West Bengal. The court on September 6 found him not guilty following "inconclusive and insufficient" evidence against him.

But senior BSF officials did not agree with the court's findings and have ordered a fresh trial.

Sharma said the BSF was planning to install currency note checking machines at all its outposts on the eastern border to check smuggling of fake notes.

"Initially, we will start with sensitive border outposts and then we will extend it to other outposts," he added.

However, Unicef in its

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