

# Prof Jamilur Reza gets Jica award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) yesterday awarded noted civil engineer Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury for his outstanding contribution to Bangladesh's high-profile development schemes.

He is one of the four to have received the Jica Recognition Award, introduced for the first time this year, said Dr Takao Toda, chief representative of Jica Bangladesh.

Prof Choudhury was awarded in appreciation of his "priceless contributions" and as an expression of Jica's gratitude for his longstanding involvement with Japan-funded development projects in Bangladesh, he told the award ceremony at a hotel in the capital.

Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge and Chittagong Airport Development are

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# SIR SALIMULLAH MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL Medical services suspended for student-staff clash

Patients suffer immensely

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Medical services at Sir Salimullah Medical College Mitford Hospital in the capital got suspended yesterday due to a clash between interns and class IV employees of the hospital, causing immense sufferings to hundreds of patients.

No patient could take services at the emergency and blood bank, the operation theatre was closed while the outdoor patients had to go back, said a doctor of the hospital seeking anonymity. The doctor added that although on-duty doctors were present in the evening, they could not provide services because of absence of the employees.

Several of the employees said they could not join the work due to fears of another untoward incident.

Meanwhile, visiting the hospital it was known that the breakfast for the patients was served at noon.

The water supply also was suspended, leading to further sufferings to the patients.

The clash erupted early yesterday with a scuffle between some interns and class IV employees centering blood reports of a patient at the pathology ward, sources told The Daily Star.

The clash left at least 20 injured with two class IV employees admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Abdul Awal, 38, one of the injured employees admitted to DMCH, claimed that around 12:00am, one intern came to the ward for testing blood of a patient known to the intern.

"I told him to come two hours later and he did so. When I asked for the service charge he refused to pay. He left the place and returned with five other interns and started

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



Interns with sticks in their hands take position on Sir Salimullah Medical College Mitford Hospital premises in the capital yesterday, after a clash with class IV employees of the hospital at midnight. Inset, Kohinur Bagum, who was supposed to have a surgery, leaving the hospital as medical services there remained suspended following the clash.



A fire fighting ship tries to extinguish a blaze which broke out in an oil tanker, OT Kingfisher-1, at a jetty at Chittagong Port yesterday morning.

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# Fire breaks out in oil tanker

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They were transferred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from CMCH, he added.

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Fire service and the port

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# DEATH OF GONOSHASTHAYA KENDRA DOCTOR 17 injured as students, police clash

Students block Dhaka-Aricha highway, continue demo for the second day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

At least 17 people sustained injuries when students of Gonoshasthaya Samaj Vittik Medical College and Gono Bishwabidyalay clashed with police in Savar yesterday after the law enforcers intervened in their demonstration.

The students blockaded the Dhaka-Aricha highway for the second consecutive day yesterday following the death of one of the hospital doctors in Patuakhali on Sunday. Police also picked up 15 students in this connection.

According to witnesses, several hundred agitating students formed a human chain in front of the hospital gate blocking the highway. When police charged baton to disperse the students, the agitators retaliated by pelting the law enforcers with stones and bricks. The clash left at least 10 injured.

The students then left the area, but a short time later, they again blockaded the highway at Nabinagar and vandalised over six vehicles there. Police charged batons there as well, leading to another clash that left seven people injured.

The students had also vandalised the hospital on Monday forcing over 650 patients to flee. The hospital administration filed a case in this regard accusing six named students and over hundred unnamed others.

The agitating students of the two institutions, which are under Gonoshasthaya Kendra, began demonstrating on

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# Shamim Osman supporters declare Ivy unwanted in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A section of local Awami League men at a rally of controversial AL leader Shamim Osman yesterday declared Narayanganj city Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy persona non grata in the district.

Abu Hasnat Mohammad Badal, general secretary of district unit of Jubo League, and advocate Khokon Shaha, general secretary of city unit of AL, made the declaration at the rally at Osmani stadium.

Shamim Osman, who was the chief guest at the rally, criticised the BNP and the Jamaat-e-Islami heavily for their blockades and other demonstration programmes, which are leading to deaths of common people.

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN REGION Bangladesh to collaborate with neighbours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has joined hands with other regional countries that cover a mountain region to share knowledge and experience about uses and abuses of mountains and ensure a sustainable development of the hilly region on the edge of the Himalayan range.

As part of the efforts, the country will observe International Mountain Day today to create awareness among the country's people about importance of hills for life and nature.

With the theme, "Mountains-Key to a Sustainable Future", countries of the mountain regions have been observing the day on December 11 since 2003 when the UN adopted it.

The ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) has organised several programmes on the occasion including seminars, rallies and

photo exhibitions, said a press release.

Dr Christian Mazal, programme coordinator of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), an inter-governmental regional cooperation platform, will deliver his keynote speech at the seminar.

The ICIMOD has taken up a five-year long sustainable development programme for the countries of the mountain region that sheds new light on climate change, helps mountain and downstream people adapt to changes, and builds capacity for sustainable solutions.

A total of eight countries of the Himalayan and Hindukush region--Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan--will be benefitted from the programme.

The hilly regions of Bangladesh, one of the

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# PADMA BRIDGE PROJECT Deal inked to build service area

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bridges Division of the communications ministry yesterday inked a Tk 209 crore deal with local construction firm Abdul Monem for construction of a service area for the Padma bridge project.

Project Director of the bridge Shafiqul Islam and Director (construction) of Abdul Monem Ltd Abid Habib signed the agreement at Setu Bhaban in the capital's Mohakhali.

Under the two-and-half-year deal, the company will construct a motel, resort reception building, service office, duplex house, health centre, electric sub-station, fire detection and fire fighting system in the service area at the Janjira end of Padma project.

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader, who attended the signing ceremony, said tenders for the main bridge component of the project will be submitted by December 19.

On June 26 this year, the government floated tender for construction of the main bridge and asked the pre-qualified firms to submit bids by November 4. Later, it was extended up to

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