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DOC STRIKE AT BIRDEM

Patients left in anarchy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of patients at Birdem General Hospital went through immense sufferings as the doctors of the hospital began an indefinite strike protesting "assault on colleagues" by the relatives of a patient who died on Sunday night.

"I came to the hospital in the early morning with my husband from Narayanganj but found none to attend him. He is suffering from respiratory complications and back pain," said Nazma Begum, who had to leave around 12:30pm as no doctors were available.

The husband Kabirul Islam, 65, regularly sees a doctor there and now she was worried over the next course of medicine.

"Why should the patients suffer for the hospital's internal problems?" Nazma posed a question which was actually the query of all the patients, even those seeking emergency medical services.

As this correspondent went to the emergency section at 10:30am, he found a patient with a bandage in one hand waiting at the entrance guarded by an Ansar member.

Asked why the patient is not being given emergency treatment, he said no doctors were available at the section to attend him due to the strike.

Authorities, however, claimed that emergency services were operating as usual.

"Patients at the emergency and those who already are

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A patient leaving Birdem Hospital at 1:52pm yesterday. Doctors of the hospital went for an indefinite strike yesterday protesting an alleged attack on a colleague following the death of a patient on Sunday. Inset, doctors of the hospital form a human chain at Shahbagh intersection yesterday.

PHOTO AMRAN HOSSAIN



Man held with 17kg gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Monday morning arrested a man and seized 150 gold bars, weighing 17 kilograms, at the capital's Gabtali.

The arrestee Zahidul Islam alias Zahid, 30, was heading towards Gabtali bus terminal to board on a Jhenidah-bound bus.

Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Darussalam Police Station, said a team of police intercepted Zahid at a check-post at around 8:15am, following his suspicious movement.

After searching his luggage, police recovered the gold bars worth around Tk 6.45 crore, the OC said.

In preliminary investigation, Zahid

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SC hearing on appeals ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday fixed today to decide whether it would call for the alleged case documents about the killing of Ibrahim Kutti in Pirojpur in 1971.

The court came up with the order while "concluding the hearing" of the appeals in the war crimes case against Delawar Hossain Sayedee.

The killing of Ibrahim is one of the two charges for which the International Crimes Tribunal-1 has handed down death penalty to the Jamaat-e-Islami leader.

Since September last year, the SC has been hearing the appeals filed by Sayedee and the government challenging the tribunal's verdict.

The apex court fixed the date after hearing two separate petitions -- one filed by Sayedee and the other by the government -- seeking the court's

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LATEST NDTV POLL BJP, allies to get 275

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

An opinion poll has for the first time projected a clear majority by the coalition led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the ongoing parliamentary elections in India and put the tally of seats for the ruling Congress to a double-digit figure.

The poll conducted by Hansa Research in first week of April and telecast by the NDTV news channel on Monday night has forecast that the BJP-led

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would secure 275 seats in the 543-member House, three more than the half-way mark.

The previous opinion poll conducted in February and broadcast by the same TV channel last month had given 16 seats less to the NDA.

The reliability of opinion polls in India has often come under question in the past as they had been off the mark.

The latest survey claims the BJP on its own would win 226 seats -- the highest tally ever for the party and the best by any party since 1991 -- the poll estimates. The February survey had claimed BJP would get 196 seats.

The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) would win just 111 seats, with Congress sinking to its lowest-ever tally of 92 seats, it said.

NDA's projected win is based on impressive gains over 2009 in Uttar Pradesh with an increase of 41 seats,

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It's Gandhi vs Gandhi

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It is being viewed as Gandhi versus Gandhi battle in India's key state of Uttar Pradesh.

A war of words has erupted between Priyanka Gandhi and her cousin Varun Gandhi as they trade barbs and attacks during campaigning for the national elections.

Varun Gandhi, son of Sanjay and Maneka Gandhi, yesterday hit back at his cousin Priyanka Gandhi, suggesting she crossed the "line of decency" with her remarks that he has gone "astray" and said his "decency and large-heartedness" should not be construed as a weakness by anyone.

In a statement, Varun, the 34-year-old BJP lawmaker contesting the election from Sultanpur, said: "In the past decade, whether it has been a member of my family or a senior leader of any political party, I have never crossed the Lakshman Rekha of decency in my speeches."

Priyanka, 42, had last week attacked Varun in her speech in Amethi, parliamentary constituency of Rahul Gandhi in Uttar Pradesh, and suggested he should be defeated and shown the right path.

"He is definitely from my family, he is my brother. But he has gone astray. When a young one in the family chooses the wrong path, then the elders show them the right path, the right way. I urge all of you to show my brother the right path," she had said.

Her remarks had invited immediate response from Maneka Gandhi who had said, "If he has gone astray while serving the country, the country will decide."

Varun, who filed his nomination papers from here as a BJP candidate, said, "We should debate unemployment, corruption, poverty and illiteracy instead of making personal attacks."

"Let us try to raise the level of discourse rather than lowering it. When we practise politics centered on personal criticism, we deviate from the crucial issues of our time. If India has to move towards politics of hope, we will have to raise the level of debate," he said.

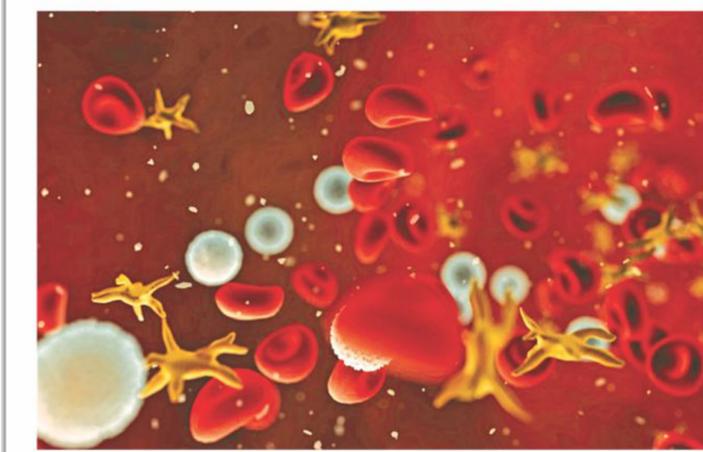
Priyanka yesterday responded by saying that parliamentary elections is



Priyanka

Varun

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First artificial red blood cells made

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

It is the stuff of gothic science fiction: men in white coats in factories of blood and bones.

But the production of blood on an industrial scale could become a reality once a trial is conducted in which artificial blood made from human stem cells is

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the prime minister to term BNP an "illegal party"?

Yes (17%)
 No (83%)

TOTAL VOTES: 480

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for the doctors of Birdem Hospital to abstain from work protesting attack on doctors for alleged of negligence in their duties?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING April 16

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 4:35	5:10
Zohr 12:45	1:15
Asr 4:45	5:00
Maghrib 6:28	6:28
Esha 7:45	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

2 killed as AL men clash over tender

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least two people were killed and 30 others injured as two factions of the ruling Awami League clashed on Sunday night at Dharmaghar in Habiganj's Madhabpur upazila over tender submission.

The deceased were identified as Sohel Mia, 18, son of Ruku Mia of Nijongor village, and Kala Mia, 45, of Kalikapur village of the same upazila.

According to police, the factions led by Farid Mia, general secretary of Dharmaghar union AL, and local AL activist Mezbah Uddin engaged in an altercation at the office of Madhabpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer on Sunday afternoon over submitting tenders for the lease of a pond in Dharmaghar Bazar.

At one stage, the groups engaged in an altercation and Mezbah and his men were assaulted by their rivals, said Abdul Bashed, officer-in-charge of Madhabpur Police Station.

Later in the evening, both the groups equipped with sharp weapons locked in a fierce clash at Dharmaghar Bazar, leaving 32 people injured.

According to police, five to six gunshots were fired and

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অর্পিত সম্পত্তি প্রত্যর্পণ (দ্বিতীয় সংশোধন) আইন, ২০১৩ অনুযায়ী বাতিলকৃত 'খ' তফসিলভুক্ত অর্পিত সম্পত্তি সংক্রান্ত বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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এ বিষয়ে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাতিলকৃত 'খ' তালিকাভুক্ত কোন সম্পত্তির মালিকানা যিনি দাবি করবেন তিনি তাঁর দাবির সমর্থনে সংশ্লিষ্ট ভূমি অফিসে প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র দাখিল করবেন। ভূমি মন্ত্রণালয় হতে এ বিষয়ে ২১/১১/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ তারিখে ৬১৫ নং পরিপত্র জারি করা হয়েছে। পরিপত্রে স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে যে, বাতিলকৃত 'খ' তফসিলভুক্ত যে সব সম্পত্তির হোল্ডিং খোলা হয়েছিল এবং ভূমি উন্নয়ন কর আদায় করা হতো সে সকল সম্পত্তির ক্ষেত্রে ভূমি উন্নয়ন কর পূর্ববৎ আদায় করা হবে। আর বৈধ দলিলাদি থাকার পরেও যাদের নামে হোল্ডিং খোলা হয়নি তাদের নামে হোল্ডিং খুলে ভূমি উন্নয়ন কর আদায় করতে হবে। পরিপত্র জারির তারিখ অর্থাৎ ২১/১১/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ তারিখ হতে এক বছর সময়ের মধ্যে যে সব ভূমির মালিকগণ তাঁদের মালিকানার সমর্থনে বৈধ প্রমাণপত্র ও দলিলাদি দাখিল করতে ব্যর্থ হবেন সে সব সম্পত্তি রাষ্ট্রীয় অধিগ্রহণ ও প্রজাস্বত্ব আইন, ১৯৫০ এর ৯২ ধারামতে সরকারি ১ নং খাস খতিয়ানভুক্ত করা হবে। তাই সংশ্লিষ্ট সবাইকে সংশোধিত আইন এবং পরিপত্রের আলোকে দ্রুত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে।

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