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Patients suffer for second day

Birdem doctors to resume work today as 'attacker' cop withdrawn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The doctors of Birdem General Hospital have decided to resume working from today. They took the decision yesterday afternoon, ending a two-day work abstention in protest against an alleged assault on their colleagues.

Meanwhile, the sufferings of patients seeking emergency medical care at the hospital continued for the second day yesterday. Though the hospital authority claimed to have kept the emergency section operational as usual, many patients were found to have been denied of emergency services at the hospital both yesterday and the day before.

"The outdoor services will be open from tomorrow [today] morning. However, it is yet to be decided whether admission of new patients would be allowed," Dr Tanzina Hossain of the hospital's Endocrinology department told The Daily Star yesterday evening.

The decision came after the withdrawal of Additional Superintendent of Dhaka Metropolitan Police ABM Masud Hossain, who allegedly had instigated the assault on three doctors following the death of a patient on Sunday night.

Doctors claimed that following the death of Sirajul Islam at 8:15pm, his unruly relatives assaulted and injured Dr Anwar Hossain, Dr Kalyan Devnath and Dr Shamima Akter of Endocrinology department.

At a press conference yesterday morning, Dr Ahmed Salam Meer of the department said they would continue their movement until steps were taken against the attackers.

He also claimed that Sirajul, who had been suffering from diabetes and tuberculosis, died of cardiac arrest and there had been no negligence on the doctor's part.

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Sadia Khatun leaving Birdem Hospital just before 4:00pm yesterday after failing to get proper treatment there owing to a doctors' strike. She had gotten admitted to the hospital on Saturday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Mujibnagar Day today

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The nation today observes the 43rd anniversary of formation of the Mujibnagar government-in-exile in 1971.

It is important to recall that post-March 26, 1971 events moved at dizzying speed in occupied Bangladesh.

In the absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Tajuddin Ahmad took charge as Bangladesh's first prime minister. His next task was to record a message on tape and have it broadcast over

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INDIAN POLLS REACH CRUCIAL STAGE Modi comes under fire from Sonia, Rahul

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

As India's national election crosses the halfway stage today when polling is held in 122 of the 543 constituencies, BJP leader Narendra Modi came under a sharp attack from Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and her children Rahul and Priyanka for his alleged divisive ideology.

Stepping up her attack against BJP and Modi, Sonia Gandhi said they "represented a dangerous combination of religious fanaticism, power and money".



Addressing her maiden election rally in southern state of Tamil Nadu yesterday, she alleged BJP seeks to divide the country on communal lines and harmony is under threat from them. "We have to fight the forces that want to divide India."

"Their intention is to divide the country on communal line and communal harmony is under threat under them. The country cannot progress in such a situation," she said.

She said, "One individual goes across the country and says that he will make India a

Red cards to goons!

TNN, Bhopal

Red card to troublemakers and yellow card to accomplices of troublemakers! The FIFA world cup fever is quite evident in the election management of at least one district in Madhya Pradesh in India.

Apart from the red and yellow cards, police in Tikamgarh district are also issuing white cards (trust card), containing contact details of all police personnel as well as administrative and elections officials, to those who have been identified as being

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Witness testifies on atrocities

Pak army, Qaisar's men killed 15-20 people in Habiganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that Pakistani army and members of Qaisar Bahini, "founded by" Syed Mohammad Qaisar, had carried out mass atrocities in Madhabpur on April 27-28 in 1971.

Around 15 to 20 people died in that incident, Yakub Ali, a resident of Madhabpur in Habiganj and also the sixth prosecution witness in Qaisar's case, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

He also said Qaisar himself took part in the atrocities and several hundred shops and houses were burnt.

Qaisar, who had been the state minister during HM Ershad's regime, is facing 16 charges for his alleged

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Manzur Anam passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manzur Anam, 70, fourth son of eminent politician and litterateur Abul Mansur Ahmad, and elder brother of Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, passed away at the Square Hospital last night.

He died of cardiac arrest at 9:30pm following a brain haemorrhage.

His body will be brought to his ancestral home at Dhanmondi Road no-6A, House no-61D opposite the Eidgah Mosque at 12:00noon.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Asr prayers at the Eidgah Maidan in Dhanmondi.

Manzur obtained master's in geology from Dhaka University and worked most of his life in energy sector.

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Marma girls and boys splash water at each other at Sangrain Jalutsab (water festival) at Chitmorong Bouddha Bihar compound in Kaptai of Rangamati yesterday. The popular event is held every year right after the Marma community's biggest festival Biju.

PHOTO: STAR

7 'Rohingyas' held in Ctg

Bid to go to KSA with fake identities foiled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Seven people, including three women, were detained on suspicion of being Rohingyas at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong early yesterday.

The detainees -- Khorshed Alam, Shah Alam, Md Mohiuddin, Md Aziz, Amena Begum, Jahura Begum and Rehana Begum -- were trying to go to Saudi Arabia hiding their identities, said Wing Commander Nur-e-Alam, airport manager.

Airport officials arrested them while they were collecting boarding cards of Bangladesh Biman flight-037, scheduled to depart at 12:00am, he said.

Airport officials handed them over to Patenga Police

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ONLINE 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?

Yes (64%)
No (36%)

TOTAL VOTES: 555

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Bangladesh would be able to regain GSP facility after submitting the progress report on the 16-point action plan given by the Obama administration?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

Saturn is 'expecting'

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

New images from Nasa's Cassini-Huygens space probe suggest that Saturn may be in the process of forming a new moon, which has already been affectionately named by scientists as 'Peggy'.

The tiny, icy satellite has not been spotted

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তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিশন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

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