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Bribe for everything

Public health sector riddled with corruption, TIB study finds

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Recruitment, transfer and promotion in public health sector involve bribes up to Tk 10 lakh in each case, says a new report released by the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday.

Ruling party men, officials at the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and civil surgeon's office and trade union leaders are mostly engaged in the corruption, the report said at a press conference at Hotel Abakash in the city.

The study also found doctors at the private sector get 30-50 percent commission from diagnostic centres for referring patients.

Many doctors at district and upazila

hospitals remain off-duty during office hours, while patients are suggested to go to private diagnostic centres or chambers.

Patients at the public hospitals also have to pay bribes for beds, tests, ambulance and other services.

TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said it is a matter of concern that corruption has been institutionalised in the health sector.

Because of such irregularities, people are losing confidence in healthcare in Bangladesh, he added. Those who can afford are going abroad for treatment though the country has made great achievements in reducing birth, child and maternal death rates and increasing life expectancy.

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The forged passport and nat'l ID card of Huji leader Maulana Abu Bakar Siddique, a death row convict in Ramna Batamul carnage case, are being displayed at the Rab headquarters yesterday. Siddique was arrested early yesterday.

Death row convict Huji man held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested a fugitive death row convict in Ramna Batamul carnage case, about 13 years after the incident which claimed 10 lives.

Maulana Abu Bakar Siddique alias Hafez Selim Hawlader, 35, is a top leader of the banned Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) and also an accused in the August 21 grenade attack case, said Rab officials.

He was captured around 2:30am from Keraniganj.

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RECRUITMENT	BRIBES
Ad hoc doctor	Tk 3-5 lakh
Third and Fourth Class Employee	Tk 1-5 lakh
TRANSFER	
Transfer of administrative officers to Dhaka and districts around Dhaka	Tk 5-10 lakh
Transfer/posting of doctors from upazila to Dhaka	Tk 1-2 lakh
Transfer/Posting of doctors from remote areas to sadar upazila, from one to another upazila	Tk 10-50 thousand
Fourth class employees	Tk 50,000 to Tk 2 lakh
Stay at any privileged facility	Tk 2.5 lakh and above
PROMOTION	
Through Departmental Promotion Committee	Tk 5-10 lakh

Debate on over review right of Kamaruzzaman

ASHUTOSH SARKAR and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

As the debate continues over war criminal Muhammad Kamaruzzaman's right to seek review of the Supreme Court verdict, both the prosecution and defence believe the release of its full judgment on Abdul Quader Mollah's review petitions would end all confusion.

Release of the full verdict will make it clear whether a war crimes convict has the

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Propaganda and the war crimes trial

What have we done to counter the Jamaat narrative?

MAHFUZ ANAM

COMMENTARY

Speaking at what could be their last meeting before facing his ultimate fate, war crimes convict Kamaruzzaman told his wife Tuesday that he was being "killed" because he was trying to establish Islam in the country. According to media reports, he said that he was sacrificing his life for the cause of Islam and that many more such sacrifices were needed.

For a death row convict it is very natural to put the most dignified and honourable explanation to what he stood for and why he is being punished. That is understandable. What, however, is not is why some people, however few in number should believe him? Why should anybody, except his family or his diehard party followers accept his narrative?

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