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# Major hospital at fire risk

Most fire extinguishers at Bangabandhu Medical University beyond expiry date

**HASAN JAHID TUSHER**

Most of the fire extinguishers at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) have been beyond their expiry date for more than a year. Worse still, the university has no trained personnel to use those devices in case of a fire.

It all poses a serious fire threat to hundreds of patients, doctors, staff and visitors at the country's lone medical university. The university has around 2,000 fire

extinguishers, most of which were installed in 2012-13, on different floors of its seven highrise buildings. These devices were supposed to be refilled after a year, but nobody has bothered to pay attention to this.

Many of the extinguishers have even got damaged and discoloured and lost discharge hose or nozzles.

According to top officials of the university, BSMMU's engineering section, which is responsible for such matters, did not even

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## Link to 2nd submarine cable by next year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to connect Bangladesh with a second submarine cable by the end of next year, a project proposal involving Tk 660.64 crore is to be placed today before the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecne) for approval.

Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Ltd (BSCCL), tasked with installing the second submarine cable connection, plans to take a loan of \$44 million (Tk 352 crore) from the Islamic Development Bank for implementing the project.

But for that, the state-run company needs permission from the Ecne, the highest authority for approving development projects.

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## Avijit's wife lashes out at govt

This was well planned....a global act of terrorism, says Bonya

REUTERS

On a recent evening in a Midwestern US city, a middle-aged woman with bandaged arms and a missing thumb entered a crowded restaurant. Nearby, children coloured with crayons. Waiters rushed by.

The maimed woman, Rafida Ahmed Bonya, scanned the room nervously. The Atlanta financial executive has been

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Rafida Ahmed Bonya

## IT'S MANGO TIME

FARDAUS MOBAROK AND FAARIA TASIN

The wait for soft and juicy fleshed mango is coming to an end. The superfruit has reached its full shape while the green ones have already hit the market. The green skin will soon take a saffron colour.

In Chapainawabganj, where the popular seasonal fruit is cultivated as a cash crop, the orchards are now full and owners are expecting a bumper production.

The mango farmers there were delighted to see a huge flowering this season. Though the recent hailstorms have dashed their hopes a little, they are still optimistic about a good yield as the cultivation is increasing every year.

**1** The superfruit is packed with

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minerals and other nutrients that can help prevent various diseases. It also helps you

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**2 TOP 10 MANGO PRODUCING COUNTRIES**  
(IN MILLION TONNES)

CHINA	4.6
INDIA	1.8
THAILAND	3.1
INDONESIA	2.1
PAKISTAN	1.7
EGYPT	0.7
MEXICO	1.9
BRAZIL	1.2
NETHERLANDS	0.8
USA	0.9
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**6 POPULAR AREAS FOR MANGO PRODUCTION IN BANGLADESH**

Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Chuadanga, Rangpur, Chapainawabganj, Natore, Meherpur, Khulna

**3 BANGLADESH IS THE 8TH LARGEST PRODUCER OF MANGO IN THE WORLD**

**4 800** kinds of mangoes are found in Bangladesh

**5 1,24,000** hectares is the total area for mango cultivation in Bangladesh

**7 4.7 billion** mangoes were estimated to be produced in 2013 in Bangladesh.

**8 MANGO PRODUCTION IN BANGLADESH**  
(in million tonnes)

Year	Production (million tonnes)
2005	0.62
2006	0.64
2007	0.77
2008	0.80
2009	0.83
2010	1.05
2011	0.89
2012	0.95
2013	0.95

SOURCE: FAOSTAT

**9 FUN FACTS ABOUT MANGOES**

- 5000 years ago, mangoes were first found in the Indian subcontinent, Myanmar and Andaman Islands bordering the Bay of Bengal
- 100 feet is as tall as a mango tree can grow
- Many South Asian kings had their own mango groves which was an indicator of great pride and high social standing
- Legend says Buddha once meditated under the cool shade of a mango tree
- 43 million tonnes of mangoes were produced globally in 2013

Scan this QR code to watch the video story will take you to Chapainawabganj that alone grows 350 varieties of mango and is the biggest producer of the fruit in the country.

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## SSC results on May 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations will be published simultaneously on May 30.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid disclosed the date yesterday and told reporters that he would hand over a copy of the results to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Prime Minister's Office at 10:00am on the day.

He will formally announce the results at a press conference at his ministry at 1:00pm. The results will be

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## Cameron unveils new cabinet

AFP, London

British Prime Minister David Cameron unveiled his new cabinet yesterday after an unexpected election victory that gave his Conservative party a narrow majority in parliament for the first time in nearly 20 years.

Cameron named the mayor of London and potential leadership contender Boris Johnson, known for his bumbling image and mop-top hairstyle, to a senior political role but not a ministerial position.

"As promised, he will devote his attention to his final year as mayor of London," Cameron said.

Many ministers from the previous government held on to their jobs including finance minister George Osborne, another potential leader who was promoted to a post as Cameron's number two in government.

Theresa May has been re-appointed as home secretary and several women were promoted to more junior

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## Handshake effective even with robot!

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Handshakes are so effective in building up personal trust during business negotiations that they work even when one of the parties involved is a robot.

A scientific study found that when two people

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## অভিনন্দন



সফল কূটনৈতিক উদ্যোগের ফলে দীর্ঘদিনের ঝুলে থাকা স্থল সীমান্ত চুক্তি বিল ভারতের লোকসভায় সর্বসম্মতিক্রমে পাস হওয়ায় জাতির জনক বঙ্গবন্ধু কন্যা মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনাকে আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন



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Sincere greetings and congratulations to Prime Minister of Bangladesh **SHEIKH HASINA** and Prime Minister of India **MR. NARENDRA MODI** for their historic diplomatic achievement to resolve the boundary disputes

Hope the friendly relations between the two countries would be strengthened day by day.



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