

KUSHTIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Healthcare limps due to lack of doctors

The 250-bed Kushtia General Hospital cannot provide healthcare to the patients due to shortage of doctors and other staff, including technical ones.

There are only 32 doctors working here against 58 posts. They are providing services to 1,200 to 1,500 out-door patients daily, hospital sources said.

The hospital was upgraded to a 250-bed one from 100-bed in 2002, but new doctors and staff have not been appointed till now.

Sources said around 30-40 lakh people of Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga and Rajbari districts are dependent on this hospital.

This correspondent visited the hospital on Tuesday and saw around 575 patients admitted there. A large number of outdoor patients were waiting for treatment at the emergency department of the hospital. Only four physicians were providing service whereas at least 12/15 physicians were needed.

"How can 32 doctors ensure appropriate health service for this large number of patients?" Dr. Tapas Kumar Sarkar, Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of the hospital, asked.

A doctor has to treat around 150/200 outdoor patients everyday, the RMO said, adding that he also has to treat the patients admit-



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Outdoor patients have to wait for hours in front of the emergency department of Kushtia General Hospital due to shortage of doctors.

ted at the hospital. "I am number 75 in the serial to see the doctor. I have been in queue since 10:30am, and it might be around 3:30pm when I get to meet him," said Dablu Pramanik of Mahisbathan in Khoksa upazila of the district.

Dablu lives 43 kilometres away from the hospital. The RMO said there is no senior consultant at the eye, children, medicine, surgery, orthopaedic, cardiology,

radiology, ENT, anaesthesia, gynaecology, pathology, and skin and sex departments.

Two X-ray machines out of four have not been working for the last four years, and two of three ambulances have been out of order for the last two years, he added.

There are also shortages of Class 3 and Class 4 employees. There are only 25 Class 4 class employees

out of required 55, and 33 Class 3 employees of the required 37.

There is also a shortage of technical staff in the laboratories where various tests are carried out.

"We have written to the higher authorities several times about the prevailing crisis at the hospital," said Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Civil surgeon (CS). "They have not responded as yet," he added.

Schoolboy found murdered in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A schoolboy was hacked to death at Char Koshakhali flood protection embankment in the district yesterday morning.

The dead is Md Mizanur Rahman, 12, a Class V student of Shadhupara Government Primary School in the district town, and son of Harunur Rashid of Rajnarayanpur village in Bera upazila under Pabna

district. He lived in his paternal aunt's house at Char Shadhupara in the district town and attended his classes from there.

"Mizan fell in trouble over proposing to a girl of his school. Due to this, we asked his father to take him away from my house two months ago and they later took him back to Rajnarayanpur village," said the victim's aunt Hosne Ara



Mizanur Rahman Begum. "On Friday, Mizan came

to the town without informing us and the following day, he was found dead," she said.

Locals found the body at the flood protection embankment in the morning and informed police.

Police recovered the body and sent it to a hospital morgue for autopsy.

Criminals might have killed the boy and dumped the body in the area, said police.

Close aide to Bangla Bhai arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police arrested a close aide to Siddiqui Islam alias Bangla Bhai, executed second-in-command of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen (JMB) Bangladesh from Panch Pakia village in Atrai upazila yesterday.

The arrestee is Abul Hossain, 45, of Panch Takia village in the upazila.

On information, a police team raided Abul Hossain's house at the village at around 7:30am and arrested him from there, said Abdullah Al Masud Chowdhury, officer-in-charge (OC) of Atrai Police Station.

He was accused in five criminal cases, including one for murder, and was trying to regroup the JMB members in the area, police said.

Police arrested Saiful Islam, 45, another member of JMB from Par Kasunda village of the same upazila in Naogaon on Friday morning.

Minor girl raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

An eight-year-old girl was raped allegedly by a neighbouring youth at Bibhar village in Aditmari upazila on Friday.

Victim's father, a hawker by profession, filed a rape case with Aditmari Police Station, accusing Rabiul Islam, 17, son of Mansur Ali of the village, the same day.

Quoting neighbours, police said Rabiul took the victim, a Class I student of local Brac Primary School, to his house on Friday afternoon and violated her in absence of his family members.

Hearing screams, villagers went to the spot, rescued the girl and informed the police, said Akhter Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Aditmari Police Station.

Meanwhile, police arrested an elderly man for allegedly violating a schoolgirl at Sundrahabi village in Kaliganj upazila on Friday.

The arrestee is Taiyab Ali, 65, of the village.

ALLEGED BID TO GRAB LAND

Office of graveyard, shrine vandalised in Dinajpur town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A gang led by an alleged grabber vandalised the office building of a graveyard and shrine in the district town on Thursday and looted cash and valuables worth about Tk 2.20 lakh.

Shafiqul Haque Chhutu, general secretary of Sheikh Zahangir Pir Mazar O Kabarthan Committee, came up with the allegation at a press conference at Dinajpur Press Club in the town yesterday.

Police arrested two people, including prime accused Syed Md Mahabul Islam, following a case filed in this connection.

Chhutu said the graveyard and shrine named Sheikh Zahangir Pir Mazar and Graveyard was built on 17 acres of land in Sheikhpura Nimnagar area of the town in 1942.

"Mahabul forcibly took over the helm of the committee a few years ago. On September 20 in 2013, he was removed from the committee for his alleged involvement in grabbing a portion of land at the graveyard," he said.

On Thursday evening, a gang of 20/25, allegedly led by Mahabul, went to the graveyard and vandalised the foundation stone laid by local lawmaker Iqbalur Rahim.

They also broke the lock of shrine open and looted iron rods worth about Tk 2 lakh and Tk 20,000 from the donation boxes in the area.

The attackers also chased the committee members and drove them away from the area.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control, said general secretary of the committee.

Robbers loot 7 jewellery shops in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Armed robbers looted gold and silver jewellery from seven shops at Dighirpar Bazar in Tongibari upazila of the district early yesterday.

The gang also beat up the employees of the shops, including one Shyamol Paul, 18, mercilessly as they refused to hand over the keys of the lockers.

Police quoted witnesses as saying that a gang of 40/45 came to the bazar on the bank of the Padma River by trawlers around 1:45am.

The gang members, divided into several groups, tied up all the ten night guards at gunpoint and entered the shops owned by Liton Ghosh, Shangkar Sarker, Bishnu Paul,

Firup Chittania, Milon Das, Laxman Das and Sudhir Majhi by breaking open the doors.

They looted gold and silver ornaments and money in cash from the shops and left the scene around 2:30am, said officer-in-charge Alamgir Hossain of Tongibari Police Station.

Sudhir Majhi, one of the shop owners, said the gang entered his shop by breaking open the door while he was asleep. They snatched the keys of the iron safe at gunpoint and took away gold ornaments worth Tk 3 lakh from the shop, he added.

None of the gang members was arrested as of filing of this report at 6:00pm yesterday.



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One of the seven jewellery shops, ransacked and looted by robbers, at Dighirpar Bazar under Tongibari upazila of Munshiganj district early yesterday.

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BCL, PCP clash leaves eight injured in Rangamati town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

At least eight people were injured in a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhakra League (BCL) and Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) at Rangamati Government College in Rangamati district town yesterday afternoon over bringing out processions.

At least five shops were vandalised and two motorbikes torched in the college area during the incident.

The injured include Md Arafath, 13, a Class IX student of Rangamati Government High School, and Apu Talukdar, 35, a pedestrian.

Critically injured Arafath was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital while Apu to Rangamati Sadar Hospital.

Bachchu Chakma, central leader of PCP backed by Parbatya Chattagram Janasanghati Samity (PCJSS, Shantu Larma faction), alleged that when they brought out a procession in the college area after finishing their regular party programme, the BCL men suddenly attacked their activists.

Contacted, Abdul Jabbar Sujan, president of Rangamati district unit of BCL, said PCP college unit students first attacked their activist Arnob Tripura alias Sourav when BCL college unit wanted to take out a procession.

The PCP men also vandalised some shops and torched two motorcycles in the college area, he alleged.

On information, police and army personnel rushed to the spot and fired 21 bullets and teargas shells to bring the situation under control, said Superintendent of Police Sayeed Tarikul Hasan.



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Locals trying to douse the flames at a restaurant was set afire during a clash between BCL and PCP in front of Rangamati Government College yesterday.

SNIPPETS
Ward councillor held
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
A ward councillor of Birganj municipality in the district was arrested early yesterday. The arrestee is Idris Ali, 32, son of late Shamsul Alam of Hatpukur village, and a councillor of Ward No 9. Police said he was wanted in a murder and bike snatching cases. Jahangir Alam, officer-in-charge of Birganj Police Station, said police arrested him from Shalban area at around 4:00am yesterday.
Pistol seized
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj
Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized arms and ammunition from a crop field at Bivision village in Gomostapur upazila of the district yesterday. Acting on a tip off, a team of Bivision border observation post went to the field called Shishar math in the upazila at around 4:10am and recovered one pistol and one bullet, said Lt Col Zahid Hasan, Commanding Officer of BGB 43 Battalion in Naogaon. None has been arrested in this connection.
Garment worker drowns in pond
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
A garment worker drowned in a pond at Banashram village in Iswarganj upazila of the district yesterday afternoon. The deceased was identified as Manik Miah, 26, son of Idris Ali and a worker at a garments factory in Dhaka. Quoting family sources, sub-inspector Bashirul Alam of Iswarganj Police Station, said Manik went to a pond near his house to take a bath at noon and went missing. Later, family members found his body floating in the pond at around 3:00 pm. Manik was suffering from hysteria, the SI said, quoting family sources.
Abducted schoolgirl rescued
UNB, Magura
A schoolgirl, abducted from Parla village in Sadar upazila two days ago, was rescued from a house at the village on Friday night. Munsiri Asaduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said Al Mamun Biswas, 18, son of Habibur Rahman, and Shahin Biswas, 18, son of Lutfar Biswas, both residents of the village, picked up the girl while she was returning home from school on October 14. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided a house at the village on Friday night and rescued the girl from there. Police also arrested Al Mamun Biswas and Shahin Biswas from the spot.