

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:28pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am.

CMCH accused of gross negligence in surgery

Leading to amputation of leg, arm of 6-yr-old girl; authorities sit on probe report for over 24hrs, still keep mum about it, did not even let family know; victim's relative say medical file was doctored

By ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

A probe report on a "botched surgery" by Chittagong Medical College Hospital on a six-year-old girl that led to amputation of her forearm has been left untouched for over 24 hours by the CMCH authorities.

When The Daily Star contacted the hospital's director, Brig Gen Khondakar Shahidul Ghani, at 1:30pm yesterday, he said he received the report on Monday, adding, "I did not go through it."

The correspondent then repeatedly tried to contact Prof SM Ashraf Ali of the hospital's surgery department, who headed the probe committee, without success, as he was not receiving any of the calls.

The correspondent has been trying to find out details of the surgery and allegation since September 28, but was repeatedly sent back without any information.

Dr AM Kazi Harun-ur-Rashid, a relative of the girl and an associate professor of Chittagong University's Arabic department, said, "We have frequently contacted the authorities asking about the progress of the report and they always assured us of completing the investigation as soon as possible."

However, when asked about the probe report, he claimed they were not informed about any report.

According to the complaint lodged by the girl's family, on August 27, six-year-old Waheda was admitted to the orthopaedic department of CMCH after a pickup truck drove over her left leg. In an operation that night, doctors cut off her leg from a bit over the ankle.

As the first surgery did not go well, the doctors performed another surgery a few days later in which they cut off her leg from under the knee. After the operation, the cannula inserted into her left hand to deliver medicine and saline had "penetrated a muscle" due to negligence of the doctors, it added.

As a result, saline and other liquids began accumulating in the muscle causing Waheda's hand to swell up. Doctors tried to remove the liquid, but cut off the nerves in the hand causing it to become black, said Harun-ur-Rashid.

"Doctors then arranged a third operation on September 17 and cut off her left forearm," said Harun.

A few days later on September 21, the relatives lodged the complaint with the CMCH director to probe into the matter.

The first probe body was formed on September 22 headed by Prof Dr Omar Faruk Yusuf of the surgery department, said sources at the hospital.



Six-year-old Waheda with her left leg and forearm amputated sits beside her mother at the orthopaedic department of Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Inset, photo of Waheda's left hand taken by her family members before the third operation, which amputated it. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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Spelling Bee airs on channel-i tonight

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The preliminary round of the fourth season of Spelling Bee will start airing from today at 7:50pm on channel-i.

The 16 episodes of the preliminary round will also be simultaneously released on www.youtube.com/spellbangladesh.

Each preliminary round will consist of six participants. The round will have three segments -- Spell It, Spell Hive and Spell Buzz. The two top performers will move onto the next round, the quarterfinals. This year the audience

can also participate and win prizes courtesy of Bloop.

This time around more than three lakh students participated in the online round of the English spelling competition. A total of 3,000 spellers were chosen from the online round.

The Spelling Bee team then visited seven divisions and selected 96 spellers out of the 3,000 after a tough competition.

Hosted by Champs21.com, an initiative of The Daily Star, the fourth season of Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Summit Group.



RAJON
MURDER CASE

11 witnesses recalled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Sylhet court yesterday accepted a petition filed by the key accused in 13-year-old Rajon murder case for recalling 11 witnesses for cross examination.

The accused, Kamrul Islam, who fled to Saudi Arabia soon after the murder was brought back on October 15 and the next day he was produced before the court.

On Sunday, Kamrul's lawyer Ali Haider

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45 get this year's Meena Media Awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-five journalists, creative writers, television and radio programme producers were honoured with 11th Meena Media Awards 2015 yesterday afternoon for reporting, writing and producing works on children's issues.

Both creative and journalistic works by age groups below and over 18 were awarded at the ballroom of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

Issues receiving awards ranged from children's stories, drug issues, prison, study pressure, adolescent problems, and effect of climate change to marriage.

In journalism, seven reports from print and online newspapers, nine from radio and eight from television; in creative category, six writings in print media, nine programmes from radio and six from television were awarded with first, second and third prize amounting to

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Gonotantrik Bam Morcha demands judicial probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonotantrik Bam Morcha leaders yesterday demanded a judicial probe into police's attacks on their members during their recent "road march" from Dhaka to the Sundarbans demanding cancellation of the coal-based Rampal power plant project.

"We demand an acceptable judicial probe to investigate the police and the ruling party men's attacks on us without any instigation. We also demand that the responsible police members be tried and punished," Saiful Haque, coordinator of the morcha, told a press conference.

Reading out a written statement in Comrade Nirmal Sen Auditorium in the capital, he alleged that the government has exposed its autocratic attitude by obstructing their peaceful march.

"The government now fears any rational and peaceful programme which goes against its interests. They (government) are talking about democracy, but in reality they are practicing the policy of repression," claimed Saiful Haque, also general secretary of Biplobi Workers Party.

Despite opposition from different national and international organisations like Unesco, the government decided to build the coal-based power plant only to please the Indian government, he alleged.

The morcha started off towards the Sundarbans from Dhaka on October 16.

At least 40 leaders and activists of the morcha, including its coordinator Saiful Haque, Gono Sanghati Andolon's central General Secretary Zonayed Saki and Gonotantrik Biplobi

N'GANJ-7 MURDER CASE

Verdict on no confidence plea review Nov 9

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday fixed November 9 to pass an order on review of no confidence petition against the charge sheet submitted by detectives dropping names of five accused in the sensational seven-murder case.

The court fixed the date after around half-an-hour argument by the defence and prosecution.

Earlier on July 8, a Narayanganj court accepted the charge sheet rejecting the no confidence petition filed on May 11 by Selina Islam, wife of Narayanganj City Corporation councillor Nazrul Islam who was one of the victims.

On July 9, Selina filed a review petition with the court.

In the charge sheet submitted on April 9, Awami League leader Nur Hossain was made the prime accused. Twenty-five Rab members, including ex-top

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