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CHUADANGA SADAR HOSPITAL

X-ray service suspended due to shortage of films

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The X-ray service at Chuadanga Sadar Hospital has remained suspended for one and a half months due to shortage of films, much to the sufferings of the patients.

In last February, the hospital got supply of 2800 big and small sized X-ray films for this year against the demand of 4000, hospital sources said.

The films got used up by September 27 and the two X-ray machines remained virtually inoperative since

then. "We get supply of such materials once a year. And it is very difficult to manage these in case of shortage," said Dr Masud Rana, resident medical officer of the hospital.

The patients, especially the insolvent ones, are badly suffering due to the situation as doctors are sending them to different private clinics and diagnostic centres for X-ray tests that require much higher rates.

Mariam Begum came to the hospital on Wednesday

with a serious fracture on her right leg. Doctors sent her to a nearby private diagnostic centre for an X-ray that cost Tk 800.

Rustom Malitha, 67, came to the hospital with ear splitting trouble and doctors asked him to get X-ray tests of his both ears done in a private clinic.

Hearing that the test would require at least Tk 1800, he expressed inability and returned home.

Selim Hossain, medical technologist of radiology department of Sadar hospi-

tal, said it requires only Tk 80 for an X-ray on a big film and Tk 65 on a small sized film at the hospital.

According to hospital sources, the authority cannot purchase such materials other than tender process that may take several months.

Dr Azizul Islam, civil surgeon of Chuadanga, said, "The number of X-ray films that we get per year is much less than the requirement at the hospital. I informed the higher authority of the matter."

BCL infighting leaves 10 hurt in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

At least 10 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Biyanibazar Degree College in Sylhet district yesterday.

Campus sources said the two groups—one led by Pallab Ahmed and the other by Pavel Khan—locked in a clash at around 1:00pm over establishing supremacy at the college.

The two groups, equipped with iron rods, hockey sticks, and sharp weapons, swooped on each other on the campus, leaving at least 10 people from both sides injured.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and dispersed the clashing groups.

The injured were admitted to Biyanibazar Upazila Health Complex. Two of them later shifted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

Acid attack on housewife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A housewife came under acid attack in Kaharol upazila of the district on Friday night.

The victim is Nargis Akhter, 34, wife of Md Ibrahim Ali Babul of Joynandhat village in the upazila.

Family members said a gang of criminals hurled acid at Nargis through though window at around 8:40pm and fled the scene.

She was admitted to Kaharol Upazila Health Complex and then referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. Around six percent of her body and face was burnt, said police, quoting doctors.

Nargis' husband Ibrahim Ali said he had a dispute over a piece of land with Ashraf Alam, Abdul Halim and Kamal Hossain of the village. Family members said the incident was a sequel to the dispute.

Garment worker, physically challenged kid raped

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A teenage garment worker and a physically challenged eight-year-old girl were raped in Gaibandha and Sunamganj districts on Thursday.

A fake marriage registrar raped a girl at Nurpur village in Palashbari upazila under the district on Thursday night, reports our Gaibandha correspondent.

The victim, 16, hailing from Hariharpur village in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat district, lodged a complaint with Palashbari Police Station on Thursday night, accusing Kazi Shamim, who had falsely claimed himself as fake marriage registrar of Hosainpur union in Palashbari upazila.

The girl worked at a garment factory in Dhaka, and developed an affair with a male colleague although

she was already married, police said quoting the girl.

Recently they decided to marry and approached Kazi Shamim, asking suggestion to do it without legal complications.

Shamim suggested the girl to divorce her husband through an affidavit and took her on his motorcycle at 9:00pm on Thursday, saying that they would go to Gaibandha Sadar for the purpose.

But Shamim stopped the vehicle near Eidgah ground at Nurpur village in Palashbari upazila, dragged the girl to the ground and raped her.

Then he fled the scene.

The victim immediately went to Palashbari Police Station and lodged a complaint against Kazi Shamim.

The victim was sent to safe custody in Gaibandha jail after medical test at Gaibandha Sadar Hospital

on Friday night and drives are on to arrest the accused, said Sub-inspector Balai Chandra, investigation officer of the case.

Our Moulvibazar Correspondent reports: A physically challenged eight-year-old girl was raped at Fotepur village in Sadar upazila of Sunamganj district on Thursday evening.

The alleged rapist, Sahan Miah, 16, son of Yusuf Ali of Fotepur village, took the girl to a nearby paddy field around 7:00pm and raped her.

Hearing screams, neighbours rescued the victim and admitted her to Sunamganj Sadar Hospital.

The victim's family filed a case on Friday and police arrested accused Sahan Miah yesterday morning, said Md Harunur-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Sunamganj Police Station.



Tobacco cultivation sees gradual rise in Bandarban hill district as companies tempt the farmers with various incentives. The photo showing a seedbed of the harmful crop at Chhagalkhaia in Lama upazila under Bandarban district was taken yesterday.



Locals bring out a procession in Ghoraghat upazila under Dinajpur district yesterday demanding arrest and punishment of the criminals who killed after abduction four-year-old Parash Chandra Saha on Wednesday.

Killing of minor boy sparks protest in Gaibandha

Five of seven arrestees remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

People of Ghoraghat upazila of the district continued their protest against the killing of 4-year-old Parash Saha for the third day yesterday.

Traders of all markets in the upazila yesterday observed a half-day shutdown, protesting the killing.

On Friday, a large number of people gathered on the Shaheed Minar premises at the upazila headquarters and staged a demonstration there, demanding capital punishment of the culprits who killed Parash after abduction.

Speakers at the rally also demanded removal of the officer-in-charge of Ghoraghat Police Station

for his 'failure' in rescuing the boy. Speakers at the rally said the parents of the boy immediately informed the police about the abduction of Parash, but Md Nuruzamman Chowdhury, the officer-in-charge, did not deal seriously with the incident.

At the rally, they announced that they would form a human chain tomorrow (Monday) to press the demand for capital punishment of the killers. After the rally, the agitating people brought out a mourning procession.

Kalyan Chakraborty, teacher of Ghoraghat Pilot High School, Rabiul Islam, president of the local unit of Jubo League, local ruling party leader Md Shafi

addressed the rally. Parash Chandra Saha, son of Keshab Chandra Saha of Kadimnagar village under the upazila, was abducted on Wednesday afternoon. The abductors demanded Tk 5 lakh as ransom, said police.

Locals found the body of Porosh at a mango orchard at the village on Thursday morning.

Keshab Saha, father of Parash, filed a murder case, accusing seven people, the same day. Police arrested the accused on Friday night. Five of the accused were taken on seven days' remand yesterday. They are Zillur Rahman, 20, his mother Shefali Begum, 48, Md Mamun, 21, Md Ibrahim, 19, and Nur Banu, 45.

SNIPPETS

Youth killed in clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A youth, who was seriously injured in a clash at Kalia village in Bagerhat Sadar upazila on Friday, died at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) in Dhaka yesterday. The deceased is Jahangir Sheikh, 22, son of Israfil Sheikh of the village. Police and locals said there had been a longstanding conflict between UP member Atiar Sheikh and one Nuru Molla of the village. As a sequel to the enmity, both the groups equipped with sharp weapons locked in a fierce clash that left 16 people from both sides injured. Of the injured, Jahangir was rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital and later referred to BSMMU where he died in the morning, said Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sadar Model Police Station.

2 held with 2000 Yaba tablets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Police in separate drives arrested two people with 2,000 Yaba tablets in two upazilas of the district early yesterday. On secret information, the law enforcers arrested Senwara, 26, from a Dhaka bound passenger bus coming from Cox's Bazar in Lohagara upazila under Chittagong district around 12:30am. They also seized 1,500 Yaba tablets from her possession, said Md Shahjahan, officer-in-charge of Lohagara Police Station. In Chandanaish upazila under the district, police arrested Hannan Khan, 25, with 500 Yaba tablets around 1:00am, said Sub-Inspector Babul Mia of Chandanaish Police Station.

Bodies recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two people were found dead in two upazilas of the district yesterday. On information, police recovered the body of a man from a paddy field in Bochaganj upazila around 11:00am. The dead is Md Abdul Hakim, 35, son of late Hajrat Ali of Jalgaon village in the upazila, said Habibur Haque Proddhan, officer-in-charge of Bochaganj Police Station. In Chiribandar upazila, the law enforcers recovered another body of an unidentified person from Ghugratoli village in the upazila around 10:00am, said Md Anisuzzaman, OC of Chiribandar Police Station. Later, the bodies were sent to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, said police.

Tourist drowns in river

UNB, Sylhet

A tourist drowned in the Piyain River at Jafong in Gowainghat upazila of the district on Friday. The deceased was identified as Shaon Ahmed, 20, son of Jamal Mia of Jatrabari area in the capital. Sources said Shaon along with his seven friends went to the river to take a bath around 3:00pm. At one stage, Shaon drowned in the river while the others managed to swim ashore.

DRIVES IN FOUR DISTRICTS

100 BNP-Jamaat men among 143 arrested

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Hundred BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men among 143 people were held in Chittagong, Chapainawabganj, Jhenidah and Satkhira districts yesterday and the day before.

Police in separate drives arrested 60 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir in two upazilas of Chittagong early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Of them, 49 are from Satkania upazila and 11 others from Lohagara upazila, reports our correspondent.

They were arrested in several cases, said police.

In Chapainawabganj, at least 42 people, including 17 BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men were held in different upazilas of the district in the

last two days.

Police also seized three cocktails and some jihadi books from the possession of Jamaat-Shibir men, reports our correspondent.

The arrestees include Md Kamaluddin, treasurer of Bholahat upazila unit of BNP, and Mosharraf Hossain, secretary of Nacheol upazila unit of Jamaat.

Away in Jhenidah, police arrested 10 BNP-Jamaat activists in six upazilas of the district yesterday and the day before.

Of them, three are from Sadar upazila, three from Kotchandpur upazila, one from Shailakupa, one from Harinakundo, one from Kaliganj and one from Moheshpur upazila.

They were arrested on charge of planning subversive activities in the areas,

said Assistant Superintendent of Police Ajbahar Ali Sheikh.

In Satkhira, the law enforcers in separate drives arrested 31 people, including 13 leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat-Shibir from different parts of the district in the last two days, reports UNB.

Enamul Haque, sub-inspector of the Special Branch, said a team of joint forces conducted separate drives in the district and arrested 10 people from Sadar upazila, four from Kalaroa, three from Tala, two from Kaliganj, four from Ashashuni, three from Debhata and Shyamnagar upazilas, two from Patkelghata upazila.

Of the arrestees, 12 were Jamaat-Shibir men while another was an activist of BNP, said Enamul Haque.



Medical technologists and pharmacists form a human chain in front of Ashwini Kumar hall in Barisal city yesterday to press for their demands including upgradation of job status.