

COLD SNAP IN THAKURGAON, PANCHAGARH Hospitals struggle to cope with sick children

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

An increasing number of children are getting diarrhoea, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases as a cold spell has continued sweeping Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts for the last couple of days. Affected children and their mothers are crowding the floor, corridor and even the staircases of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh Sadar Hospitals as accommodation capacity of the children's wards is too small. At least 162 children have been admitted to the children's ward of the hospitals in last two days.



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The children's ward of Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital sees crowding of child patients and their guardians as diarrhoea, pneumonia and other cold-related diseases have spread during the ongoing cold spell sweeping the northern districts.

Besides, at least 33 children affected with various cold related diseases were admitted to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital, Dr Rajjul Karim, resident medical officer (RMO) of the hospital, said. The patients at the two hospitals have to share a single bed with three or four others. With the number of patients growing, most are now staying on the veranda, corridors and staircases.

Besides, at least 156 children, most of them suffering from respiratory problems, receive treatment at the outdoor of Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital on Sunday, while at least 60 patients were treated at Panchagarh Sadar Hospital. As there is no child specialist at the upazila level hospital and clinics, a number of guardians are thronging Thakurgaon Sadar

Hospital with their children, Dr Shajahan Newaj said. Fluctuation of temperature between days and nights causes pneumonia, diarrhoea and other illnesses and children are more vulnerable to these infections as their immune system is weak. The situation is likely to improve in a short time as the weather is getting warmer, he added.

Man held with 12 gold bars

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a man along with 12 gold bars, weighing around one kilogram, from Bhomra area in Satkhira Sadar upazila yesterday. The arrestee is Joydeb Ghosh, 55, son of Nilratan Ghosh of Bhomra village in the upazila.

A team of the border guards, acting on a tip-off, arrested Joydeb while he was entering India through Bhomra border around 9:30am, said Golam Sarwar, Bhomra company commander of BGB 38 Battalion. They later searched his body and recovered 12 gold bars from his possession, the BGB commander said. BGB men filed a case and handed the smuggler over to Satkhira Sadar Police Station.

Youth hacked to death in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A youth was hacked to death in Sadar upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sajidul Haque Joy, 23, son of late Ziaul Haque Mridha of the area. The victims are Jamil Mridha, 35, son of late Abdul Haque Mridha, and his nephew Sajidul Haque Joy, 23, son of late Ziaul Haque Mridha of the area. Locals and family sources said a group of local youths including Ashis, Sohel, Nayeem, Mainul and Hridoy attacked Jamil Mridha, 35, and his nephew Joy with sharp weapons at Daudpur Bazar in the upazila while they were sitting at a tea stall around 12 noon.

They were rushed to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital and then shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) as their condition deteriorated. Joy later succumbed to his injuries at KMCH around 6:30pm, said Md Sarwar Hossain, a councillor of Pirojpur municipality. The attack on the two might have occurred over previous enmity, said Md Enayet Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Missing schoolboy, UP member murdered

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Three people, including a schoolboy and a UP member, were murdered in Gaibandha, Barisal and Sunamganj districts yesterday. Police recovered the body of a missing schoolboy from Rampura village in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Moshir Rahman, 10, a Class III student of Rampura Government Primary School, and son of Golam Ali of the village. Azharul Islam, chairman of Harirampur Union Parishad, said Moshir went out of home on Sunday evening and since then he remained missing. The following day, locals found the body at a bamboo cluster and informed the police. The law enforcers rushed to the spot, recovered the

body and sent it to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. A deep injury mark was found on the neck of the victim, said Aminul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gobindaganj Police Station. Family members said criminals killed the boy after abduction following an altercation over previous enmity.

In Barisal, the body of a union parishad member, who went missing on Saturday, was found at Uttampur village in Bakerganj upazila of the district yesterday. The victim is Sheikh Nizamuddin Goribullah, 44, a member of Darial Union Parishad (UP) under the upazila, reports our correspondent. Goribullah was accused in several cases, including those for violating women and other crimes, said Anwar Hossain, officer-in-

charge of Bakerganj Police Station. The body was sent to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Sub-Inspector Kanailal of the police station. Away in Sunamganj, a youth was stabbed to death in Bodipur area under Sadar upazila of the district early yesterday. The victim is Yakub Ali, 20, son of Ajmar Ali of the area, reports our Moulvibazar correspondent. Police said a gang of 4/5 attacked Yakub with sharp weapons, leaving him seriously injured when he was returning from a nearby bazaar around 1:00am. He was rushed to Sunamganj Sadar Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Housewife beaten to death for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband for dowry at Sonaton kathi village under Sharsha upazila of Jessore district on Sunday night. The deceased was identified as Sheuli Khatun, 22, wife of Md Rashed Ali of the village. Quoting the victim's

family members, police said Rashed Ali, son of Siddique Hossain, married Sheuli Khatun, daughter of Hasan Ali of Sangkorpur village of Jessore town, seven years ago. Rashed Ali and his family members had been demanding dowry from Sheuli's parents since the marriage and often tortured Sheuli for it. During an altercation

over the issue on Sunday night, Rashed and his family members beat up Sheuli mercilessly, leaving her dead. Later, they told locals that Sheuli committed suicide. Being informed, police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Jessore Medical College Hospital for autopsy.



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Aman farmers block Panchagarh-Dhaka highway at Moidandighi Bazar in Boda upazila under Panchagarh district for two hours yesterday protesting low market prices of the crop this season.

Saidpur Municipality Re-polling in 4 centres today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Re-election in four polling centres of Saidpur municipality under the district today will decide the final result of the mayoral contest in the municipality with 32 centres. Four councillors will also be elected, based on the votes there. Amid widespread violence during the December 30 elections, the Election Commission suspended polls in four centres of the municipality. The centres, Free Amin Government Primary School, Golahat Railway Colony Government Primary School, Muslim High School and Nayatola Government Primary School have a total of 10,418 voters in ward No-1, 2 and 3 where most of the residents are Urdu speaking people. To foil the attempt to occupy polling centres, law enforcers charged batons and fired 30 rounds of rubber bullets and dispersed unruly supporters of two mayor candidates from Awami League (AL) and BNP. The incident left 15 people injured. Against the backdrop, Urdu speaking voters, a linguistic minority group, are worried about the polls atmosphere today. "If I see any chance of violence I won't go to cast vote," said Moinuddin, 45, an Urdu speaking voter of Golahat Railway Colony Government Primary School centre. On December 30, election was held peacefully in 28 of the 32 centres in Saidpur municipality where total 49,632 votes were cast out of a total 81371, said sources in the returning officer's office at Saidpur. BNP candidate Amjad Hossen Sarker with symbol sheaf of paddy secured 25,823 votes and his nearest rival AL backed Sawkat Hossen Khokon with symbol boat got 19,959 votes. Two other candidates lagged much behind. The polls in the four centres will decide the final results today.

Two teachers held for torturing madrasa boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A madrasa student was tortured allegedly by three teachers on theft charge in Bagharpara upazila of Jessore district on Sunday night. The victim is Abdul Kader, 14, son of Shahidul Islam of Dadpur village in the upazila, and a student of Darul Ulum Sautul Madrasa (Qawmi) in Khajura Bazar area. The victim's mother filed a case with Bagharpara Police Station against the madrasa superintendent and two other teachers in this connection. Sayeruddin Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Bagharpara Police Station, said they arrested two of the accused teachers -- Abdul Gaffar and Asaduzzaman -- after the case was filed. Madrasa superintendent Salauddin Ahmed accused Kader of stealing a bicycle from the madrasa, sources said. Salauddin, Abdul Gaffar and Asaduzzaman locked the boy in a room of the madrasa and tortured him on Sunday afternoon, they added. Abdul Kader was later sent to Bagharpara Upazila Health Complex.

ATTACK ON TWO FELLOWS BY PATIENT'S RELATIVES Interns at Pabna Medical College Hospital on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Interns at Pabna Medical College Hospital (PMCH) went on an indefinite strike yesterday, protesting assault on two of their fellows by relatives of a patient who had died at the hospital. Interns and doctors formed a human chain at the entrance to the hospital in the morning, demanding arrest and punishment of the attackers. Hospital sources said Hena Bibi, 80, wife of Ashraf Ali of Gobinda in the district town, was admitted to the hospital with breathing problem on Sunday night. She died at around 1:30am yesterday. Relatives got furious after her death and assaulted the on-duty interns, Mokaram Hossain and Shikha Pahan, at the hospital, alleging improper cardiac treatment. "The patient was in a critical condition and she was given proper treatment, unfortunately she could not survive," claimed the assaulted doctors. Immediately after the incident, the interns at the hospital decided to continue work abstention until their demand is met. "Interns are often harassed at the hospital over the death of patients and other issues," Abu Torab Meem, president of PMCH unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League said, adding that the interns will continue strike until their security is ensured at the workplace. Dr Shamol Kumar Pal, acting assistant director of PMCH, said they informed the police immediately but the attackers managed to escape. "We are trying to solve the problem through discussions with the interns," Dr Pal said, adding that around 50 interns work at the hospital. The strike will cause sufferings for the patients, but the duty doctors and nurses have been kept on alert to run the services smoothly, he added.

Intern doctors of Pabna Medical College Hospital gather in front of the 250-bed General Hospital building, which also houses the medical college hospital in the district town, as they start an indefinite strike yesterday morning demanding arrest and punishment of the attackers on two of their fellows in the wee hours.



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Request for Expressions of Interest		
1	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)
2	Procuring Entity Name	Procurement, Inspection & Testing Division, DESCO.
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4	Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of	Consulting Firm (Time-based)
5	Title of Service	Consultancy Services for Construction of 10 (ten) Storied Kafrol Office Building with 01(one) basement at DESCO's Central Store Premises.
6	Proposal No.	RFP No. 43/2015
7	EOI Ref No.	DESCO/Procurement/RFP/2016/016
8	Date	07/01/2016
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	DESCO's own fund
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Project Name	Construction of 10 Storied Kafrol Office Building with 01(one) basement
12	Project Location	DESCO's Central Store Premises.
13	EOI Closing Date, Time & Place	Date: 31/01/2016; 12.00 Noon The EOI shall be submitted in two sets (one original and one copy) in sealed envelopes to the address mentioned below: Office of the Superintending Engineer (Procurement, Inspection & Testing), DESCO Plot # 22/B, Faruque Sarani, Nikunja # 2, Uttara, Dhaka-1229
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
14	Brief Description of Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO) is going to build an office building of 10 (ten) storey with one car parking basement having each floor area approximately 7,500 sqft at DESCO's Central Store Premises. The building should be aesthetically beautiful, green & energy efficient. The basement & ground floor will be used for parking and all other floors should be used as office space equipped with modern facilities (air conditioning system, intercom, STP, C.C TV etc.). For the above work DESCO is pursuing consultancy services from local well experienced consulting firms. These consultancy services include the preparation of Topographical Survey Report, Sub-soil Investigation, Detailed Architectural Drawings, floor layout plan including sitting arrangement with partitions/cubicles, Modeling, Civil Structural Design & drawings, Electrical & Sanitary Design & Drawings, Fire Protection System Design & Drawings, Estimate Preparation of Bid Document, full time supervision during construction period. All the designs are to be prepared following Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) and other relevant National/International Codes. The services will also include supervision of all the relevant construction works. The expected duration of the proposed work: The entire consultancy service (for Planning and Design, Preparation of BOQ, Preparing tender document, Selection of Contractor, Construction supervision and defect liability period) shall have to be completed within 48(forty-eight) months. Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO) is now inviting proposals from eligible consulting firms/companies to express their interest in providing the service. The EOI shall be submitted in firm/company's letterhead pad and must include information regarding their qualification (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability to appropriate skilled personnel, etc. to perform the above service).
15	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	1. The consulting firm shall have: a) Minimum 05 (five) years experience as consulting firm. b) Experiences of rendering consulting services for at least 02 (two) nos. 08 (eight) or above storied aesthetically beautiful buildings including 1(one) or more car parking basements floors within last 10 years under Govt., Semi Govt., Autonomous or Private organization. c) Satisfactory completion of consultancy services for civil construction works whose estimated or executed value is not less than Tk. 15,00,00,000/= (Taka fifteen crore) only in maximum 03(three) contracts within last 10 (ten) years. d) Average annual turnover at least 10(ten) lac in last 03(Three) years. 2. The firms shall submit the following along with EOI: i) Valid Trade License of concerned business. ii) Income Tax and VAT Registration certificate. iii) Audited financial statement for last 03(three) years. iv) Documents in support of experience and financial capability as mentioned above a to d.
16	Other details (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short listing will be made and RFP document will be issued to the selected firms in accordance with the procedure set out by DESCO. Interested firms may obtain further information from the office of the under signed during normal office hours.
17	Incomplete & conditional proposals will not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
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