



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Mild heat wave sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Rangpur, Dinajpur and Kushtia may abate. Day temperature may fall slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am. Country's highest temperature 37.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.2 in Rajshahi.

Petition seeks licence cancellation of 20 drug companies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking its directive on the government to cancel licences of 20 pharmaceutical companies and stop their production on charge of producing substandard medicines.

The companies are: Aexim, Avert, Bicolpo, Dolphin, Drugland, Globe, Alpha, Kafma, Medico, National drug, North Bengal, Remo chemicals, Rid, Skylab, Spark, Star, Sunipun, Today, Tropical and Universal.

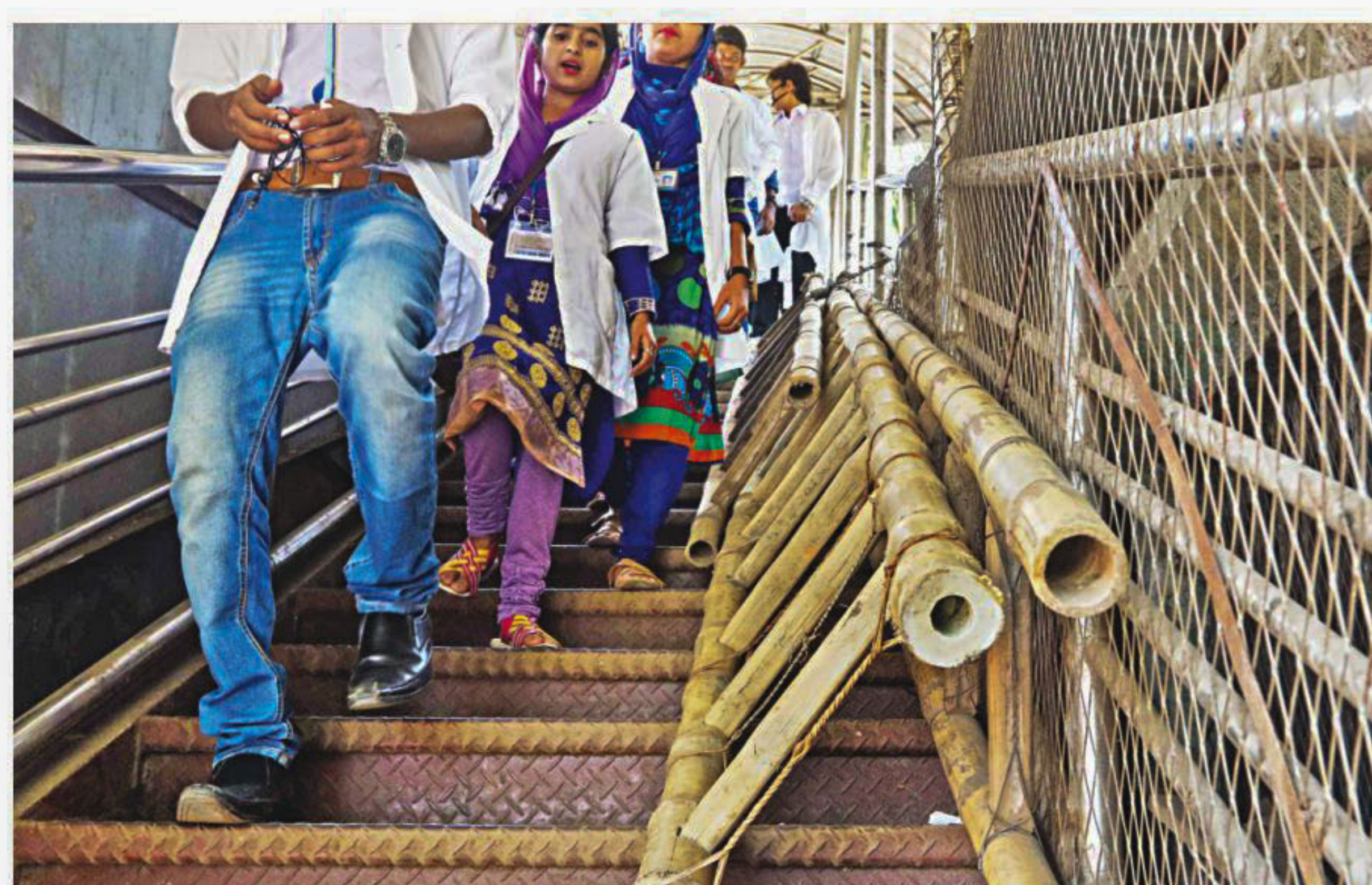
The Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) submitted the petition.

The petition said the right to life of citizens has been violated due to manufacturing of substandard medicines so the licences of these pharmaceutical companies should be cancelled.

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that a committee of medicine experts in January this year recommended that the parliament cancel these companies' licences for the same reason.

In the petition, the HRPB also prayed to the HC to order the government to stop production of antibiotic by 14 other pharmaceuticals companies due to their alleged failure to control the quality of such medicines.

The pharmaceuticals are: Ad Din, Alkad, Belsen, Bengal Drugs, Bistol, Crystal, Indo Bangla, Millat, MST, Orbit, Pharmatik, Phoebox, Rasa and Save, Manzill Mursdid said, adding, the HC may hold hearing on the petition today.



People of Dhaka city are usually too reluctant to use foot overbridges, creating unnecessary street clogs and also risking their own lives, say many media reports and the complaining authorities concerned. But instead of encouraging them to use the bridges, the staircase of one of those, at no other place than just next to the National Press Club, is half occupied by ladders for rent by unscrupulous renters, right under the nose of the authorities. The photo was taken on Friday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Child marriage threat to country's progress

Stresses Child Protection Fair
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Termining child marriage a threat to country's socio-economic progress, speakers at a programme yesterday urged people not to encourage marriage for children under the age of 18.

Children under 18 years of age are not physically and mentally ready for marriage and child birth, they said at daylong Child Protection Fair at Ershad School in the capital's Banani.

Advocacy for Social Change unit of Brac and Unicef jointly organised the programme with an aim to prevent child marriage, said a press release.

Mohammad Mojibur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka district, inaugurated the fair.

Speakers at the fair said girls who get married before the age of 18 are more likely to be exposed to violence and abuse. Child marriage also negatively impacts schooling and reduces children's opportunities in life.

Problems such as mother and child mortality, malnutrition, women repression and over population are directly linked to child marriage.

These problems can be solved easily if child marriage is stopped, they opined.

Neha Kapil, chief of communication at Unicef Bangladesh; KAM Morshed, director of Advocacy for Social Change, Technology and Partnership Strengthening Unit of Brac; and Salah Uddin Khan, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station, spoke at the event among others.

Abandoned newborn girl dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newborn girl, who was abandoned by her parents at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on April 19, died yesterday.

Her mother was disappointed when she saw that the baby was a girl, and might have abandoned her three days after she was born, said the hospital staff.

The physicians, who had been trying to treat an abnormal narrowing in her alimentary canal, were gravely disheartened at her death, said DMCH Assistant Director (Administration) Khawaja Abdul Gafur, adding that the hospital staff grew attached to the baby in the last couple of months.

"Our pediatric surgeons conducted two

surgeries on the baby and were waiting to go for a third one. But the baby was suffering from malnutrition, making it impossible to operate on her," he said.

Due to the complexities in her alimentary canal, the baby could hardly have any milk, he said, adding the baby was being treated at the Pediatric Surgery Ward.

Hospital sources said one Monir, who had admitted the baby's mother to the hospital, was not available later while the identity of the mother could not be known.

A hospital staff also checked out the address of the baby's parents given in the register book of the hospital. But they were not found there.

Readers' news literacy helps flourish ethical journalism

Speakers tell views-exchange meeting organised by MRDI, Unicef

CITY DESK

Readers can play an effective role in making mass media more ethical and responsible through better understanding of news and its critical analysis. The media too has a responsibility to help the readers acquire such "news literacy" skills.

These views were expressed at a discussion titled "News Literacy and Ethics" held in the capital by Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) in partnership with Unicef, Bangladesh, said a MRDI press release issued yesterday.

The views-exchange meeting

recommended the formation of readers' forums; training of their members; monitoring of mass media by the forums; dialogue among readers and media organisations; opportunities for the readers to give their opinion; formation of online platforms and the inclusion of news literacy in school curricula.

Prof Dr Mizanur Rahman, chairman of National Human Rights Commission, addressed the meeting as the chief guest while Md Shahid Hossain, planning and development adviser of MRDI, presented the key-note paper.

In his key-note paper, Shahid underlined the need for increasing

readers' ability to better understand and analyse news reports. This way, he said, readers and listeners can help improve quality and ethical standards of news...

Today, news literacy is discussed the world over, mentioned Mizanur.

He said news literacy empowered the readers with the skill to correctly understand and judge a news report. And development of such skills among the readers could also help the mass media respond to the readers' growing demand for objective, accurate and ethically-correct news, which would ultimately help the mass media achieve excellence in its reporting.

Mizanur also emphasized the

need for teaching schoolchildren values, morality and ethics so that they could better understand the ethical practices of the media.

MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman in his welcome speech said, "News literacy and news ethics are interlinked. Journalists will be more careful about ethical aspects of their reports when readers are able to make a critical analysis of the news."

The discussion was part of the study MRDI is currently conducting countrywide to judge readers' sense of news literacy and ethics under a project with Unicef, Bangladesh.

Farid Hossain, former chief executive officer of INFOCUS, also spoke.

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Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer
Upazila: Fenchuganj, Dist-Sylhet
Memo No. 05.46.9135.000.32.032.2016-605 Date: 05/06/2016

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.		
2	Agency	Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet.		
3	Procurement entity name	Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet.		
4	Procuring entity district	Sylhet.		
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Work.		
6	Invitation reference No.	Memo No. 05.46.9135.000.32.032.2016-605		
7	Date	05/06/2016.		
KEY INFORMATION				
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB.		
10	Development partners	N/A.		
11	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.		
12	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Bishesh Alakar Janna Unnayan Sahayata, PMO.		
13	Tender No.	01/2015-16.		
14	Tender package name	Building Construction Work.		
15	Tender publication date	06/06/2016.		
16	Tender last selling date	22/06/2016, Time: Bank hour.		
17	Tender closing date and time	23/06/16, Time: 1:00pm.		
18	Tender opening date and time	23/06/16 Time: 4:00pm.		
Name & address of offices:				
19	Selling tender document (principal)	a) Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet.		
	Selling tender document (others)	b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet.		
	Receiving tender document	a) Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet. b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet.		
	Opening tender document	Office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet.		
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.		
INFORMATION OF TENDERER				
21	Eligibility of tenderer	a) The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works shall be 5 years. b) The minimum specific experience in construction works of at least 01 contract of similar nature, successfully completed within the last 5 (five) years, with a value of at least Tk 12,55,000/- (Twelve lakh fifty-five thousand) only. c) The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 37,90,000/- (Thirty-seven lakh ninety thousand) over the last 5 (five) years. d) The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 6,32,000/- (Six lakh thirty-two thousand) only.		
22	Brief description of related services	N/A.		
23	Description of work	-		
Group No.	Name of the work	Tender security amount of Tk	Price of tender document	Completion time of works
1	Construction of Primary School Building with 5 Rooms at Monipur Tea Garden, Fenchuganj, Sylhet	51,000/-	500/-	90 days
24	Name of official inviting tender	Hoore Jannat.		
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Upazila Nirbahi Officer.		
26	Address of official inviting tender	Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet.		
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	0822-656012.		
Terms and conditions:				
1.	Tender security amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank to be submitted in favour of Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Fenchuganj Upazila, Sylhet.			
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3.	Detailed specification, terms & conditions shall be available in the individual tender document.			
4.	The rules, regulation and procedure of PPR-2008 shall be applied.			
5.	In OTM submitted rate by the bidder shall not be less than or over 10% otherwise it shall be annulled.			
6.	No lottery shall be applied & contractor shall be selected by rules in the same rate.			
7.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.			

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Greens again

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encounter the challenges posed by climate change with new solutions.

The country must go for effective enforcement of law to protect environment from pollution and harmful human intervention, Environment and Forest Minister Anwar Hossain Manju told a roundtable at the capital's Cirdap.

"Developing countries are the worst sufferers of adverse effects of global climate change. They are in need of financial help from the developed countries to deal with the negative effects," BSS quoted the minister as saying.

The Department of Environment (DoE) and the Bangla daily Samakal jointly organised the roundtable titled "Environment for Sustainable Development" to observe the day.

Inter alios, Deputy Minister for Environment and Forest Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, Chief Conservator of Forest Yunus Ali, and Director General of Department of Environment Raisul Alam Mondol addressed the discussion chaired by Environment Secretary Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed.

Besides, the DoE observed the day in different districts including Chittagong, Narayanganj, Moulvibazar, Munshiganj and Pirojpur.

Our Sherpur correspondent reports, different non-government and voluntary organisations held a rally and a tree plantation campaign in many areas of the district.

A roundtable was also organised by World Vision Bangladesh in collaboration with five other organisations at the auditorium of Sherpur Zila Parishad.

Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies of Dhaka University, Maulana Bhashani Science and Technology University, and Brac University also observed the day.

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