

### CCC suspends doctor over death of baby in womb

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

The authorities of Chittagong City Corporation yesterday suspended a doctor for her alleged negligence in duty during delivery of a baby at Memon Maternity Hospital under the city corporation.

The suspended is Dr Ishrat Jahan Begum, a medical officer, said Dr Selim Akter Chowdhury, chief health officer of CCC.

Moreover, the authorities formed a three-member committee to inquire into the allegation.

The committee headed by Dr Selim Muhammad Jahangir, principal of Chittagong Medical College, was asked to submit a report in three working days, said Dr Selim.

Shah Newaz, a businessman, alleged that his baby died in his wife's womb due to negligent treatment at the hospital.

"We frequently asked the doctors to go for caesarian section, if necessary but they were waiting," he said,

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### DEATH OF 'DRUG PEDDLER' N'ganj cop sued

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A case was filed yesterday against a suspended police official in connection with the death of a betel leaf shopkeeper at Raisdia village in Sonargaon upazila of Narayanganj on August 3.

Nurtaz Begum, wife of dead Matin, filed the case with the court of Narayanganj Judicial Magistrate Ashke Imam against Fakhrul Islam, assistant sub-inspector of Sonargaon Police Station, who is now suspended.

After taking into cognisance of the case, the court ordered the police station to submit a report on the incident by October 3, said Anwar Hossain, a lawyer for the plaintiff.

On August 3, Matin was drowned allegedly by Constable Arifur Rahman of the police station when Fakhrul and Arifur were chasing Matin to nab suspecting him of being a drug peddler.

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Baishteki canal



Manda canal

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# Bureaucratic tangles encroaching hope

## THIRD REPORT on DHAKA CANALS

HELEMUL ALAM

An initiative to widening some of the city's choked up canals and digging a new one has stirred hope of giving much respite from the menace of waterlogging in some parts of the capital.

However, the initiative taken back in 2012 by Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) is still far from being implemented due to a bureaucratic tangle over land acquisition issue, which remained unresolved over the past four years since the project's inception.

A list of 43 canals was prepared by a committee formed in 2004 to identify, recover and reopen the canals, where the committee identified 26 canals under Wasa as recoverable, says an official of Wasa.

The Wasa had earlier taken initiatives in line with a decision of the last caretaker government to recover the canals from encroachers. However, the initiatives have not yielded proper success. Besides, once the recov-

ery drive is over, many of the canals again get encroached due to lack of excavation, proper demarcation and monitoring, experts say.

On top of that, the concept of box culvert came after the 1988 flood when most of the city came under waterlogging. A high powered committee of the government, formed at that time to mitigate the problem, submitted a report in 1989. After that in the 90s the construction of the box culverts and roads on the canals started significantly.

So, land acquisition is needed for increasing the width of three canals - Hazaribagh, Baishteki-Sangbadik Colony and Manda - and for digging a new canal at Kurmitola, according to Wasa officials.

Water-logging problems of the areas like parts of Dhanmondi, Hazaribagh, Mirpur-10, Kalsi, Polasnagar, Kurmitola, Motijheel, Segunbagicha, Santinagar, Kamalapur, Fakirapool and Razarbagh are expected to ease once Wasa succeeds in implementing the project, said an official of Wasa.

Managing Director of Wasa Taqsem A Khan said there are



Hazaribagh canal

some canals that do not have continuity that was why they had taken the land acquiring project.

He said they have already submitted a Development Project Proforma (DPP) and hoping to get the approval shortly. "If we can acquire lands for the four canals then we will be able to increase their navigability," he said.

However, another Wasa official said after the project initiation in late 2012, they first submitted a DPP to the planning commission through LGRD ministry in March 2014.

A feasibility study was completed in February last year as per the direction of the planning commission and they submitted

the DPP again in September.

Wasa is working to solve some observations related to the land acquisition and land under the Water Development Board and will submit the DPP again to the planning commission in a month since the commission had asked them to complete some queries based on their requirements, said the official.

### HAZARIBAGH CANAL

Currently the canal's width from near Shikdar Medical College to Bangladesh Water Development Board Sluice Gate-7 is only two to three feet as the water from the site goes through a pipe though the width of other part of the canal is 20 to 30 feet.

As a result, the residents of part of Dhanmondi and Hazaribagh are being affected. If the width of that portion is not increased then their problem will not be solved, said the Wasa official.

### BAISHTEKI CANAL

Land is needed to be acquired for the canal to link it with Baunia canal. Now the water through the canals is being dropped in various low lands belonging to the private owners.

Due to lack of the canals' inter-link, the residents are being affected.

### MANDA CANAL

Manda is a very important canal

of the city. Water of Jirani, Segunbagicha and Khilgaon-Basabo canals confluence at Manda and moves to Balu river through it.

The width of Manda at downstream is only 10-20 feet which needs to be extended to 30-60 feet to maintain its proper flow, said the official.

### PROPOSED CANAL

Air Force Base in Kurmitola comes under water-logging after heavy showers due to a lack of proper drainage system, he said.

To solve the problem, a canal is needed to be created which will have a link with the Baunia canal.

CANALS	LENGTH	AREAS TO BE BENEFITED	LAND NEEDED FOR RESTORATION
HAZARIBAGH	3KM	Dhanmondi, Hazaribagh	4.36ACRE
BAISHTEKI	1.3KM	Benarosi Polli of Mirpur to Mehedibagh, Palash Nagar, Jolladkhana, Kalshi road	6.39ACRE
MANDA	5KM	Motijheel, Segunbagicha, Santinagar, Kamalapur, Fakirapool, Razarbagh, Khilgaon, Sayedabad	13.3ACRE
KURMITOLA (PROPOSED)		Kurmitola Air Force base	4.6ACRE

## New export ideas the way ahead

Says cricketer Tamim at inauguration of export idea competition 'Rise High Bangladesh'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He may be a cricketer by profession, but when it comes to business deals, Tamim Iqbal sure knows the tricks of the trade.

Speaking during the inauguration of an export idea competition titled "Rise High Bangladesh" yesterday, Tamim urged the youngsters to come up with new exporting ideas, an aspect, he stated, would help further develop the country.

The Daily Star and Crown Cement yesterday jointly launched the competition at the capital's The Daily Star Centre, with an aim to gather export ideas from university students and work on finding new markets abroad.

"I believe that export plays a major part for developing any country. I would request the youth to take this event seriously because you may find your dream profession through this competition," said Tamim, who is also the brand ambassador of Crown Cement.

When queried as to what he thought would be a good product to export, the sportsman smiled and gave the answer expected of him: "I think sports goods would be a

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## NAZIM MURDER Two accused arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) arrested two charge-sheeted accused in Khilkhet of the capital yesterday in a case filed over the murder of a teenage boy Nazim in April last year.

The accused Sabuj Mia, 48, and Haresa Begum, 49, were on the run, Mina Mahmuda, additional superintendent of (Dhaka metro) of PBI, told The Daily Star.

Son of local vegetable vendor Jalal Uddin of Mastul village, Nazim, 16, was killed by a mob in the capital's Khilkhet for allegedly stealing a pigeon from a neighbour's house.

PBI Inspector Akram Hossain Mojumder said Sabuj was among the people who tortured the boy after tying him to a tree while Haresa gave them salt to rub on his wounds.

## 'Raped' girl with baby seeks justice

Arrest warrant issued against accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A preteen girl was allegedly raped four times by an influential villager, four times older than her in the capital's Badda.

The victim, a student of class VI, did not have any idea of what was happening to her and has given birth to a child in April.

Her family filed a case at a Dhaka court accusing Abdul Mannan, 50, of Bamna upazila of Barguna in March.

The victim along with her newborn recently came to The Daily Star office to inform journalists about her misfortune.

She said the accused started stalking her on her way to school in her village in Bamna when she was a student of class V early last year.

Mannan's youngest son was also in the same class with her, she said.

"Whenever, my mother and older sister, who are domestic helps in the village, were out of the house, he used to come to our house and often touched me inappropriately," said the 12-year-old.

When the fatherless child told her mother about this, she sent her to live with her paternal aunt at Badda.

In July last year, two months after she came to the capital, Mannan found his way into her aunt's

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## GRAFT, SEDITION CASES Khaleda will appear before Dhaka courts today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will appear before different Dhaka courts today in connection with 12 cases filed against her.

Khaleda will reach the court premises at 10:30am today, Sanaullah Mia, a lawyer for Khaleda, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Of the lawsuits, nine were filed for arson attacks in Darussalam area, and the three others for sedition and Niko and Barapukuria coalmine graft cases.

Early last month four courts asked her to appear before them today.

The Niko graft case is pending with the Special

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## Playful Bayezid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As soon as Bayezid watches a car passing by from the sixth floor of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital window he starts screaming with joy and asks his father to join him.

The father and son then sit together and count the cars, smiling.

He also shows a keen interest in writing. He draws squiggly lines and elatedly looks around with his bright and expressive eyes.

But at times, he gets frustrated with all the periodic

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Bayezid busy being a child at DMCH. PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLA

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Contribute to the progress through generating export ideas

Cricketer Tamim Iqbal speaks at the inauguration of an export idea competition titled "Rise High Bangladesh" yesterday at the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

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## 2 JU students robbed of valuables

A CORRESPONDENT, JU

Armed muggers loot valuables from two students of Jahangirnagar University on Dhaka-Aricha highway near Meer Mosharrif Hossain hall on Monday night.

The victims -- Md Asaduzzaman and Riyajul Karim Shuvra -- are second-year students of international relations.

The incident occurred while Asad and Shuvra were going to Savar on a van. When they reached near the gate of the hall the muggers in mask snatched their valuables, including three mobile phone sets and money, at gunpoint.

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