

## China keen to build modern burn unit at CMCH

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An eight-member Chinese delegation yesterday visited Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) to assess the feasibility of establishing a sophisticated Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit on the hospital premises.

The government delegation team had a discussion with the director and senior doctors and officials of CMCH. Eminent burn specialist and chief coordinator of all burn projects of Bangladesh Dr Samanta Lal Sen was also present.

Due to a rapid industrialisation and growth of population, Chittagong city is becoming a fire-prone city and the CMCH has a large amount of vacant land on its 86-acre campus, said Brig Gen Jalal Uddin, CMCH's director, adding that therefore, it is the ideal place to set up a modern burn and plastic surgery unit.

The Chinese delegation wants to give grant for the establishment of the full-fledged unit as well as lend technical support.

Dr Mrinal Kanti Das, head of Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of CMCH, said the unit started its journey in September 2012 with 26 beds but it has to provide service to around 60 patients every day. There is a severe shortage of equipment and manpower in this unit too, he said.

The delegation include Liu Chen, senior engineer (structure), Xu Yingxin, senior engineer (medical technology), and Mao Qunying, senior engineer (construction).



It is a small oasis in the congested Dhaka where civic amenities like free public space are scarce. But whatever the city has at the moment is often difficult to enjoy, like Bahadur Shah Park, which is surrounded by open dumpsters and spilled garbage. The photo was taken Sunday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

# CMCH still operating with 1969 workforce size

## Manpower crisis keeps plaguing it for decades

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Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), the lone tertiary level hospital in the district, will be celebrating 60 years of founding tomorrow but still is struggling with manpower shortages.

According to sources, 230 full-time doctors and 437 nurses working in the 1,313-bed hospital, which on an average has to provide service to over 2,500 patients every day. Teachers of the medical college and some post-graduate trainees also serve in the hospital but to operate at full capacity CMCH needs 1,500 doctors.

The 437 nurses work in three shifts, which means 2,500 patients get only 145 nurses to attend them in each shift.

Shipra Chowdhury, nursing

superintendent of CMCH, said as per the recommendation of the World Health Organization (WHO), one nurse is required for every four patients.

"But we cannot provide a nurse even for every 15 patients. For example, over 250 patients get admitted to the orthopaedic ward per day but we can deploy only three nurses per shift," she added.

The medical college hospital started its journey in 1957 with 120 beds. It was upgraded to a 500-bed hospital in 1969, in 1996 it added 250 more beds, in 2001 it rose to 1,010 beds, and in 2013 it became a 1313-bed hospital, said hospital sources. Now CMCH is one of the largest hospitals in the country.

Chittagong Medical College (CMC) has planned colourful

programmes tomorrow, said Dr Mujibur Huq Khan, vice principal of CMC and president of Bangladesh Medical Association, Chittagong district unit.

Over the years, the number of beds has increased but the workforce size remains the same as 1969, said freedom fighter and renowned pathologist Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, also a former student of CMC.

"When we were students in the 60s, there were only three departments -- medicine, surgery, and gynaecology and obstetrics," he said, adding, "But now 41 departments are providing services to patients round the clock."

Dr Diderul Islam, deputy director of CMCH, said most of the 41 wards do not have any post of consultant. Moreover, the posts of assistant regis-

trars, resident surgeons and physicians are being filled with postgraduate trainees. As a result, when the trainings conclude, those posts fall vacant. At present, around 40 such posts remain vacant, he added.

Brig Gen Jalal Uddin, director of CMCH, said the number of class three and four employees is one third of what is required. At present, the hospital has 155 class four employees whereas it needs 1,000 staff.

A committee will be formed to revise the old organogram and create posts for doctors, nurses, technicians and other staff, he added.

"We will send the draft organogram to the health ministry within a couple of months. To address the crisis of nurses, around 330 nurses will be employed in a few months," he added.



Villagers armed with local weapons during a clash on the Sylhet-Sunamganj highway in Sylhet's Bishwanath upazila yesterday. The clash ensued following an attack on a businessman on Saturday by unknown locals, leaving at least 15 of the villagers injured.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## 15 injured as Sylhet villagers clash over beating businessman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 15 people were injured in a clash between locals of two upazilas on the Sylhet-Sunamganj highway in Sylhet yesterday morning following a beating of a local businessman.

Witnesses said on Saturday the businessman of Jugirgaon village in Mogolgaon union of Sadar upazila was beaten up by some unknown locals at Lamakazi Bazar of Lamakazi union in Bishwanath upazila.

Yesterday when Sadar Upazila Chairman Ashfaq Ahmed was trying to settle Saturday's incident holding an arbitration, the locals of the two unions locked into an altercation again. Later, following announcements from mosques, over 1,000 people of 17 villages of the two unions resorted to the clash blocking the highway.

Akter Hossain, officer-in-charge of Jalalabad Police Station, said police brought the situation under control by firing bullets and tear gas shells.

The injured were taken to hospitals, he added. Additional police personnel have been deployed there to avoid further untoward incidents.

## CCC staff held over taking

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corporation-fixed charge is only Tk 10, he added.  
Upon reaching the centre, the councillor checked the register which had 30 names but found over Tk 1,000. Nazim failed to defend himself.  
The CCC secretariat has been informed about the issue and an investigation is going on, he said.

## S Korea lifts

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ministry's website at <http://www.0404.go.kr>.  
The US updated its worldwide travel alert, including that for Bangladesh, on September 11.  
Its embassy stated that the terrorist threat in Bangladesh remains real and credible and asked its citizens to be vigilant and cautious although there were no known specific threats to US citizens or interests.  
The Australian embassy said its officials continued to adopt heightened security precautions in Dhaka and were limiting movements in public places.  
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# NEWS IN brief

## 7 Rangpur colleges to get free wi-fi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur  
Seven colleges in Rangpur city are going to get free wi-fi connection soon, said Rangpur City Corporation (RCC) Mayor Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhantu.  
These colleges are Carmichael College Rangpur, Begum Rokeya College, Rangpur Government College, Rangpur Polytechnic Institute, Rangpur Medical College, Collectorate School and College, and Cantonment School and College Rangpur, said the mayor in a meeting with officials and councillors at Nagar Bhaban on Sunday.

## Forhad president, Forrukh GS of Duja

DU CORRESPONDENT  
Forhad Uddin of the daily Bangladesh Pratidin and Forrukh Mahmud of the daily Manab Zamin were elected as president and general secretary respectively of Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja).  
The Duja election for the term 2016-2017 was held at its office in Teachers-Students' Centre of the university on Sunday.



Forhad Forrukh

## Nine students get Kolimuddin Ahmad memorial scholarships

CITY DESK  
Nine underprivileged and meritorious students, who have passed this year's SSC examination, were given Kolimuddin Ahmad memorial scholarships on Saturday.  
The scholarships were handed over to the students at a ceremony at the residence of Shafiqur Rahman, former headmaster of Dadanchak HM High School and president of the newly-formed fund titled, "Kolimuddin Ahmad Shriti Shikhabriti" in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj. Former and present heads of different schools, including Shafiqur Rahman, Md Abdul Qader, Md Habibur Rahman Chowdhury, Md Anwarul Islam, Jamalul Islam Jamal and Golam Rabbani, among others, were present at the event, said a press release.

## Aminul Islam Tara passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh  
Md Aminul Islam Tara, former president of Awami League Mymensingh City unit, died of cardiac arrest at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 65.  
He left behind his wife lawmaker Fatema Johra Rani, two daughters and a son.



## ICT asks for submission

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time to prepare the formal charges.  
The accused are: Hedayet Ullah Anju, 80, and his brother Enayet Ullah Manju, 70, and Sohrab Fakir, 88, all from Kulshree village under Atpara Police Station in Netrakona.  
Of them, Sohrab is now in jail while the rest are on the run.  
The tribunal's investigation agency on September 8 said to have found evidence of their involvement in the alleged crimes including genocide, killing, abduction, torture, looting, arson and deportation in six incidents during the war.  
Hedayet was a Jamaat-e-Islami leader and the rest were activists in 1971. They all first joined local peace committees and later Razakar Bahini, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani occupation army, according to the agency.

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All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

(A S M Mahmudul Hoque), Project Director, 3 lac pre-payment meter project..