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AMBULANCE CRISIS AT DMCH Patients take the brunt

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Sultana Begum was losing her patience. With her husband on a trolley, she was waiting for an ambulance at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital's gate since around 11:30am yesterday. Her husband Md Awal was admitted to the hospital five days ago with a problem in his spinal cord that has made him almost paralysed. Awal needed to have a pathological test done at a private hospital in Dhanmondi. But unlike on any other day, there was no ambulance at the DMCH gate yesterday. "It's been two hours already, but I don't find any ambulance," said the hapless woman, aged about 30, from Khulna. Frustrated, Sultana hired a CNG-run auto-rickshaw to take her husband with the saline bag attached to his hand. Patients like Awal faced serious difficulties at the DMCH yesterday as privately-managed ambulances were hardly found at the largest public hospital in the country. Following Saturday's incident in which four people were killed as an ambulance ran them over inside the hospital premises, most ambulance owners suspended operation there fearing "police harassment".

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A patient lying on a stretcher as his wife fans him and their son holds a saline bag attached to his hand in front of the DMCH's emergency unit yesterday. For around two hours, the family looked for an ambulance to take the patient to another hospital for a test but had to take him in an auto-rickshaw instead, inset, due to yesterday's ambulance crisis at the hospital.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



CHILD NUTRITION, GROWTH IN BANGLADESH WB to give \$1b in 3yrs

PM thanks WB for showcasing nation's success; WB president lauds the progress in reducing child malnutrition, stunting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank yesterday pledged to provide Bangladesh with \$1 billion over the next three years to combat malnutrition of children.

"Bangladesh has made great progress in reducing child malnutrition and stunting. But we believe that they can do even better. So we are going to increase our support for child nutrition and to prevent the child stunting." World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said at a joint media briefing with Finance Minister AMA Muhith in Dhaka.

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He avoided trial wilfully

Says HC in full verdict of Tarique's money laundering case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman "absconded, and avoided the trial for money laundering wilfully", said the High Court in its full verdict in the case in which he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and fined Tk 20 crore.



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NEWS ANALYSIS

Price of poor governance

SHAKHAWAT LITON

A major incident causing tragic loss of lives can happen almost anywhere in the world but whenever that happens in our country, more often than not, the causes can be attributed to the shockingly poor governance of our country.

Analysing some major incidents from recent times supports this statement.

Bad governance has been found to be the main reason for almost every major incident, be it on the roads and

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TOP QUOTE

"The World Bank is one of our leading development partners. I hope it will play a more proactive role in our endeavours."

PRIME MINISTER
SHEIKH HASINA
TOLD GOVT-WB JOINT PROGRAMME YESTERDAY

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