

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

 Md Nur Nobi, 22, of Lakshmipur district, has been suffering from chronic kidney disease for last six months.

Both of his kidneys have been affected and he is taking treatment at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

According to doctors, he needs long-term treatment which requires a huge amount of money but his father Mojibul Hoq, 62, a day labourer, is unable to bear the treatment cost.

Therefore, he urged well-to-do families to extend help for Nur Nobi.

Financial help can be sent to Md Mojibul Hoq, Account Number: 15434009033, Bank Asia Ltd, Ramgonj SME/Agro Branch, Ramgonj, Lakshmipur.

Save Shakil

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

 Md Tobarok Hossain alias Shakil, a third year student of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College (SZMC) of Bogra, has been suffering from Hepatolithiasis, a calculus disease of the liver, since 2013.

Shakil is being treated under Hepatolithiasis expert Dr Mohammad Ali in BIRDEM Hospital, Dhaka.

The doctor said he needs to be treated abroad which requires Tk 50 lakh, which his mother alone cannot afford. Shakil lost his father in 2013. His mother Josna Ara of Chittagong, and Principal of SZMC Dr AKM Ahsan Habib requested the affluent families and personalities to extend help to save the bright life.

Money can be sent to A/C No-143.101.0064304, Tobarok Hossain, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Kodomtoli Branch, Chittagong.

Fakhrul urges

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Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir. He was addressing a discussion on the project organised by a pro-BNP online youth platform, Zia Cyber Force, in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity.

BNP on August 25 announced it supported the movement and four days later the committee said it would not join hands with the party on the issue.

Meanwhile in a statement sent to the press, Fakhrul accused the government of implicating its leader MA Quaiyum in the Italian citizen Cesare Tavella murder case with a "political motive".



With a lack of sufficient equipment being a persistent problem for almost all of government agencies, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police deploys a wrecker to take away the usually benign vehicle -- the rickshaw, near Ghatoli inter-district bus terminal in the capital yesterday. This is the case when Dhaka city is overrun with unfit and outdated public buses, representing bigger dangers. However, it is also true that the slow moving rickshaw is a major contributor to the city's traffic jam.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

CNG filling stations strike from Oct 30

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association announced a strike on October 30 from 6:00am until their demands are met in all the filling stations in the country.

The association made the announcement at a press conference yesterday in the capital.

They demanded cancellation of high charges of the Roads and Highways Department, withdrawal of the proposal to increase the gas price, and implementation of the recommendations by the energy ministry.

President of the association Masud Khan said, "I am just saying about a CNG filling station which is located in the Syhet Road Division. It paid its annual rent for leasing the land -- Tk 52,560, before the new rule on October 22, 2015."

According to rescheduled rate by Roads and Highways Department, it will have to pay Tk 11,28,682, which is 22 times higher than the regular price. In some metropolitan areas the rate has increased almost 188 times.

"We have to pay a big amount now for rent of lease and deposited fee according to new rules. But we did not pay any deposited fee," he added.

GO-NGO support must for disaster victims

Oxfam workshop told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Disaster victims can be better helped during and after calamities if people-centric entrepreneurs and start-ups providing products and services on water, sanitation and hygiene can be supported through a forum comprising government and non-government organisations, speakers told a workshop yesterday.

A plan should be formulated to engage the private sector into developing the products and services based on community needs, they said.

Oxfam organised the workshop in the capital.

Lamenting that sufficient facilities and improvised approaches could not be delivered due to budget deficiencies, Secretary Md Shah Kamal at the disaster management and relief ministry emphasised keeping the market strategies beneficial towards society.

"To create successful and effective private sector engagement, social entrepreneurs can be promoted and we need to patronise them financially," said Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Selima Ahmad.

"We can encourage the banks into sanctioning loans to the young entrepreneurs to develop social businesses," she added.

RFL Group Chief Operating Officer Chowdhury Hasan Tariq expressed interest on working on the issue and said an integrated approach was needed to form the forum.

The private sector has an important role to play during disasters and Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority incorporates them in their work for concrete achievements, said its Managing Director Taqsem Khan.

Oxfam Country Director Snehal V Someji and Dhaka North City Corporation Superintendent Engineer Tariq Bin Yousuf also spoke.

NEWS IN brief

ACC arrests ex-labour inspector

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested a former labour inspector for amassing wealth beyond known source of income and concealing information in the wealth statement.

Abul Hashim Bhuiyan was arrested in Segunbagicha yesterday following a case filed against him Tuesday. He was produced before a court, which sent him to jail.

New Pak envoy presents credentials

UNB, Dhaka



Newly appointed Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui presented his credentials to President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The Pakistan envoy conveyed his government's desire to further strengthen bilateral relations and bolster political, economic, cultural and defence bonds that exist between the two countries. The president assured him of his full cooperation in discharging his duties, said Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka. Pakistan has chosen Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui to serve in Bangladesh for the second time.



Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Masato Watanabe meets Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor at his office in the capital yesterday.

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London Grace Int'l School to hold art competition Nov 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to encourage a future generation of creative thinkers and emphasise on the importance of the arts, London Grace International School in the capital's Mohammadpur will hold an art competition on November 5.

Students, aged between 5 and 12, are eligible for the competition, and the deadline for registration is October 31, said a press release.

Participants have to bring clipboard and colours with their school ID card while the school authority will provide papers during the contest, it added.

Bhabadah awaits disaster

Say locals at Dhaka human chain, demand PM's help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Frustrated over alleged inaction of the local administration, residents of Bhabadah waterlogging area of Jessoror yesterday formed a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club, demanding prime minister's intervention for a permanent solution to the perennial problem.

They also shared their sufferings caused by waterlogging and sought action against police officials who charged baton on the peaceful demonstration they had arranged on October 5 in Noyapara for a solution to the crisis.

Over a hundred people of Bhabadah area which covers Abhaynagar, Manirampur and

Keshabpur upazilas along with the people of the upazilas living in Dhaka took part in the human chain organised by "Bhabadah Pani Nishkashon Sangram Committee".

They demanded the government install three more excavators for immediate water drainage and implement Tidal River Management (TRM) in Beel Kapalia of Manirampur. "If the TRM is not initiated before Magh, there will be another disaster in Bhabadah area," said Baikuntha Bihari Roy, committee coordinator.

He said Bhabadah area saw a huge production of rice after the construction of sluice gate in the Teka-Muktshwari river in

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A youth jumps ashore from a boat while others await their turns on the Banasree canal in the capital. Though the areas adjoining the canal developed rapidly, the means of crossing has remained the same for the locals, especially students. In order to go to Banasree from Aftabnagar, they have to cross the Rampura Bridge, which is approximately 2-3km farther; hence they choose to travel this way. There is also a bamboo bridge, not in picture, over the canal, which wobbles and imposes a bigger threat. The picture was taken Tuesday.

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