

Govt decides not to allow four private medical colleges to admit students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government yesterday decided not to allow four private medical colleges to admit students to MBBS programme for 2016-17 session for "violating" the Private Medical College Policy.
The colleges are Northern Medical College in Rangpur, City Medical College in Gazipur, Nightingale Medical College of Ashulia and Ashiyani Medical College in Dhaka, said a statement of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
The decision was made at a health ministry meeting chaired by Health Minister Mohammed Nasim.
The colleges' activities will be stopped if they fail to comply with the policy, the meeting decided.
The colleges do not have their own buildings and necessary medical equipment, alleged an official who attended the meeting, adding, they have



The flow of water is about to be blocked in Firingi Bazar canal, which drains rainwater to the Karnaphuli river from different areas of Chittagong city, with the water body being silted. The photo was taken in the port city's Firingi Bazar area yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

ZERO POINT-SADARGHAT 4 Dhaka OCs face contempt rule for not freeing roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against four police officers for not complying with its directives asking them to free roads and footpaths from Zero Point to Sadarghat in the capital.
In the rule, the court asked the four officers in charge (OCs) of Shabbagh, Bangshal, Sutrapur and Kotwali police stations to explain in two weeks why contempt proceedings could not be initiated against them for not implementing its 2012 directives.
The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akond came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh. HRPB filed the contempt of court petition with the HC against the four police officers.
The HC on February 26, 2012 ordered police to take steps in 48 hours to facilitate easy movement of people and vehicles on the

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Risky living in south Banasree

Residents using bamboo poles to draw power lines

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Residents of a part of Dakshin (south) Banasree are under serious risk of getting electrocuted as several hundred houses of the area have been using electricity by drawing power lines with the help of bamboo poles.
Usually a house owner has to take the connection from a nearby electricity pole, but the residents of the area including J, H and M blocks are relying on bamboos since the housing company did not set up the poles, they said.
This has been going on for several years, they said, adding that they have also provided money as per the requirement of the housing project to ensure utility services.
The haphazard and makeshift arrangement could cause a serious accident, said the residents. They said they were using temporary meters and paying bills regularly.
"Electric poles will be set up shortly as the government has taken an initiative..." said Mohammad Nadim, site in-charge of the Eastern Housing Limited housing project in Banasree.
"We have provided other utility services and constructed roads under the project," he said. "We

have already applied to the government but the process takes time."
Contacted, an official of Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC) in Banasree said they have not been issuing any new connection since March.
He, however, said over 100 homes in south Banasree that did not use any electricity poles for the power lines had temporary meters. "We are working to set up 314 elec-

tricity poles under the Banasree division of DPDC, mostly on the main road."
"It costs Tk 70,000 to 1 lakh to set up a pole which can cover the houses within 100 feet radius," he said. "If the housing company had set up the poles, then this problem would not have arisen."
"It's really frustrating that we have to wait for so long...The housing company was supposed to set up the

poles, but they keep stalling," said a resident.
While visiting the area it was seen that several makeshift bamboo poles were erected to draw power lines. Many of which were also leaning precariously.
A serious accident may occur anytime because of this situation, feared Ziaul Haque, a resident of east Rampura.
"Around 50 feet of wires were stolen from our house five months back. We had to stay without electricity for a day and eventually spent Tk 7,000 to purchase new wires," said a resident of road-10 (block-M).
Nurul Alam, a resident of Baganbari of south Banasree, said the power distribution company asked them to take the line from other poles and then they will give the temporary connections.
"But large and heavy vehicles from Demra to Rampura run every day, and the chance of wires getting tangled or torn is enormous. A few days back, a wire got tangled with a truck and fell on the road, which was later repaired by the DPDC."
Also, the bamboo poles are not sturdy and can be uprooted or damaged easily even in a light storm, he said.



People walk underneath a cobweb of electric lines held up by slanting bamboo poles posing risk of fatal accidents. The photo was taken recently in the capital's south Banasree area.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

US polls won't affect ties with Bangladesh

Says Bernicat
BSS, Dhaka
US Ambassador Stephens Bloom Marcia Bernicat yesterday hinted that the existing Bangladesh-US relations would not be affected by any change in the government following the upcoming US elections.
"The US election results will not affect the existing US-Bangladesh ties as our foreign policy would remain intact for Bangladesh," she said.
Rather, Bernicat hoped that the existing bilateral relations between the two countries would be further expanded in the coming days.
The US envoy made the remarks after a meeting with Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at "Setu Bhaban" in the capital.



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Sylhet girl Khadiza undergoes surgeries on hand, skull

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Physicians repaired tendons of the left hand of stalking victim Khadiza and replaced her skull bones in two surgeries yesterday.
Neurosurgeon Rejaus Sattar of the capital's Square Hospital said the surgeries were anticipated weeks ago but Khadiza needed to gain enough strength.
"We did the two procedures in one session to avoid applying anesthesia twice," he told The Daily Star.
Her father Mashuk Miah said Khadiza was at the Intensive Care Unit and had asked him for a glass of water as the anesthesia wore away.
Quoting the orthopedic surgeon who operated on her left hand, Mashuk Miah said the operation was successful.
A student of Sylhet Government Women's College, Khadiza Begum Nargis was brutally hacked by her alleged stalker Badrul Alam, a student of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), with a machete on the campus of MC College on October 3.
The 23-year-old had gone there to sit for an examination. A part of the attack was filmed presumably by a bystander with a mobile phone.
The video clip went viral. Neurosurgeon Rejaus said Khadiza's skull bones were broken when she was hacked.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



MR Khan laid to rest in Satkhira

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
National Professor Dr MR Khan was laid to rest beside his wife's grave at their family graveyard in Rasulpur of Satkhira town yesterday.
The internationally-acclaimed child specialist who played a pioneering role in the country's child healthcare, died of old age complications at the age of 88 at 4:25pm on Saturday at the capital's Central Hospital.
His body was carried to Satkhira from Dhaka on Sunday night after politicians, cultural activists, professional bodies and medical students paid rich tributes to the genius of his fraternity.
People from all walks of life in Satkhira paid last tributes to Dr MR Khan before his sixth namaz-e-janaza which was held at Rasulpur Football field at 10:00am yesterday.
Local lawmakers, Satkhira Press Club, Rasulpur Secondary School, Satkhira Krira Sangstha, Sishu Shasthya Foundation, politicians, district and upazila administration officials, teachers, and cultural activists placed wreaths as their last tributes.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE Conviction warrant against Tarique issued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday sent a conviction warrant against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman to his cantonment residence in connection with a money laundering case in which he was sentenced seven years imprisonment and fined Tk 20 crore.
Judge Abu Ahmed Jamadar of Dhaka Special Judge Court-3 passed the order after getting the full verdict of the High Court.
The same court received the HC verdict on October 26 but yesterday it sent the conviction warrant against him, directing the officer-in-charge of the Cantonment Police Station to execute the order.
The HC overturned a lower court verdict that acquitted Tarique in the money laundering case involving Tk 20.41 crore.
This is the first time Tarique, elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, has been convicted and handed down punishment by a court in one of the 19 cases filed against him since 2007.

BNP observes Nov 7

But denied permission to rally from DSCC, DMP
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP yesterday observed what it calls "National Revolution and Solidarity Day", which led to release of the then army chief Ziaur Rahman in 1975 and, eventually, his ascent to the presidency.
The programmes began with hoisting of the party flag at party head office and its chairperson's Gulshan office in the capital.
In the morning, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, flanked by senior leaders, placed a wreath at the grave of Ziaur Rahman and offered prayers there.
Amid political turmoil, soldiers and civilians on November 7, 1975 jointly freed Ziaur Rahman from captivity in Dhaka cantonment.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia along with party leaders places a wreath at the grave of Ziaur Rahman, founder of BNP, in the capital marking "National Revolution and Solidarity Day" yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

Congratulations

The authority of Royal College of Physicians of Ireland has awarded highly prestigious academic degree FRCP (Fellow Royal College of Physicians) to **Prof. Dr. Md. Shahabuddin Khan, MBBS (DMC), MCPS (Medicine), M.D. (Cardiology), Ph.D. MRCP (Ireland), Fellow-Interventional Cardiology (India), Chairman & Head of the department of Medicine & Cardiology of Al-Helal Specialized Hospital Limited** for his valuable contribution in the field of Medical Science and its management. On this memorable occasion we convey our heartiest congratulations to our honorable Chairman and pray for his good health and long life.
With regards. All Employees of **Al-Helal Specialized Hospital Ltd.** 150, Begum Rokeya Sarani, Mirpur-10, Dhaka-1216.
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While BNP and its alliances celebrate November 7 as "National Revolution and Solidarity Day", the three factions of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) observe it as "Civil-Military Uprising Day", and Khaled Mosharrif Bir Uttam Smriti Parishad as "Freedom Fighter-Soldiers Killing Day".
BNP chalked out a 10-day programme marking the occasion.
Before placing the wreath at Zia's grave, BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir told

Six killed in road crashes

CITY DESK
Six people were killed and two others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday.
Our Tangail correspondent reports, three people were killed while another was injured when a truck rammed them on Dhaka-Tangail-Bangabandhu Bridge highway at Shibpur in Tangail Sadar upazila yesterday.
The dead were Mokhles Uddin, 45, Amir Hamza, 25, and Sohel Miah, 22, of Bororia village. The four were pushing a truck when another truck, after being hit by a bus,

rammed them.
Police seized the trucks but the bus sped away.
Our Jamalpur correspondent reports, a motorcyclist was killed while his co-rider injured when a truck hit the vehicle near Shekherbhita level crossing in Jamalpur town.
The deceased, Md Rafiqul Islam, 48, son of Mozammel Haque of village Gopalpur, was head teacher at Gopalpur Government Primary School.
Injured Badrul Islam Tutul, assistant teacher of Charbanda Govt Primary School, was rushed to

Jamalpur General Hospital.
Locals caught Nazrul Islam, 30, driver of the truck, and handed him over to police. A case was filed against him.
A correspondent in Savar adds, a security guard of a factory, Firoj Ahamed, 35 was killed as a bus hit him from behind on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Ashulia's Sreepur.
Meanwhile in same area, an unidentified motorcyclist was killed as an oncoming bus hit his vehicle.
The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

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