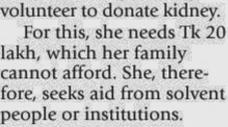


Appeal for help
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Meherunnesa Mubassar, a BBA student of Independent University, Bangladesh; has been suffering from chronic kidney failure for the last six months. Daughter of Ferdausi Akhter and late Mamtaz Hossain, Meherunnesa, 23, has been undergoing dialysis in a city hospital which costs nearly Tk 30,000 every month. One of seven siblings, she says her family has already spent Tk 2 lakh for her treatment. She wants transplantation of kidney, but is failing to find donors who should be blood-related as per the country's organ transplantation act. Now, she decided to have kidney transplantation in India where anyone may volunteer to donate kidney. For this, she needs Tk 20 lakh, which her family cannot afford. She, therefore, seeks aid from solvent people or institutions. Aid can be sent to Meherunnesa Mubassar AC No: 00610481 003748 Mutual Trust Bank (Bashundhara branch), bKash No: 01734 681888.

Death anniversary
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 23rd death anniversary of Monowera Islam Chowdhury, wife of former district and session judge Nurul Islam Chowdhury, said a release. On the occasion, a quankhawani and a doa mahfil will be held at her residence at Road-4, House-6, Sector-5 in Uttara after the Fazr and Maghrib prayers respectively. Besides, The Nur Monowera Foundation will hold a special prayer at her grave in Sector 13, Uttara.

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A group of general students bring out a procession on the campus of Dhaka University yesterday to press home their demand for raising the age slab of public jobs to thirty five years. PHOTO: STAR

NEWS IN brief

Ruet students 'besiege VC office'

A CORRESPONDENT, RU
Some Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) students allegedly besieged the vice-chancellor's office yesterday demanding cancellation of the "33 credit system." Ruet sources said the students of 2014-15 and 2015-16 sessions also demonstrated before the administrative building. The VC said they besieged his office, ignoring his call to meet him on this issue. The students said they only staged a sit-in.

CRP unveils book on disabled child

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar
The Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) yesterday launched a book "Haser Paye Ghuri" (kite on duck's foot), authored by Nazia Zabin, at its Reddaway Hall in Savar. The book, published by "Ignite Publications", is about a child with disabilities. Dr Valerie A Taylor, founder and coordinator, CRP, was the chief guest at the ceremony where special children of CRP's "William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School" performed.

JU career festival starts tomorrow

JU CORRESPONDENT
A two-day career festival will begin tomorrow in Zahir Raihan Auditorium of Jahangirnagar University. Online job portal bdjobs.com organised the festival where 35 national and multinational companies are expected to recruit 100 aspirants, said a coordinator of the festival at a press conference. Details are available on www.bdjobs.com/jobfair.

5 held for beating Sherpur principal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur
Police yesterday arrested five youths in a case filed by a college principal earlier in the day over attacking him in Sadar upazila of Sherpur. They are Shahin Miah, Idu Miah, Abu Miah, Pappu and Russel Miah. Principal Golam Hasan of Atiur Rahman Model College accused 17 people by names and 12 to 13 unnamed, said Sadar police, adding that he alleged the criminals also robbed him Thursday night in Mirganj.

Many faiths, one race

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Swami Debdhyananda Moharaj of Ramakrishna Mission; Sanghanayak Shuddhananda Mahathero, president of Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha, Rev. Shourabh Pholia, general secretary of Bangladesh Bible Society, and educationist Abul Quasem Fazlul Haque also addressed the programme chaired by IRHS Chairman Mian Muzibur Rahman. Meanwhile, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday said people have to show respect to all beliefs and opinions to maintain peace. There is no room for communalism and militancy in Islam, he told the 93rd national convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. The three-day convention started on Friday at the community's headquarters in Dhaka's Bakshibazar.

Seawater dents rice production

Show reports of World Bank, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research

UNB, Dhaka
Urgent action is needed to prevent salt intrusion causing severe damage to rice production and loss of drinking water in Bangladesh and Vietnam, according to reports by the World Bank and the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO). The reports say sea level rise, combined with floods and waterlogging caused by cyclones and typhoons, is threatening large areas of land that is currently highly productive. Unless counter measures are taken to stop the levels of salt rising and to develop more salt-resistant strains of rice, both the nations will be increasingly struggle to feed their rising populations, says the World Bank and the NIBIO. Their reports also say there will be mass migration away from the affected areas, according to information received here from London. Dr Udaya Sekhar Nagothu, international coordinator for the ClimaViet project, says, "Saline levels in soils and irrigation waters in coastal areas are steadily increasing, it is vital that something is done about it before the situation gets out of hand." Bangladesh and Vietnam are already being affected by the sea level rise, and NIBIO is working with local governments in the Vietnamese delta regions to reduce the impacts, according to Climate News Network. One of the most helpful solutions would be to

develop more salt-resistant varieties of rice. According to the World Bank, salinity issues in Bangladesh will most probably lead to significant shortages of water for drinking and irrigation by 2050. It is estimated that increased soil salinity may cause decline in rice production by 15.6 percent in the next 30 years, resulting in significant reduction in income of the affected farmers. "Due to their extensive coastline and many river deltas, countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam are hotspots for climate change impacts such as sea-level rise and salt water intrusion," says Dr Nagothu, who is based at NIBIO. "High levels of salt in agricultural soil or irrigation water make it difficult for salt-sensitive rice plants and other crops to absorb water and necessary nutrients. As a result, plant growth is suppressed and crop yields are significantly reduced." In some regions in Vietnam's Red River and Mekong deltas, rice production has now been abandoned in favour of shrimp cultivation in ponds, as brackish water shrimp varieties tolerate higher salt levels than most rice varieties. In the Red River delta, salt water can intrude 30-40 km inland, followed by high water levels in the riverbeds and increased sedimentation in canals and flooded plains. During the dry season, seawater moves even further inland because of the lack of fresh water

in the canals. The situation in southern Bangladesh, where various measures to meet these issues have been tested, is similar. "In Bangladesh, one successful measure has been an aquifer recharge that collects fresh water during the rainy season for use in the dry season," Dr Nagothu says. "This, in combination with improved soil management, can greatly benefit agricultural land vulnerable to salt water intrusion." However, he insists that the development of salt-tolerant varieties of rice and other crops accessible to small-scale farmers is vital. SALT-TOLERANT VARIETIES "The salt-tolerant rice varieties developed so far are not good enough to survive the high salinity levels. They are also expensive, and thus unavailable to most small-scale farmers." According to Dr Nagothu, there is a need for several improvements, including advancement in science developing new rice varieties; alternative cropping systems; physical infrastructure to withstand sea-level rise; and ways of increasing production for a growing population. A more hands-on approach from local policymakers is also necessary, he says. Although they acknowledge the issues at hand, adequate funding is rarely provided for research on the development and extension of salinity management measures.

Error-ridden textbooks

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with the spirit of the Liberation War," he said. Inu, also president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, was speaking as the chief guest, at a meeting organised by the city unit of his party in the capital.

Patients suffer

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Murshid Ara Begum, superintendent of the hospital, said they asked for 300 vaccines in January but got only 70. Contacted, Azizur Rahman Siddique, civil surgeon of Chittagong, said the office of director general of health cannot supply adequate rabies vaccines to the general hospitals due to the scarcity of the medicine. "The situation will change after a few months as the government has initiated to procure vaccines from abroad," he said. Azizur said only district general hospitals provide free vaccines. "If we get adequate vaccines from the government, I will take an initiative to supply some vaccines to the health complexes of remote upazilas in the district," he said.

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Invitation for International Re-Tender

01. Ministry/division	Ministry of Information.
02. Agency	Bangladesh Television.
03. Purchaser name	Director General, Bangladesh Television.
04. District	Dhaka
05. Invitation for	International Re-Tender for "Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 150 Meter Television Transmission Self Supporting Tower for Bangladesh Television Chittagong Centre, Pahartoli."
06. Invitation Ref. No.	International Re-Tender No. 15.54.0000.023.14.653.16
07. Issued date	05.02.2017
KEY INFORMATION	
08. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), International Competitive Tender (ICT).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
09. Budget and source of funds	Annual Development Budget of BTV (GOB).
10. Programme name	"Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 150 Meter Television Transmission Self Supporting Tower for Bangladesh Television Chittagong Centre, Pahartoli."
11. Tender package No.	GD-1
12. Tender package name	"Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 150 Meter Television Transmission Self Supporting Tower for Bangladesh Television Chittagong Centre, Pahartoli."
13. Tender last selling date	07.03.2017
14. Tender closing date and time	08.03.2017, 03:00pm BST.
Tender opening date and time	08.03.2017, 03:10pm BST.
Name & address of the office selling tender document	
15. Selling tender document	Office of the Project Officer, Room No. 908, Headquarters Building, Level-8, Bangladesh Television, Rampura, Dhaka-1219.
16. Receiving tender document	Engineering Conference Room (401), Level-3, Headquarters Building, Bangladesh Television, Rampura, Dhaka-1219.
17. Opening tender document	Engineering Conference Room (401), Level-3, Headquarters Building, Bangladesh Television, Rampura, Dhaka-1219.
18. Pre-tender meeting place/date/time	Engineering Conference Room (401), Level-3, Headquarters Building, Bangladesh Television, Rampura, Dhaka-1219 on 20.02.2017, 03.00pm BST.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
19. Eligibility of tenderer	Manufacturer/authorized supplier of a manufacturer.
20. Brief description of related services	Successful tenderer must be taken the responsibility to orient the "Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 150 Meter Television Transmission Self Supporting Tower for Bangladesh Television Chittagong Centre, Pahartoli."
21. Price of tender document	Tk. 7,000.00 (seven thousand) only.
22. Amount of tender security	The amount of tender security shall be US\$ 25,000.00 (US dollar twenty-five thousand) only in the form of an Irrevocable Bank Guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh.
PURCHASER DETAILS	
23. Name of official inviting tender	A. B. S. M. Main Uddin.
24. Designation of official inviting tender	Maintenance Engineer & Project Director.
25. Address of official inviting tender	Level-8, Headquarters Building, Bangladesh Television, Rampura, Dhaka-1219.
26. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +880-2-9360704, Fax: +880-2-8312927. e-mail: mainuddinbvt@gmail.com
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