

OVERSEEING KIDNEY DONATION, TRANSPLANTATION Form central registration authority: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Health experts have suggested forming a central registration authority to govern kidney donation and transplantation, as kidney disease has become a major concern in the country.
The function of the authority will be to maintain names and database of all kidney donors, their heirs and recipients, supervise the institutions conducting transplantation, and handle the affairs between donors and recipients.
The recommendations came at a discussion titled "Kidney Transplantation in Bangladesh: past, present and future" organised by Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GSK) at the capital's Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital yesterday.



Participants at the discussion

According to an official estimate, there are some two crore kidney patients in the country. Of them, some 40,000 become end-stage kidney patients every year, while some 30,000 people die, failing to have kidney transplants or dialysis.
However, ten public and private hospitals presently conduct transplantation of 130 kidneys a year, while 1,000 Bangladeshis go abroad for kidney transplantation, doctors said.
"We estimate some Tk 300 crore is smuggled out of the country for kidney transplantation," said Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, founder of GSK.
There is a demand of at least 10,000 kidney transplantations a year in the country,
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UP members brutalise 2 children

Arrested following case; 23 such incidents recorded in Rajshahi dist in Feb

ANWAR ALI
Police yesterday arrested two Union Parishad members for tying two boys to a tree and brutalising them in Rajshahi the day before.
Abdul Motaleb and Abdul Latif Mirza, members of Jhaluka Union Parishad in Durgapur upazila, allegedly slapped, kicked and clobbered the boys with sticks at Andua village on Wednesday.
The class X students were accused of stealing a goat, said Ruhul Alam, officer-in-charge of Durgapur Police Station.
The OC said they were traumatised and admitted to the local health complex.
Earlier in the morning, one of the boys' father sued nine persons including the UP chairman Mozahar Ali Molla for the torture.
He also alleged that the boy's families

were forced to pay Tk 16,000 as fine during a village arbitration Wednesday.
The UP chairman went into hiding, said police.
At the hospital, one boy said they were tortured in presence of the UP chairman and two UP members.
He admitted that he took the other boy to steal the goat for paying Tk 2,500 to some village bullies who took his mobile phone and demanded money to return it. He did not tell anyone of the incident fearing his parents' rebuke, he said.
Shipra Nath, a doctor, said the boys were not in danger, but they needed time to recover from the trauma.
Before being arrested, UP member Motaleb denied the allegations of torture and said the boys were tied to a tree as they were not confessing to the stealing. "We punished the



Two schoolboys tied to a tree in Rajshahi's Durgapur upazila, during torture, yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

ADNAN MURDER CASE

Three arrested youths confess

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The three youths, arrested on Wednesday night over the sensational killing of ninth-grader Adnan Kabir, confessed to the killing to a Dhaka court yesterday.
The arrestees -- Rajin Mohammad Ridoy, 20, Shakil Sarkar, 19, and Fakhru Islam Srabon, 19, identified as the members of "Disco Boys" group, were held from Modhumita area of Gazipur's Tongi, Mohammad Shah Alam, inspector (operations) of Uttara West Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday.
Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Nabi recorded Rajin's statement while Shakil and Fakhru's statements were recorded by magistrates AKM Mainuddin and Md Sajjadur Rahman.
Rajin, student of a Tongi
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Pedestrians cross a street, which almost disappears from view under clouds of dust, on DIT Road in Rampura yesterday. Dust has been a huge health threat in the capital, which is witnessing digging of roads and construction work all the year round, with authorities barely making any effort to mitigate public sufferings. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Madrasa teacher beats student over 'stealing money'

A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanj
A madrasa student at Araihasar upazila in Narayanjanj has alleged that one of his teachers beat him with a "rod" for "stealing money".
Injured Abu Shahid, 18, a Hifz student at Shalmodi Islamia Hafizia Madrasa, is undergoing treatment at a private clinic in the upazila.
Shahid said his fellow student Rifat on Tuesday noon told Ramzan Ali, the teacher, that Tk 700 was missing from his (Rifat) bag.
On suspicion, Ramzan called him in, took him to a room of the madrasa, and beat him in the hands, legs and waist with a rod inside the room, alleged Shahid, adding that two other students of the madrasa -- Russel and Abdur Rahman -- had also helped Ramzan.
The trio left the room keeping Shahid in a critical condition. Later, his other classmates rescued him after hearing a scream, and took him to his home at Mahmudpur union in the upazila the same day.
He took primary treatment locally. As his condition deteriorated, he was admitted to the private clinic Wednesday night.
Ramzan and his two accomplices fled the area after the matter came to the fore yesterday morning.
Shahid said, "I did not steal money. Yet hujur (the teacher) beat me mercilessly. I cannot even move. I demand his punishment."
Moulana Jahangir, principal of the madrasa, said, "We are sorry for the incident; this is really unexpected."
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ZIA ORPHANAGE CASE HC rejects Khaleda fresh probe plea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday rejected a petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on March 1 seeking its order for re-investigation into a portion of Zia Orphanage Graft case against her.
The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim passed the order after holding hearing on the petition.
In the petition, she requested the HC to stay the trial proceedings of the case and to issue a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why the lower court's rejection order should not be declared illegal.
The ACC filed the case on July 3, 2008 accusing Khaleda, her elder son Tarique Rahman and four others for misappropriating over Tk 2.10 crore that was received as grants for orphans via a foreign bank.
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Ragib Ali, son jailed for holding editorial posts illegally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
A Sylhet court yesterday jailed industrialist Ragib Ali and his son Abdul Hye to one year each in a case filed for holding editorial posts of a local daily while being fugitives in two other cases.
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Saifuzzaman Hiru also fined them Tk 5,000 each, in default of which they will have to serve one more month in jail, said prosecutor Mahfuzur Rahman.
Ragib Ali's lawyer Abdul Mukit Opi said the defence did not participate in the hearing, and they would go to the High Court for a "rational judgement".
On September 8 last year, Gias Uddin Talukder, a founding member of Chhatak Upazila Press Club, filed the case as the
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Hearing of BGMEA relocation March 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court yesterday fixed March 12 for hearing the application of BGMEA seeking three years' time for relocating offices from the 15-storey BGMEA Bhaban in Dhaka.
The SC set the date after Advocate Kamrul Haque Siddiqui, lawyer for BGMEA (Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association), placed the application before it.
BGMEA on March 8 submitted the application to the SC seeking three years' time to move out of the building, located in Begunbari canal and Hatirjheel lake, before demolishing it.
On March 5, the Appellate Division dismissed BGMEA's petition seeking review of its judgement upholding an April 2011 High Court order on the government to knock down the building. It also asked the BGMEA to submit an application by March 9 [yesterday] stating the time it may need to tear the building down.
Meanwhile, a SC lawyer, Advocate Manzill Murshid, yesterday sent a legal notice to the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) chairman asking him to take steps in seven days to demolish the BGMEA building.

EWG finds discrepancies in voter list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Despite being eligible, 344 out of 10,386 individuals from 3,000 households in different areas of the country were not enrolled in 2015 and 2016 voting lists, reveals Election Working Group (EWG) audit.
The audit reveals that 277 out of the 344 non-registered voters were from rural areas and 67 were from urban areas. The key reasons the audit team found behind the discrepancy are unavailability of individuals when data collectors visited

Rigging chances slim in Comilla city election: CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) KM Nurul Huda yesterday said chances of rigging in the upcoming Comilla City Corporation election would be slim as contestants backed by major political parties are participating in it.
Hoping for a competitive election, he said, "Presence of people from every party would leave hardly any opportunity for rigging." The CEC made the remarks while talking to reporters at his office following a
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KAZI TOWFIQUZZAMAN

OBITUARY

Mr. Kazi Towfiqzaman, known as K.T Zaman, passed away peacefully at his residence on March 9, 2017 (Innalillah...)
He had a long career as a banker. He worked with Pubali Bank and with Indosuez Bank till retirement. He was 84. He left behind his wife, children and grandchildren. He is buried in the family graveyard in his village in Kapashia. Please pray for his departed soul.

His Kul khani will take place at his residence, 41 New Eskaton Rd, Dhaka, on 13th March, Monday, after Asr prayers.

- Zarintadj Towfique (Wife)
- Basman Dewald (Daughter)
- Aquif Towfique (Son)
- Batul Hasan (Daughter)



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