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# Well-equipped, short-staffed

## Diagnostic tests hampered at night at Suhrawardy Hospital due to shortage of medical technologists

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Ferdousi Begum was brought to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital (SSMCH) in Dhaka after doctors at a local clinic in Jalkuri in Narayanganj tried everything they could think of to alleviate her chest pain but failed.

It was almost 9:00pm. Doctors at the emergency department examined Ferdousi, aged 22, and advised her to get an electrocardiogram (ECG) and two blood tests done.

As she was groaning in excruciating pain, her brother Abdul Qayum was told by hospital staff that they would have to get the tests done somewhere else since no medical technologists were available at the public hospital at the time.

The emergency department has recently been modernised and equipped with new medical instruments. But that doesn't help the patients much.

Due to acute shortage of manpower at the clinical pathology, radiology and imaging departments, many of around 250 patients, who come to the emergency department every day, are left with no choice but to get their

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Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump shake hands during dinner at the Mar-a-Lago estate in West Palm Beach, Florida on Thursday. Xi arrived here for a two-day summit with President Trump. On agenda are North Korea and trade issues between the US and China.

PHOTO: AFP

# So far, I have gotten nothing

## Trump jokes as he meets Xi. gets invited to Beijing

AFP, Palm Beach

President Donald Trump predicted a "very great" relationship with China's Xi Jinping as the pair met for the first time at his Florida resort of Mar-a-Lago Thursday, when cordiality replaced tough anti-China rhetoric.

Trump, in his signature red tie, warmly welcomed his Chinese counterpart Xi, decked out in contrasting blue, to what the US leader likes to call the "Winter White House" for a superpower summit in the sun.

Inside the luxurious resort Trump waxed lyrical that it was a "great honor" to host the Chinese leader, breaking the ice with a joke about his own dealmaking prowess.

"We had a long discussion already. So far, I have gotten nothing. Absolutely nothing," he said to laughs from the delegation.

"But I can see that, I think long-term, we

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## 'Cyborg' employees

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The syringe slides in between the thumb and index finger. Then, with a click, a microchip is injected in the employee's hand. Another "cyborg" is created.

What could pass for a dystopian vision of the workplace is almost routine at the Swedish startup hub Epicenter. The company offers to implant its workers and startup members with microchips the size of grains of rice that function as swipe cards: to open doors, operate printers, or buy smoothies with a wave of the hand.

The injections have become so popular that workers at Epicenter hold

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## DEATH OF RAUDHA

### Police look for clue from laptop, mobile

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi detectives will send the laptop and mobile phone of Maldivian medical student Raudha Athif to the CID's IT forensic laboratory in Dhaka to find out if those devices hold any clue about her suicide.

Alamin Hossain, assistant commissioner of the Detective Branch of

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## Eight suspected JMB men held

### They are members of 'Sarwar-Tamim group', claims Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed to have arrested eight members of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), including a coordinator of the banned militant outfit, in different areas of Narayanganj and Comilla.

The arrestees belong to JMB's "Sarwar-Tamim group" and are trained bomb-makers, claimed Lt Col Kamrul Hasan, Rab-11 commanding officer, at a press briefing at his office at Adamji area of the district.

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