





Clockwise from left, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at a ceremony in New Delhi yesterday to honour the martyred Indian soldiers who fought in the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh. At the programme, Modi spoke on Major Ashok Tara, who, on December 17 the same year, rescued Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's family members, including Hasina, from their Road 32 residence in Dhanmondi of Dhaka, where they had been imprisoned. The two prime ministers hold the copies of "The Unfinished Memoirs of Bangabandhu" as they unveiled the book's Hindi version at Hyderabad House.

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## Govt to launch drives against unregistered Rohingyas

UNB, Cox's Bazar

The government is going to launch a mobile court drive against unregistered Rohingyas intruded into Bangladesh from Myanmar.

During a visit to Kutubpalong refugee camp in Cox's Bazar yesterday, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya directed the authorities concerned to launch the drive.

He also asked them to make sure all the registered refugees hold identity cards. Maya voiced concern

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## Cardiology dept choked by equipment shortage

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The country's lone medical university, BSMMU, spent over Tk 1,000 crore in the last five years, but it could not afford to procure a Tk 6 crore worth of equipment for its catheterisation laboratory that has been out of order during the same period.

The university's annual spending budget for the current fiscal year alone is about Tk 261 crore, according BSMMU sources.

As a result, heart patients seeking best treatment at a reasonable cost at the department of cardiology of the hospital are spending manifolds to get the same treatment at private ones.

A catheterisation laboratory or cath lab is essential in a hospital with cardiac treatment facility where medical procedures are

conducted to diagnose and treat a number of heart conditions. These procedures include angiogram and coronary angioplasty or stenting.

In 2003, the BSMMU (Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University) authorities installed two cath labs at the department, but one of those started malfunctioning in 2008. It had been

repaired multiple times before it finally went out of order in 2012. Ever since, to be able to handle a large number of adult patients, the cardiology

nated for children. Although at least 30 patients line up on an average at the department daily, it is only able to serve at best 15 to 20 of them.

clash

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## department started using the cath lab desig-RMC dorm shut following **BCL-Shibir** STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Rajshahi Medical College yesterday closed a student dormitory for an indefinite period following a clash between activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

Around 300 students, 40 of them foreign, of Kazi Nurunnabi Hostel were asked to vacate their rooms within 6:00pm, said Vice Principal Nowshad Ali.

Many of the students are now sharing rooms at other hostels while some went to their relatives' houses in the city.

Around 1:00am on Friday, the college authorities asked police to conduct a raid at the hostel after a clash ensued between BCL and Shibir activists over holding a "rag day" for interns, said OC Amanullah of Rajpara Police Station. Several gunshots were also heard, he added.

During the raid, police SEE PAGE 4 COL 7



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