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# INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL Treats or infects?

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Used syringes, bandages, plastic bottles and leftovers litter the pitch-black water of an open stinky drain surrounding a building. If you have a closer look, you may also discover human faeces floating at a place or two.

The condition of the toilets inside the building is also terrible. They are dark, damp, filthy, and garbage is scattered in the corners. The toilets, flooded with excreta, would offer you nothing but a gut-wrenching stench.

The staircase is filled with dirt as well. Dry cough, betel leaf spit and other wastes are abundant there.

It may sound bizarre but the building is in fact a government hospital treating patients with infectious diseases like chickenpox, rabies, hepatitis, viral fever, tetanus and HIV/AIDS.

Because of its dealing with such communicable diseases, the authorities of the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH) should have given top priority to cleanliness and hygiene, but it seems that they are ignoring the issue altogether.

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Ankle-deep mud at the entrance to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Mohakhali in the capital. Garbage is left scattered on the side of the hospital and on a bench inside the hospital, top right and middle. An old and battered ambulance apparently discarded inside the compound, bottom right.



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# Govt to root out militancy menace at any cost: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Reiterating her government's "zero tolerance" policy against militancy and terrorism, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said these menaces would be eliminated from the country at any cost.

"We'll root out militancy and terrorism from Bangladesh to ensure peace and security in public life," she said.

The PM was addressing officials of local administrations and elected public representatives of 13 districts under Dhaka division through videoconference from the Gono Bhavan.

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# Trump, Putin discuss Syria ceasefire

Express desire for safe zones for refugees; rebels suspend participation in Astana peace talks

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US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday moved to ease the tension from US air strikes in April against Russian ally Syria, expressing a desire for a Syrian ceasefire and safe zones for the civil war's refugees.

The two leaders spoke by phone for the first time since US relations with Russia were strained by the US attack on a Syrian airfield. The two leaders set the foundation for what could be their first face-to-face meeting in July.

Statements from both the White House and the Kremlin suggested the two leaders had a productive conversation that included North Korea and fighting Islamist militants throughout the Middle East.

A senior Trump administration official said Putin had requested the call and described it as an effort to present his ideas for Syria.

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# 'Man behind' the suicide of father, daughter still at large

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA, from Gazipur

Five days have gone by but police are yet to arrest the man who allegedly provoked a father to commit suicide along with his seven-year-old daughter in Gazipur.

Hazrat Ali, along with his adopted daughter Ayesha Akhter, jumped before a running train in Gazipur apparently out of frustration at not getting justice over sexual abuse of the minor girl.

The alleged abuser, Faruk Hossain from Gazipur's Shreepur upazila, is still at large.

Police, however, detained a person named Shaheed Ullah, son of Nasir Uddin, yesterday morning. He was freed around 16 hours later, as Hazrat's wife Halima Begum told police that the man had nothing to do with the incident.

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# MEDICAL CHECKUP ROW Indian HC judge orders warrant against SC judges

NDTV ONLINE

Calcutta High Court judge Justice CS Karnan has ordered issuance of non-bailable warrants against seven judges of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice of India (CJI), for not being represented before him, even as the Attorney General said he was not sure whether the "gentleman" would undergo medical tests as ordered by the top court.

Justice Karnan, who ordered issuance of non-bailable warrants (NBWs) on Tuesday stating that top seven judges of the top court have not been represented before him, directed the high court's registrar general to issue the NBWs to these judges to be executed through the director general of police or commissioner of police, New Delhi.

Justice Karnan passed a "suo motu judicial order in the interest of the nation to protect the general public from corruption and unrest."

"Today the accused judges are called absent no representation issue non-bailable warrant against the accused call on 08.05.2017 (sic)," the order signed by Justice Karnan said.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi, who was yesterday arguing in an Aadhaar matter before a bench comprising Justices AK Sikri and Ashok Bhushan, said he was not sure whether Justice Karnan would follow the

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CS Karnan

# ROKEYA UNIVERSITY BCL men confine VC to his office

KONGKON KARMAKER, from Rangpur

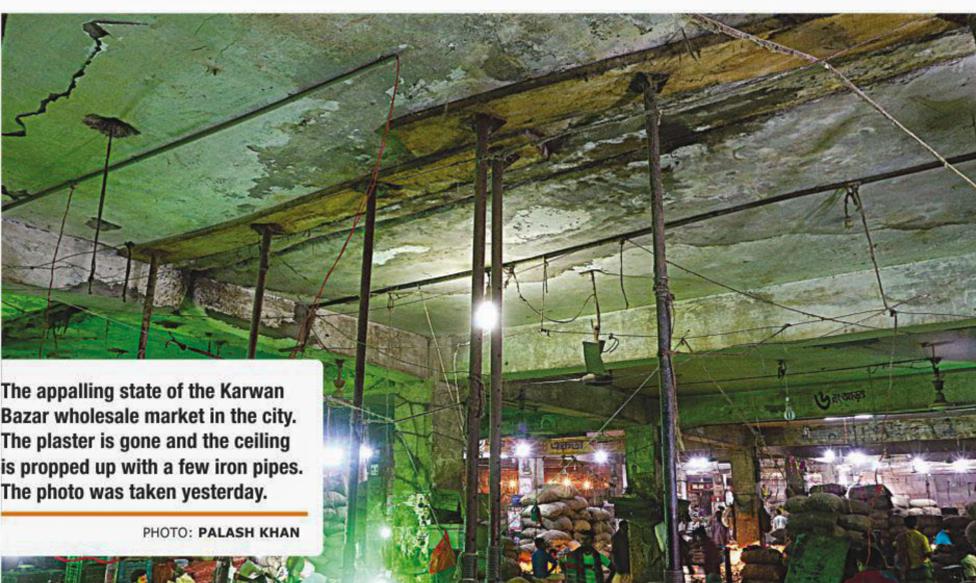
Chhatra League leaders and activists of Begum Rokeya University (BRU) in Rangpur confined Vice Chancellor Prof AKM Nurun Nabi to his office around 11:30am yesterday demanding the VC appoints BCL leaders to several university posts on an ad hoc basis.

The BCL men started the agitation just two days ahead of the expiry of the VC's four-year tenure.

Witnesses said a group of BCL men laid siege to the VC's office and locked the door of his room from the outside. The siege continued till filing of this report at 8:30pm.

Officials and students of the university said some 50 BCL men, led by former BRU BCL vice president Hadiuzzaman Hadi, brought out a procession on the campus in the morning

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The appalling state of the Karwan Bazar wholesale market in the city. The plaster is gone and the ceiling is propped up with a few iron pipes. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# Dhaka to host OIC foreign ministers' meet next year

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will host the next OIC foreign ministers' meeting in the second quarter of 2018.

The decision was made at the OIC's senior officials meeting in Jeddah on Tuesday.

A draft resolution was unanimously adopted welcoming the bid of Bangladesh for hosting the 45th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the 57-member organisation, the foreign ministry

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- ২। বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল বিল্ডিং কোড (BNBC) ২০০৬, ভাগ ০৭ এর ০১নং অধ্যায়ে "Construction Responsibilities and Practice" সংক্রান্ত অনুচ্ছেদ ১.২.১ অনুযায়ী: "The owner or the professional appointed by him to supervise the work, shall ensure the quality of materials used, Soundness of the work and observance of all precautionary measures"
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