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# A dying hospital

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A couple of months ago, Dhanful Begum, a long-time asthma patient, had a sudden attack at her home in Dahagram of Lalmonirhat's Patgram upazila. Unfortunately, she had run out of inhaler and her condition deteriorated fast.

Worried sick, her two sons looked for a transport to take her to a hospital. But they did not find one in that remote area even after an hour.

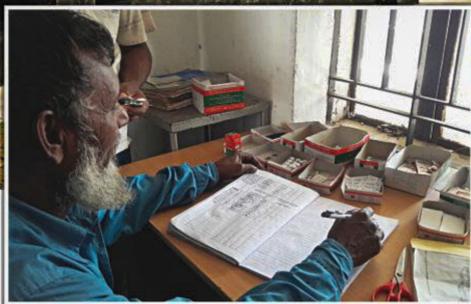
The woman, in her late 60s, died a little later.

Her sons were trying to take her to Patgram Upazila Health Complex, which was 16 kilometres far, even though Dahagram-Angorpota 10-bed Hospital was minutes away from their home.

It's hard to find a doctor at the government hospital in Dahagram. The authorities have also transferred most of the equipment to another hospital, saying the number of patients is always "quite low" there.

Locals, however, don't say so. "I had gone to Dahagram hospital looking for an ambulance. But it was not available," Shamsul Islam, one of the sons of Dhanful, told The Daily Star. "What's the use of a hospital on your doorstep, if it stays like this?"

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The people of remote Dahagram-Angorpota areas in Lalmonirhat's Patgram upazila are deprived of healthcare services, as this 10-bed government hospital has remained inoperative for several years due to a shortage of doctors. Inset, Abdul Jabbar, a cook of the hospital, dispenses medicines to patients in the absence of a pharmacist. The photos were taken recently.



## Sayedee has to serve time until death

SC dismisses petitions for review of verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld its earlier verdict that handed convicted war criminal Delawar Hossain Sayedee imprisonment until death for his crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

Effectively now, Sayedee would have to serve in jail until his natural death.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha dismissed two separate petitions filed by Sayedee and the government seeking

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## RANSOMWARE INFECTION 30 PCs in Bangladesh affected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 computers in Bangladesh have reportedly been infected by a ransomware that affected thousands of computers in nearly 150 countries since Friday.

Crime Research and Analysis Foundation, a non-government research organisation, said it got reports of the malware, known as WannaCry, affecting the computers of 30 individuals until yesterday.

Tanvir Hassan Zoha, adviser of the foundation, said no doubt this was a targeted attack, but fortunately Bangladesh was not their target.

"I have information that the number of affected people [in Bangladesh] is more than that, but we can confirm only 30," he said.

The IT expert said two television channels were also affected. He, however, refused to name them.

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## Hasina for promoting young AL leadership

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday suggested that her cabinet colleagues promote young leadership in the Awami League and in the next parliamentary election.

She also advised them to keep the infighting within the AL in check to strengthen the party in their respective constituencies ahead of the next general election which she said would be a challenging one.

The PM was in an informal discussion with her colleagues at the weekly cabinet meeting at the Secretariat.

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## RAJSHAHI RAID

# Police failure to blame for fireman's death

Finds fire service probe; police put it down to 'bad luck, operational accident'

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The death of a fireman during the Rajshahi militant den raid was a result of the failure of law enforcers, a fire service probe has found.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Nurul Islam, deputy director of fire service and civil defence in Rajshahi, said their probe found policemen responsible for ensuring safety to the fireman "could not perform efficiently".

"It wasn't the firemen's duty to combat militants; police called them for their assistance, but failed to protect him [the firefighter]," said Nurul, who heads a five-member committee investigating the death



Abdul Matin

of the firefighter.

Five alleged militants, including four of a family, were killed during the raid codenamed "Sun Devil" at Benipur of Godagari upazila on May 11.

"The footage clearly shows police members were a bit unprepared for sudden suicidal attacks," he said, adding that two policemen guarding the firemen were seen turning back when attackers came out of the den.

On their knees 100 yards off the den, three firefighters were spraying water on the clay-made wall of a tin-roofed house where the "militants" were holed up. Two of the

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## Putin the piano man plays in Beijing

AFP, Beijing

Russia has shown off President Vladimir Putin as action man -- bare-chested horse rider, black-belt judoka and ice hockey player. Now meet Putin the piano man.

The Russian leader played a couple of Soviet-era tunes on a grand piano while waiting to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Sunday.

His impromptu performance was filmed and went viral on social media, earning mixed reviews.

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Gas bubbles rise from an underground leaked pipeline on Outer Circular Road between Mouchak and Malibagh intersection in the capital yesterday. The construction work of Malibagh-Mouchak flyover is underway there. Bottom, city dwellers suffer as a sewerage pipeline on Malibagh-Kakrail road is being laid.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## New missile can carry nuclear warhead

Says N Korea

AFP, Seoul

North Korea yesterday celebrated the launch of what appeared to be its longest-range ballistic missile yet tested in a bid to bring the US mainland within reach, saying it was capable of carrying a "heavy nuclear warhead".

Leader Kim Jong-Un personally oversaw the test on Sunday, the official Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) said, and pictures by state media showed him gazing at the missile in a hangar before the launch.

In others he gleefully clasped hands with officers

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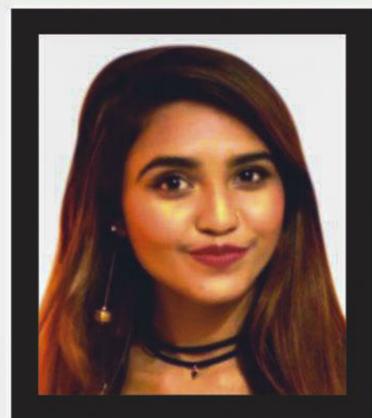


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