

CHANGE OF SEASON

# Children with pneumonia crowd hospital

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Jhenidah Sadar Hospital is crowded with children infected with pneumonia.

The number is increasing every day as kids are most vulnerable to the disease during the change of season.

Hospital sources said nearly 70 to 80 pneumonia patients have been receiving treatment at the children's ward of the hospital daily against its capacity of only eight seats.

As the hospital cannot accommodate the growing number of child patients, most of the pneumonia infected kids are kept in the verandas and corridors of the hospital.

Besides, around 300 patients from different upazilas of the district are receiving treatment at the outdoor and emergency departments every day.

Against such increasing number of patients, a single child specialist is

providing treatment at the children's ward of the hospital and it is quite impossible for him to cope with the situation.

Kalam Mia of Harinakundo upazila said he admitted his kid about a week ago, but there are not enough heaters. There is no phototherapy machine, not even enough oxygen cylinders.

Mina Khatun, a resident of Chatlia village in Sadar upazila, said most of the guardians in the area are worried due to rampant spreading of pneumonia recently.

As pneumonia infected kids are staying on the crowded floor and verandas they are being infected with other diseases, Child Specialist Dr Anwarul Islam of Jhenidah Sadar Hospital said, adding that they are trying to bring the situation under control.



Kids, infected with pneumonia, receive treatment at the Children's Ward of Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. Inset, women, along with their children, standing in a queue as the number of beds is too inadequate to cope with the situation. PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

# Volunteers run govt primary school!

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Academic activities of a government primary school in a hill area inhabited by indigenous people in Sreemangal upazila are being seriously hampered as there is no teachers to take classes since 2012.

There are 112 students at Niralapunjee Government Primary School in Niralapunjee.

School Managing Committee President Nereus Buam said Alok Kanti Paul joined as acting headmaster and Rafiqul Islam as assistant teacher two years ago, but they do not come to school regularly. In such a situation, the committee appointed three volunteers, but only two take classes as one is on maternity leave.

Alok said he joined on deputation two years ago and goes to the school two or three days a week.

"I was not interested in joining the school, but the then District Primary Education Officer (DPEO) Ponchanon Bala told me to join and promised arrangement of my transfer after six months. I have to do official work, so it is not possible for me to take classes every day," Alok said.

The authorities appointed three teachers last July, but they were not interested in joining. I asked to be transferred several times, but in vain. I will request again in January," Alok added.

Student Maria Rema said only one class is held due to shortage of teachers.

Wanphai Khlonglah said their class routine is not followed due to shortage of teachers and classrooms.

Assistant headman of the punjee Digonto Phohswet said most of the guardians are worried

about shortage of teachers as it is hampering not only the children's education, but also other regular activities of the school. The guardians arranged three volunteers to overcome the problem, he added.

The teachers are busy with upazila meetings and administrative work all the time, while the volunteers cannot perform their duties properly for lack of experience and training, Digonto added.

He said he wrote to the higher authorities about the problem more than once without any response yet. It is difficult to continue academic

activities in such a situation, he added.

Linda Lamin said they are working as volunteers due to absence of government teachers for four years.

When asked, DPEO Abdul Alim said he does not know about the matter.

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology teacher Prof AFM Zakaria told this correspondent that if indigenous teachers are appointed in the indigenous schools, many problems can be solved.



Niralapunjee Government Primary School in Sreemangal upazila under Moulvibazar. Academic activities of the school are being hampered due to absence of government appointed teachers for long while two volunteers run it without any experience or training.

PHOT: STAR

# Patients suffer as CMCH

FROM PAGE 1 around half an hour," he said, adding, "As my wife cannot walk, we cannot get down."

Masuma Akter, who was on the way to the hospital from Chandanish upazila in Chittagong, was also stuck in traffic.

"How long will I have to wait?" said Masuma.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Jalal Uddin said the main gate was opened around 12:30pm in consultation with the interns and the students.

Riazuddin Mitul, convener of CMCH Intern Doctors' Association, said 10 students and interns were injured as the students of Omargani MES College "swooped" on them near GEC intersection on Monday night.

Asked about sufferings of patients, Golam Dastagir Prince, member secretary of the association, said the main gate was shut "for security reason".

"The emergency gate remained open and patients entered the hospital through the gate," he said, claiming that patients did not suffer due to their work abstention.

Dismissing the allegation of attacking the interns and the students, Wasim Uddin,

vice-president of Omargani MES College Students' Union, said some CMC students tried to abduct a doctor from a private hospital near GEC intersection on Monday night. Seeing this, some locals protested, he added.

The incident happened following a conflict between some final-year students of Chittagong Medical College and the doctor.

According to Mohammad Selim, general manager of Chittagong Metropolitan Hospital, three people entered the hospital around 9:20pm and started beating up on-duty doctor Ashfaqul Asif, who is also a former student of CMC.

Introducing themselves as the students of CMC, the attackers were dragging Ashfaqul down to the first floor from the third floor, he said, adding that at that time, some people visiting patients noticed the incident and protested.

A scuffle broke out, said Selim.

Following this, the attackers called in others and so did the protesters. Later, the two groups attacked each other outside the hospital, he said, adding, "The whole incident was captured on our CCTV camera."

Ashfaqul could not be contacted.

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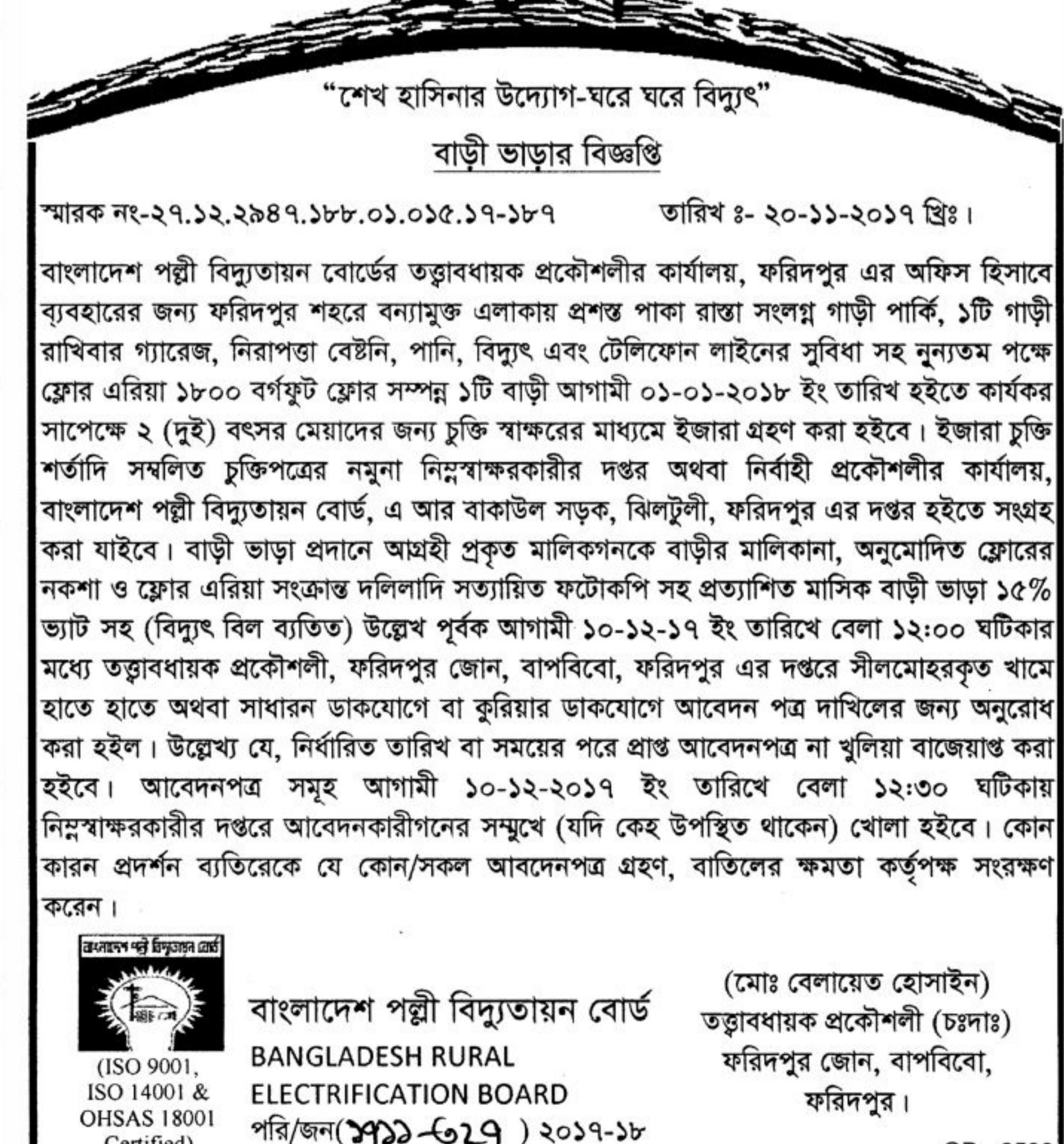
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