

Rescued boy fights for life at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-year-old boy was rescued in a critical condition in the capital's Gabtoli Bus Terminal area on Tuesday night.

Being informed by locals, police rescued the boy in an unconscious state around 9:30pm and rushed him to a local hospital, said Selimuzzaman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Darussalam Police Station.

The boy, who was also suffering from fever, was referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early yesterday, said the OC.

This correspondent visited the boy at DMCH yesterday. The three-year old was still unconscious.

"The boy's condition is critical. He needs to get admitted to Paediatric ICU, but unfortunately we do not have any such facilities for children of his age," said a physician of the ward.

The boy has severe fever, breathing problem and convulsion, she added.

Until his parents are



Underage children are being engaged in various risky trades including the delivery of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders. The photo of these two young boys transporting the flammable cylinders on a rickshaw van was taken in Tiger Pass area of Chittagong city on Saturday.

PHOTO: MD RAJIB RAIHAN

NEWS IN brief

BCL CU committee dissolved

CU CORRESPONDENT

The 261 full-fledged executive committee of the Chittagong University (CU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was dissolved by its central committee yesterday.

Confirming the decision, BCL central committee's Office Secretary Md Delwar Hossain Shahjada told The Daily Star that the decision was taken at an emergency meeting in Dhaka University's Madhur Canteen where top central leaders, including BCL central committee's President Saifur Rahman Shohag and its General Secretary SM Jakir Hossain, were present.

New committee for the CU unit will be formed soon, Shahjada said.

PM's press conference today

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hold a press conference today to brief journalists about the outcome of her just-concluded visit to Cambodia.

The press conference will be held at her official residence Gano Bhaban at 4:00pm. The prime minister visited Cambodia on December 3-5, 2017 at the invitation of her Cambodian counterpart Hun Sen.

Halow+ project for RMG workers launched in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

CARE International on Tuesday launched the second phase of HALOW [Health Access and Linkage Opportunities for Workers] project in the country with a view to helping more garment workers solve their health problems.

The three-year-long second phase has been named "HALOW+" and will be implemented on 15 readymade garment factories in Savar, outside the capital, in association with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), and Marks & Spencer (M&S).

On the occasion, CARE Bangladesh organised an event at a hotel in the capital in the evening.

Dr Jahangir Hossain, CARE Bangladesh Director (Health); Rumana Ahmed, head of communication of GSK Bangladesh; Laura Hawkesford, ethical trading manager of M&S; and M Naimul Basher Chowdhury, director of Interstoff Apparels Ltd, which got benefitted under the first phase, spoke at the event.

Ex-MP Nuruzzaman passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Former lawmaker of Lalmonirhat-1 constituency (Patgram and Hatibandha upazila) Kazi Nuruzzaman, also a freedom fighter, died of old age complications in his Patgram town residence on Tuesday night. He was 90.



E-waste threat looms large

Say speakers, demanding govt finalise guidelines on its management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An improper electronic waste (e-waste) management system is putting the country's people under serious health risk and damaging the environment, said speakers at a dialogue at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

They also demanded that the government take immediate steps to finalise the e-waste management guidelines.

"What makes the e-waste scenario even more frightening is the fact that there is no binding regulation regarding the management of these toxic throwaways," said Abu Naser Khan, chairman of Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba).

Though a draft has been prepared, it is not finalised yet, said Naser, who

chaired the event.

Poba and Grambangla Unnayan Committee (GUC) organised the dialogue on "Legal Framework of e-waste Management: Protection of Environment and Public Health".

"According to the United Nations' Step initiative, 45.6 million tonnes of e-waste was generated in 2012 across the world," said AKM Maksud, executive director of GUC.

A total of 365 crore mobile sets are being used in the country, which will be 400 crore in 2018, said Maksud while presenting the keynote speech.

Residents of the capital are generating 0.26kg e-waste per person every year on an average, he said. "We are dumping those into dustbins, roads and water bodies," said Maksud.

He said the waste is mixing with the environment in different ways

and the e-waste, which is being dumped in open spaces, creates leachate. This strong chemical cocktail eventually mixes with ground water.

According to a study, some of the very common diseases caused by e-waste are high blood pressure, fragility of bones, lung damage, kidney related diseases and mental illness.

Children are especially vulnerable to the health risks and therefore need specific protection. Exposure to toxic substances may cause irreversible damage to their developing central nervous system, immunity, reproductive and digestive systems and hamper further development.

Pregnant women are also one of the major vulnerable groups. Complications that might affect them include miscarriage,

prematurity, low birth weight, congenital malformations, abnormal thyroid function, thyroid development, neurobehavioral disturbances and gene toxicity.

Prof Abdus Salam of Dhaka University said in Japan before dumping e-waste, a person has to pay the authorities concerned, and a company manages the waste systematically.

Prof Dr Ahmad Kamaruzzaman Majumder of Stamford University Bangladesh said people change their mobile sets within 16 months in the country.

Journalist Khairuzzaman Kamal, Poba General Secretary Abdus Sobhan and advocate Syed Mahbul Alam Tahin also spoke.



found, child rights organisation, Local Education and Economic Development Organisation (LEEDO), will take care of the boy, said OC Selimuzzaman.

Muhammad Ali Jony, coordinator of LEEDO, said after the boy gets well, he will be taken to a shelter home at Bosila in Mohammadpur where he will stay for six months.

If his parents are still not found, he will be shifted to another home, he said.

Kidnappers might have abandoned the boy in the bus stand area realising that he was sick, said the OC.

A general diary was filed. In this connection, he added.



Barguna police yesterday seized at least 14 dead wild birds and an air gun in Baithakatha area of Sadar upazila. They however could not arrest the owner of the gun. Poachers thrive on the illegal trade of wild birds in winter as migratory birds start arriving in the country around this time of the year.

PHOTO: STAR

VICTORY DAY BNP chalks out 12-day programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has chalked out a 12-day programme to observe Martyred Intellectuals' Day and Victory Day.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir made the announcement at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters following a joint meeting of its front and associate bodies.

The party will pay homage to martyred intellectuals at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in the morning of December 14 under the leadership of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

It will also keep the national flag at half-mast and hoist black flags atop its offices marking the day.

Apart from that, the party will arrange a discussion in the city's Mohanagar Natya Mancha on December 13.

Khaleda along with the party leaders and activists will place wreaths at the National Memorial in Savar on Victory Day on December 16.

To mark the day, it will also hoist national and party flags atop the party offices in the morning.

She will also place wreaths at the grave of late BNP founder Ziaur Rahman at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital the same day.

The party will bring out a Victory Day procession in the capital on December 17 and will also hold a discussion in the city on December 19.

Moreover, Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal will hold a programme on December 24 at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of goods as follows:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Package name	Tender closing date	Tender notice publication date
142525	PG-7	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 2 Nos. of passenger Elevators for 12 storied Academic Building and 4 storied new Administrative Building in CUET Campus.	27-Dec-17 10:00 hr	07-Dec-17 10:00 hr
144076	PG-8	Procurement of miscellaneous Lab equipments for Physics Department	27-Dec-17 11:00 hr	07-Dec-17 10:00 hr
144186	PG-9	Procurement of Environmental Lab Instruments for DEE Department	28-Dec-17 10:00 hr	07-Dec-17 10:00 hr
144171	PG-10	Procurement of Analytical Equipments for CESER	28-Dec-17 11:00 hr	07-Dec-17 10:00 hr
144148	PG-11	Procurement of Laboratory Fridge-Dryer Equipment for Chemistry Department	31-Dec-17 10:00 hr	07-Dec-17 10:00 hr

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সকল সম্মানিত করদাতাকে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড (এনবিআর) এর অভিনন্দন

২০১৭-১৮ কর বছরের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলে সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ অভূতপূর্ব সাড়া দিয়েছেন। ৩০শে নভেম্বর ২০১৭ পর্যন্ত সারা দেশে ১৫.৫৬ লক্ষ রিটার্ন জমা পড়েছে। এছাড়া অনেক করদাতা রিটার্ন দাখিলের জন্য আয়কর আইনের আওতায় সময় নিয়েছেন। সব মিলিয়ে চলতি ২০১৭-১৮ কর বছরে আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের সংখ্যা ২০ লক্ষ ছাড়িয়ে যাবে বলে এনবিআর আশা করছে। বিগত ২০১৬-১৭ কর বছরে এ সংখ্যা ছিল ১৫.৬৭ লক্ষ।

কর পরিপালনে সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত অংশগ্রহণে বিগত দুই বছরে প্রায় ৯ লক্ষ নতুন করদাতা আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করেছেন। এ দুইবছরে ২০১৫-১৬ কর বছরের তুলনায় আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলে ৮০ শতাংশেরও বেশি প্রবৃদ্ধি হয়েছে; যা কেবল বাংলাদেশ নয়, বিশ্বের কর ব্যবস্থায় এক অনন্য রেকর্ড।

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২০১৬-১৭	১৫.৬৭
২০১৭-১৮	২০.০০

নতুন করদাতা নিবন্ধনেও জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের প্রতি সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ অকুণ্ঠ সমর্থন ব্যক্ত করেছেন। চলতি ২০১৭-১৮ কর বছরে প্রায় ৬ লক্ষ নতুন করদাতার নিবন্ধন গ্রহণের মাধ্যমে নিবন্ধিত করদাতার সংখ্যা ৩৫ লক্ষ অতিক্রম করবে বলে আশা করা যাচ্ছে। বাংলাদেশে নিবন্ধিত করদাতার প্রায় ৫৭ শতাংশ রিটার্ন দাখিল করেছেন। দক্ষিণ এশিয়ার অনেক দেশে এ হার সাধারণত ২৫ শতাংশের মধ্যে রয়েছে। ফলে নিবন্ধিত করদাতার রিটার্ন দাখিলের সূচকেও এনবিআর উল্লেখযোগ্য সাফল্য অর্জন করেছে।

যে সকল সম্মানিত করদাতা রিটার্ন দাখিলের জন্য সময় নিয়েছেন তাদেরকে ডিসেম্বর ও জানুয়ারী মাস জুড়ে রিটার্ন পূরণে সহায়তাসহ সব ধরনের করসেবা প্রদান করা হবে। এছাড়া সারা বছরব্যাপী আয়কর পরিপালনের সকল বিষয়ে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের সেবা ও পরামর্শ প্রদান অব্যাহত থাকবে। এসময় নতুন প্রজন্মের করদাতাদের বিশেষ গুরুত্বের সাথে করসেবা প্রদানের জন্য মাঠ পর্যায়ের সকল অফিসকে নির্দেশনা দেয়া হয়েছে।

কর নিবন্ধন, আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলসহ কর পরিপালনের সকল ক্ষেত্রে অভূতপূর্ব সাড়া প্রদানের জন্য সকল সম্মানিত করদাতাকে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড ধন্যবাদ ও অভিনন্দন জ্ঞাপন করছে।

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