

'Tree-man' gives up hope

Abul Bajandar leaves DMCH after 2.5 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abul Bajandar, 28, dubbed "tree-man" for massive bark-like warts on his hands and feet, left Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Saturday, giving up hopes of a full recovery after around two and half years of treatment.

He had a surgery scheduled to be held this week, which would be his 26th.

"My last surgery was done around four months back, but new warts are coming out from most of the places where surgeries were done. It is not improving," said a hapless Bajandar.

Doctors saying it is a genetic problem, and will not be cured totally, also contributed to the frustration, he said.

"I am still feeling pain at the points where warts have come out in both hands and legs and are now around half inches in size," he said.

Bajandar also claimed that he is not getting attention from the hospital authorities like earlier.

"Earlier, my family members (wife and a kid) and I used to get meals from the hospital, but since May 8, authorities are providing meals only to me," Bajandar said.

Finally, on Thursday, he wanted to go to his village home in Paikgachha of Khulna to enjoy Eid-ul-Fitr with his family and relatives, but the authorities did not allow him to go.



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Later, the authorities gave him a form where it was written that he is going home with his own decision and the authorities would not held responsible for any untoward incidents, he said, adding that he left the hospital on

Saturday afternoon.

Burn expert Samanta Lal Sen, who was supervising the treatment of Bajandar, said he left the hospital suddenly without informing them.

He said the treatment was going on in a systematic way, and they hoped that his condition would be improved significantly after few more surgeries.

"If he wants to return for treatment, the authorities will give him the same support," he said.

About the meals, he said Bajandar was provided meals following the system of the hospital, but they were thinking about providing meals to his family members as well in alternative ways.

The warts, which first started appearing when Bajandar was a teenager but began spreading rapidly four years ago, have been diagnosed as epidermodysplasia verruciformis, a rare genetic skin disease that makes the person susceptible to skin growths.

He was undergoing free treatment under the supervision of Samanta Lal since January 30, 2016.

Bajandar came to mainstream attention after reports were published about him in newspapers.

Bajandar, who is now home, requested the prime minister to send him abroad if the treatment facility is not available in Bangladesh.

PM attends iftar of armed forces

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday attended an iftar jointly hosted by Bangladesh Armed Forces at Sena Malancha in Dhaka Cantonment.

The prime minister exchanged greetings with members of the armed forces and dignitaries by stopping at tables set for them.

Before the iftar, a special prayer was offered seeking divine blessings for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation as well as development and advancement of the armed forces.

During the prayer, eternal peace was sought for the departed souls of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, all others who were killed on August 15 in 1975 and the martyrs of the Liberation War.

Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Leader of the Opposition Raushan Ershad, PM's Special Envoy and Jatiya Party Chairman Hussain Muhammad Ershad, Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, Health Minister Mohammed Nasim,

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ICT begins trial in RP Shaha killing case

First prosecution witness places deposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The trial in a case filed in connection with the abduction and killing of philanthropist Ranada Prasad Shaha aka RP Shaha, his son and dozens other during the Liberation War in 1971, began yesterday.

Eminent educationist Pratibha Mutsuddy gave testimony as first prosecution witness in the case at the International Crimes Tribunal-1, linking Mahbubur Rahman of Tangail with the offences.

Before her testimony, Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta placed opening statement in front of the three-member tribunal, led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam.

Mahbubur, 69, the lone accused of the case and also an alleged Razakar from Mirzapur in Tangail, is facing three charges. He, however, pleaded not guilty

before the tribunal.

In her long testimony, Pratibha, 84, a director of Kumudini Welfare Trust of Bengal, which was established by RP Shaha, gave details about RP Shaha and his philanthropic activities.

Pratibha, who received Ekushey Padak in 2002 as an educationist, said she joined Bharateswari Homes, an educational institution run by Kumudini Welfare Trust, in 1963 and served as its principal from 1968 to 1998.

She said after the Pakistan-India war in 1965, the then East Pakistan provincial governor Abdul Monem Khan declared Kumudini Trust as enemy property, and hatched conspiracy against RP Shaha.

One Maolana Abdul Wadud (now late) of Mirzapur used to oppose RP Shaha's philanthropic activities, she said, adding

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ICC LETTER ON ROHINGYA TIB urges govt to respond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has called upon Bangladesh to provide observations, including evidence of mass atrocities against Rohingyas, to the International Criminal Court (ICC).

By starting trial for the crimes against humanity in the Hague-based court, ICC will provide a chance for justice for the Rohingyas and help create international pressure on Myanmar and its allied states, said TIB in a statement yesterday.

The ICC on May 7 sent a letter to Bangladesh seeking written observations by June 11 on whether the court can exercise jurisdiction over forced deportation of the Rohingyas from Myanmar to Bangladesh.

Some 700,000 Rohingyas have fled military crackdown in Rakhine state since August last year. Rights groups said thousands were killed, women raped and houses burnt and bulldozed -- events that the UN said have hallmarks of genocide.

UN Security Council has failed to refer the situation in Myanmar to the ICC. Against this backdrop, ICC wrote to Bangladesh.

Earlier on April 9, ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda asked the court to rule whether it has the jurisdiction over deportation of the Myanmar nationals, a possible crime against humanity.

Referring to media reports, TIB said Bangladesh is still in confusion regarding

response to the ICC letter.

The anti-corruption watchdog said it is unjust to pass on the burden of one million Rohingyas to Bangladesh. Myanmar government and the international community have to take responsibility for them, it said.

"The ICC initiative is a ray of hope for justice for the Rohingyas who faced mass killings and atrocities by the Myanmar military. The armed forces operated the crack-down meant for ethnic cleansing," said TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

It is an expectation that Bangladesh, which itself is a victim of crimes against humanity, will stand strong for justice. It will be a significant step for the country to provide observations, including evidence to the ICC.

"A strong position in favour of the ICC initiative will speed up the whole process," said Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

Besides, as a member country of ICC, Bangladesh can play an important role in bringing the perpetrators of mass atrocities to account, he said.

"As a result, a historic opportunity will be created for accountability of the international community, including the United Nations, which has been playing a role of silent spectators in the preparation period of ethnic cleansing by the Myanmar's armed forces," said Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

Robber killed, another injured in N'ganj, Savar 'gunfights'

STAR REPORT

An alleged robber was killed in a "gunfight" between a gang and police in Shantir Bazar area of Sonargaon upazila of Narayanganj yesterday, reports our Narayanganj correspondent.

The deceased is Abul Hossain alias Tower Suman, 40.

A man named Abu Syed Majid, 35, belonging to the gang, was also arrested, said police.

A locally-made gun, two machetes, three knives and lock-picking tools were recovered from the spot, said Sonargaon Police Station Officer-in-Charge Morshed Alam.

Police rushed to the spot on information that a gang of 10 to 12 robbers was preparing to commit robbery in the area, said the OC.

Sensing their presence, the robbers opened fire on the law enforcers prompting them to fire back, he added.

Other robbers managed to flee, said the OC.

Tower Suman is an accused of 11 cases with Araihaazur and Sonargaon police stations. Similarly, Majid is an accused of 12 cases, he said.

Meanwhile, police arrested a robber who sustained bullet injuries in another "gunfight" between a gang and the law enforcers in Moragang area of Ashulia in Savar yesterday, our Savar correspondent adds.

Shohag Mia, 35, is a member of inter-district highway robbery gang, said police.

He was admitted to a Savar hospital.

A gang of five to six robbers in a pickup truck were taking preparations for committing robbery in the area.

The shootout ensued when the gang opened fire on police sensing their presence, said Javed Mashud, inspector (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station.

Other members of the gang fled with the pickup, he added.

Chisty refused bail in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again rejected bail to Mahbulul Haque Chisty, former chairman of Farmers Bank Audit Committee, in connection with a graft case.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after Chisty's lawyer moved a petition seeking bail in the case.

In the order, the judge said sufficient evidence have been found against Chisty and the matter is now under primary investigation.

Earlier on April 26 another Dhaka court rejected Chisty's bail and sent him to jail after completion of his seven-day remand in two phases in the case.

On April 10, ACC filed a case with Gulshan Police Station against six persons, including the four and Mahbulul's wife Ruzi Chisty and ex-manager of the bank's Gulshan Corporate Branch Delwar Hossain for embezzling Tk 160 crore from the bank.

Yaba peddler plays journalist card

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three persons including one posing as a journalist were arrested with 3,000 pieces of yaba pills in Kotwali area of the port city yesterday.

The arrestees are Foyeul Alam, 38, Shahadat Hossain Khokon, 37 and Rupna Akhter, 30, said Mohammad Mohsin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali Police Station.

Police recovered the contrabands while searching their belongings in front of Purabi Cinema Hall in Ashraf Ali road area.

"During the search Foyeul introduced himself as a reporter of an online news portal and showed his identity card. But when we searched his bag, we found the contrabands inside," the OC said.

A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in this regard.

ORDEAL OF FEMALE MIGRANT WORKERS IN KSA MJF, Naripokkho urge bilateral solutions

STAR REPORT

Manusher Jonno Foundation yesterday expressed grave concern over the return of Bangladeshi female migrant workers from Saudi Arabia following sexual abuse and/or harassment, and urged government to take steps to resolve the problem bilaterally.

"Bangladesh authorities can't evade the responsibility for the sexual harassment of the female migrant workers in Saudi Arabia following joint commitment of the two countries," MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said in a statement.

Over 100 women, who faced abuse, are waiting at shelter centres in Saudi Arabia for returning home, she said citing various media reports. Many countries, including the Philippines and Indonesia, have stopped sending female workers to Saudi Arabia following reports of such incidents, Shaheen Anam added.

The organisation urged government to take effective measures to realise dues, compensation and medical expenses of the victims from the employers in Saudi Arabia. It also strongly requested the government to

place the issue to the Saudi government to take responsibility of the children of those who got pregnant following sexual abuse in the KSA.

Meanwhile, rights organisation Naripokkho also condemned the physical and sexual assault to female migrant workers in Saudi Arabia, who were forced to return to the country, said a press release. Around 4,000 female migrant workers returned home last year and said recruiting agencies duped them with false hopes of well-paying job abroad, the organisation said in a statement yesterday.

The victims narrated horrific tales of being sold off to Saudi families and said agencies do not take any responsibility once they were sent abroad. Female workers were subjected to various physical and mental tortures overseas. They were starved and their passports were seized by their employers, it said.

The government has not yet taken any measures against the recruiting agencies following widespread complaints by female migrant workers, it added.

Instead, the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment blamed the workers, the release further said.

Mobile courts fine 12 businesses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mobile courts in Chittagong yesterday fined 12 shops and vendors, and realised around Tk 1.71 lakh from them for selling adulterated and expired food, and not hanging price charts.

In Kotwali, a court led by Executive Magistrate Marufa Begum fined Adi Shadhu Mishti Bhandar Tk 20,000.

The same court also fined Sadhu Restaurant Tk 20,000 and Mishti Mela Tk 10,000.

In Firingi Bazar, another court led by Executive Magistrate Mahfuza Jerin, fined three vegetable vendors Tk 500 each and a grocery shop Tk 1,000. The same court fined Mohammadia Restaurant Tk 50,000 for selling adulterated food in an unhygienic condition.

Hasanuzzaman of Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection, said a drive fined Dastagir Hotel Tk 30,000 for storing cooked meat along with raw meat, among others.

Two found dead in Piya river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two people, including an Indian, were found dead in the river Piya in Jaflong area of Gowainghat upazila in Sylhet yesterday.

Stein Lamin was from Meghalaya in India while Rajib Miah, 22, son of Asad Miah, was from Kishoreganj, said Gowainghat Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Jalil. The OC said the two went missing after two boats had capsized in separate incidents in the Indian and Bangladesh parts of the river on

A painful commute

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beside the road, said due to the situation, especially the debris and the clay, motorbikes and rickshaws getting stuck or turning turtle has become a regular phenomenon.

"A motorbike rider came to my pharmacy a few days back after falling on the road," he said. Only a handful of vehicles now run through the road amid risks of accident.

Contacted, Md Asaduzzaman, additional chief engineer of Dhaka South City Corporation, said they would finish the work by June this year. "Early rain created the problem; therefore, we couldn't complete the work sooner," he said.

Sirajul Islam Bhatti, councillor of ward-6 (DSCC), said they held a coordination meeting among DSCC officials concerned and contractors a few days before Ramadan. The contractors assured that they would complete the work by June 15. "Drainage work takes time; that's why it is being delayed," he added.

"The work will be completed by June 15 along with carpeting work of nearby Mugda main road and Jheelpar road; those are also in poor conditions," he said.

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