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It's unethical

HC observes about strike by pvt clinics, diagnostic centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday said strikes observed by clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres to justify medical negligence were unethical.

Many people go abroad for treatment due to medical inadequacy and negligence in the country and therefore, a huge amount of foreign currency is spent, the court said, referring to the recent incidents in Chittagong.

Private clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres in Chittagong went on a strike after a mobile court of Rab conducted raids at four hospitals in the port city on Sunday.

On June 29, Raifa Khan, daughter of a senior journalist, died of alleged medical negligence at Max Hospital in Chittagong.

The hospital was widely criticised, with people demanding punishment of the doctors involved.

A government investigation, led by the civil surgeon in Chittagong, then found evidence of negligence in treatment of the three-year-old.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader was hearing a rule issued over an incident of 20 people losing eyesight following surgeries at a hospital on March 5.

The bench asked the DG of the Directorate General of Health Services to submit a report before it by July 16 mentioning the causes why 20 people lost their eyesight.

Following surgeries at the Impact Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre in Chuadanga in early March, 20 patients lost their eyesight.

The hospital authorities allegedly did not adopt appropriate precautions, Bangla daily Samakal reported on March 29.

Following a writ petition filed by the Supreme Court

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Patients lying on the floor outside the surgery unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday morning. Inset, people crowd the ticket counter of the hospital's emergency department. Rush of patients at the CMCH increased after private clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres in the port city went on an indefinite strike on Sunday. The strike was withdrawn yesterday afternoon.

Ctg pvt clinics call off strike after 20 hrs

CMCH grapples with sudden rush of patients

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

Private clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres in Chittagong withdrew their indefinite strike yesterday noon after causing immense suffering to patients for 20 hours.

The strike was withdrawn following assurance from the authorities concerned that the demands of clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres would be met, Liakat Ali Khan, general secretary of Besarkari Chikitsha Protisthan Malik Samity, told The Daily Star.

The strike was enforced at 4:00pm on Sunday, hours after a Rab mobile court had conducted drives at four private hospitals in the port city.

During the strike yesterday, many patients had to return from private clinics and diagnostic centres as they were denied treatment and medical tests. Two government hospitals,

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FEMALE WORKERS IN KSA Minister blames lack of language skills for return

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam BSC yesterday claimed that female Bangladeshi workers were coming back from Saudi Arabia not because of torture, but for lacking language skills and having different food habits.

The female workers in Saudi Arabia are in "good conditions" thanks to various steps taken by the Bangladesh government, he told parliament.

The minister was responding to a call attention notice brought by Jatiya Party MP Mahjabin Morshed under Section 71 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament.

Earlier, Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Namita Halder had said many Bangladeshi women filed "false complaints" in Saudi Arabia to return home.

The minister and the secretary made the remarks although hundreds of female workers have returned from the oil-rich country after suffering inhuman torture at the hands of their employers.

Some of them came back with broken

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May in trouble over Brexit

Foreign secretary, Brexit minister quit as cabinet deeply divided

AFP, London

British Prime Minister Theresa May's government imploded yesterday as Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson followed Brexit minister David Davis in resigning over her masterplan for Britain's future outside the EU.

Davis and his deputy dramatically quit overnight over May's plan to retain strong economic ties with the European Union even after Britain leaves in March next year.

Brexit cheerleader Johnson then delivered a stunning second blow when he also marched out, triggering speculation that May could face an imminent leadership contest.

May's Brexit plan -- agreed by the cabinet on Friday in the hope of unblocking negotiations with Brussels -- has now cost her two of her top four ministers, throwing her administration and authority into turmoil.

"This afternoon, the prime minister accepted the resignation of Boris Johnson as foreign secretary," her Downing Street office said in a three-sentence statement.

"His replacement will be announced shortly. The prime minister thanks Boris for his work."

Johnson criticised the Brexit blueprint in private but has so far refrained from public comment.



Boris Johnson



David Davis

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Bullet-riddled body of 'drug dealer' found

STAR REPORT

The body of a 25-year-old was found with bullet wounds in Shariatpur Sadar upazila yesterday morning, two days after plainclothes men identifying as detectives allegedly picked him up from his house.

The victim was identified as Kalu Sikder, 25, son of Siraj Sikder of Khalshi area.

Police claimed Kalu was a drug dealer. He was accused in five cases, including three related to drugs.

Monirujjaman, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said a police team recovered Kalu's body after locals noticed him lying dead by the road.

The body was sent to Shariatpur General Hospital for autopsy. Two bullets had pierced through his chest, resulting in his death, doctors said.

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China chilli fest gets off to scorching start



AFP, Ningxiangpu

An annual chilli pepper festival kicked off yesterday in central China's spice-loving Hunan province with a chilli-eating contest in which the winner set a blistering pace by downing a gut-busting 50 peppers in just over a minute.

Local boy Tang Shuaihui took home a 3-gramme 24-karat gold coin for winning the competition, which is put on by a local theme park in the county of Ningxiang and is now in its second year.

With doctors on hand just in case, ten contestants each held plates heaped with 50 Tabasco chilli peppers, racing to be the first to finish off the red-hot fruits.

Tang cleared his plate in just 68 seconds in a contest held in nearly sweltering temperatures and as competitors sat in a shallow pool filled with water and three tonnes of floating chillies.

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3 killed in Ctg road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people were killed and three others injured when a motorcycle slammed into a pickup in Chittagong's Banshkhali upazila yesterday afternoon.

The vehicles caught fire after the crash.

Motorcycle riders Nurul Hossain, 28, of Banshkhali and Abdul Latif Khan, 60, of Barisal, were killed at the

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Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17
JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

7 schoolgirls wounded as ceiling plaster falls on them

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Seven schoolgirls were injured as chunks of the ceiling plaster of their high school classroom fell on them in Rangpur city yesterday.

They are Shahana Akter, 15, Jesmin Akter, 15, Beli Akter, 15, Monika Akter, 14, Ankhi Akter, 15, Sneha Akter, 14, and Mim, 14. They are class-IX students of Mariam Nessa Girls' High School at Munsipara.

Nasrin Nahar, an assistant teacher of the high school, told The Daily Star that around 30 students had sat for their half-yearly examinations at a classroom in the building constructed in 1993.

The one and an half hour test started at 10:00am. As soon as the exam ended, big chunks of the ceiling plaster collapsed suddenly, leaving the girls wounded. They were taken to Rangpur Medical College

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Big chunks of plaster that fell off the ceiling of a room at Mariam Nessa Girls' High School in Rangpur city, leaving seven students injured yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

ATROCITIES AGAINST ROHINGYAS Myanmar must be held accountable

Says Canadian PM's spl envoy to Myanmar; UN spl rapporteur calls for shift in planning for refugees

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Stressing the need for upholding the universal values of human rights, Canadian Special Envoy Bob Rae yesterday said Myanmar must be held accountable for crimes against humanity.

He said the issue of accountability for potential crimes against humanity, particularly the crime of the forced deportation of Rohingya, was now being considered by the International Criminal Court.

Talking to a select group of journalists at the Canadian High Commission in Dhaka, Rae said special attention should be given on gathering information of atrocities against Rohingya Muslims in a very systemic way to hold the perpetrators accountable and find a political solution to the Rohingya crisis.

The special envoy, who arrived in Bangladesh on Sunday on a two-day visit, toured the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

He said Bangladesh could not be left to feel that it was alone in dealing with the challenges of the Rohingya crisis. The burden was huge for a single country to deal with alone and the Bangladesh society needed to know that it was not alone, he added.

Mentioning that Canada has increased its assistance for the Rohingyas, the special envoy stressed the need for other

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Bob Rae