

Doctors, nurses  
excelling in  
spite of limited  
resources: Nasir  
Coronary Care Unit at  
CMCH extended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Coronary Care Unit (CCU) of Chattogram Medical College Hospital's Cardiology Ward was extended -- from 16 to 31 beds -- yesterday.

Mayor of Chattogram City Corporation AJM Nasir Uddin inaugurated the extension at a programme jointly organised by CMCH Patients Welfare Association and CMCH Cardiology Department.

Taher Brothers, a business conglomerate of the port city, donated the beds through CMCH Patients Welfare Association, said Mujibul Haque Khan, president of Bangladesh Medical Association's Chattogram chapter.

Mayor Nasir said the doctors and nurses of CMCH have been doing a tremendous job -- delivering healthcare services to patients despite limited resources.

He praised the Patients Welfare Association and Taher Brothers for providing assistance towards the welfare of patients. He also urged the well-off section of society to extend their support.

Laxmi Pada Das, registrar of CMCH Cardiology Ward, told The Daily Star that the CCU had 15 beds but the number of patients was almost 40 every day.

Many patients had to stay on the floor in CCU due to shortage of beds, he said, adding that now, after extension of the unit, patients will be benefited.

He said apart from beds, a total of 15 monitors have been donated to the CCU by Patients Welfare Association.

Head of CMCH Cardiology Department Prabir Kumar Das was present, among others, at the programme with CMCH Director Brig Gen Mohsen Uddin Ahmed in the chair.



Built during the British era, a little less than a century ago over Karnaphuli river in Chattogram, Kalurghat Bridge is in a sorry state. The run-down bridge is now dotted with numerous potholes while its metal fencing and pedestrian decks have worn out in places, increasing the possibility of a serious accident any time. Long tailbacks have also become a common phenomenon there. Often times, the gridlock ensues way before entering the bridge.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## KALURGHAT BRIDGE ON BORROWED TIME

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

With British era Kalurghat Bridge over the Karnaphuli river becoming unsafe during the last two decades, Chattogram residents have long been demanding a new bridge to ease their commuting woes.

Around 10 lakh people from Boalkhali, east of Patiya, south of Rangunia upazilas and Chandgaon and Mohora areas of the city have no alternative to the bridge.

Every day, hundreds of vehicles, plying the bridge, are facing difficulties as the deck and iron fencing on its both sides have become worn-out and numerous potholes developed on it, giving way to mishaps.

As a result, long tailbacks on the bridge -- which links the port city with south Chattogram -- have become a common phenomenon. The tailbacks often extend way beyond the bridge's entrance point.



Bangladesh Railway (BR) is entrusted with looking after the road and rail bridge -- 239 metres in length and 3.05 metres in width. Traffic is halted when a train crosses the bridge.

"While passing through the bridge, I feel my safety is at stake," said Shamsul Haque from Boalkhali's Sarootoli.

BR has put up signboards at both ends of the 89-year-old bridge, terming it risky. The owning agency has banned movement of vehicles weighing more than 10 tonnes each. Pedestrians' movement has also been prohibited there.

Contacted, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, general manager of

BR (east zone), said the bridge exceeded its lifespan around 29 years ago.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found at least 81 potholes on its surface and cracks around the fishplates (metal bar that is bolted to the ends of two rails to join them together in a track).

When any vehicle gets stuck there, it creates a long tailback, said locals. Such a situation has become common now-a-days, causing immense sufferings to commuters, they added.

Abdul Hamid from Shakpura in Boalkhali said couple of months ago a pregnant woman, who was being taken to Chattogram Medical College Hospital on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, felt labour pain and gave birth to a baby while stuck in traffic.

Mohammad Rashed, an auto-rickshaw driver, said a tailback usually lasts for half-an-hour to two hours.

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GRAFT CASE

## Man sentenced to 18 years' jail

STAR REPORT

A Faridpur court yesterday sentenced a former junior auditor to 18 years' imprisonment and fined him Tk 91,400 in a corruption case, filed by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Mujibur Rahman, public prosecutor (PP) of ACC, said, "The convict is Md Shamsul Haque, 62. He worked as a junior auditor officer in Pangsha upazila of Rajbari from April 3, 1997 to March 3, 2002."

Judge Md Motiar Rahman of Special Judge's Court in Faridpur delivered the verdict in presence of the convict, according to the PP. He was sentenced to different terms and fined different amounts under sections 409, 467 and 877 of the Penal Code, and the Prevention of Corruption Act. He has to serve the jail terms concurrently, he added.

According to the case statement, Shamsul Haque misappropriated Tk 8,09,000 through corruption and misusing power while he was a junior auditor of Pangsha upazila in Rajbari, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

Gazi Md Shamsul Arefin, the then sub-deputy director of Faridpur ACC, filed a case in this connection with Pangshi Police Station on August 9, 2016, and submitted charge-sheet against Shamsul Haque on August 21, 2017.

ACC SUES FORMER FERTILISER WAREHOUSE IN-CHARGE OVER GRAFT OF TK 5CR

Bogura Anti-Corruption Commission has sued a former

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## ULAB celebrates 15th Foundation Day

CITY DESK

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) celebrated its 15th Foundation Day yesterday in the auditorium of its Dhanmondi campus.

Planning Minister MA Mannan, attended the programme as chief guest, while Sheikh Kabir Hossain, chairman of Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh, was present as special guest.

Dr Kazi Anis Ahmed, vice president of ULAB board of trustees, delivered the welcome speech. Founder and president of board of trustees Kazi Shahid Ahmed and National Professor Dr Rafiqueul Islam also spoke at the programme. ULAB Vice Chancellor Prof HM Jahirul Haque delivered the closing remarks.

ULAB's pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Shamsad Mortuza; special adviser to board of trustees Professor Imran Rahman; Treasurer Professor Milan Kumar Bhattacharjee; Registrar Professor Akhtar Ahmed; members of board of trustees; deans; heads of departments; faculty members; admin members; students and alumni attended the celebration.



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## 'The sooner they return, the better for Bangladesh'

PM tells ADB team about Rohingya issue

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for quick repatriation of the displaced Rohingyas to their place of origin in Rakhine State of Myanmar.

The sooner they go back, the better it is for Bangladesh if she said.

The PM came up with the remark when a seven-member delegation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) met her at her official residence Gono Bhaban.

Terming Bangladesh a reliable partner, In-chang Song, leader of the visiting team of ADB Board of Directors, said, "ADB will continue to remain Bangladesh's development partner."

Six ADB directors and alternative directors representing 33 countries were among the delegates.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting.

The visiting delegates appreciated the rapid reduction in poverty and high GDP growth in Bangladesh, as well as progress in climate change mitigation and food security. ADB director Kris Panday said Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in transportation, energy and housing.

Mentioning that the development activities of her government are village-centric, Hasina said the rural areas of Bangladesh and the grassroots people get priority in development programmes.

The government is setting up 100 economic zones to expedite development, the PM said. She said her government is focusing on different social safety programmes, including allowance for widows.

The other delegation members are: ADB alternative directors Bayrammuhammet Garayev, Kenzo Ohe, Burak Müezzinoğlu, Enrique Galan, and ADB Country Director for Bangladesh Manmohan Parkash.

## RiverWoods School opens in Uttara



PHOTO: COLLECTED

CITY DESK

A soft opening ceremony of RiverWoods School was celebrated on Saturday at Uttara sector-14 in the capital, said a press release.

The schools chief adviser, Brigadier General (retired) Md Obaidul Haque attended the programme as chief guest, while Lynnet Rita Martin, the school's principal, delivered the keynote address.

Colonel (retired) Babar Selim, Barrister Riad Ahmed Tushar and agriculturist Md Sarwar Murshed Akanda also spoke at the event. The school's first academic year will start on January 2020.

## Man gets life sentence for raping madrasa student

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court in Chattogram yesterday sentenced a man to life-term rigorous imprisonment on charge of raping a madrasa student after abduction in the district's Banshkhal upazila in 2016.

The convict is Mahmudur Rahman Haider, hailing from Cox's Bazar, said court sources.

The court of Chattogram Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1 Judge Moshir Rahman handed down the verdict, crossing all the records and witnesses, said Public Prosecutor Advocate Jesmin Akhter.

Advocate Jesmin said the court sentenced Mahmudur to 14 years in jail for abduction.

He was handed down life-term imprisonment for rape, after he was found guilty beyond doubt.

"Apart from that the court also fined the convict Tk 40,000," she said.

The convict was sent to jail after the verdict, the public prosecutor told this correspondent.

According to the case statement, a tenth grader of a local madrasa was abducted on her way to class from home in Chambal area of Banshkhal upazila on August 4 of 2016.

Later, failing to trace her, the victim's father filed a missing complaint with Banshkhal Police Station.

Police rescued the girl from Hamidchar area of port city's Kalurghat and arrested Mahmudur red-handed.

Victim's father filed a case accusing Hamid of abduction and rape.

Law enforcers later pressed charges against the accused on October 27 of the same year.

Meanwhile, a court framed charges against him on August 27, 2017.

The public prosecutor said the court recorded the deposition of 11 witnesses.



Defying a government ban, locally improvised three-wheelers continue to haunt Dhaka-Barishal Highway. The highways in Barishal division have become unsafe due to movement of thousands of these unauthorised and slow moving vehicles -- a major contributor to accidents. The photo was taken in Kashipur area of Barishal around noon yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

## One-stop service for elderly, disabled at BCC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Barishal City Corporation (BCC) has introduced a one-stop service for senior citizens and persons with disabilities recently at Nagar Bhaban in the city.

"We undertook this initiative to bring BCC's utility and other services under one umbrella for the elderly and persons with disabilities," said Israil Hossain, chief executive officer of BCC.

Faizul Islam Rafi, in-charge of the centre, said around 9-10 people avail their services every day. "We try to make the processes as smooth as possible."

Al-amin Khan, a differently abled man, visited BCC to get a new holding number. He expressed satisfaction over the service and said it was very helpful as he did not have to visit multiple offices to get a signature.

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**CORRIGENDUM**

An advertisement was published in The Daily Star on September 30, 2019 inviting applications for the post of Deputy Managing Director of the Bank. As decided, the following amendments have been made in the subject advertisement:

Sl. No	Particulars	Previous Requirement	Revised Requirement
01	Experiences	Experiences for at least 20 years absolutely in Bank including minimum 02 years as SEVP or equivalent rank	Experiences for at least 10 years in Bank/ Financial Institutions including minimum 02 years as SEVP or equivalent rank
02	Application deadline	October 15, 2019	November 05, 2019

All other terms & conditions of the advertisement will remain unchanged. The candidates already applied earlier need not apply further. For details please visit [career.islamibankbd.com](http://career.islamibankbd.com).

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