



Two traffic policemen wear dust masks in an attempt to minimise health risks of inhaling polluted air. The photo was taken near Dhaka's Jatiya Press Club area yesterday.

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## Country to experience shorter

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years. The lowest temperature recorded was 9.5 degrees on Sunday at Pannachagarh's Tetulia, while the highest was 18 degrees in Dhaka. The lowest temperature on this day last year was 8.9 degrees in Tetulia and 17 degrees in Dhaka," he said.

The meteorologist said temperatures may fall substantially next week, when one or two light or mild cold waves are likely to sweep the country. He said mercury is likely to drop as low as 6 degrees Celsius in northwestern regions, including Rangpur, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

"But, Dhaka's temperature is unlikely to fall significantly during the cold wave, as it won't drop below 12 to 13 degrees Celsius."

Stating that January is supposed to be the coldest month in the country, he said the mercury is set to fall with one or two severe cold waves sweeping the country, but it may not come down to the expected level. "The average temperature should remain about 10-12 degrees Celsius during January, but it may not drop below 15 degrees."

Bazlur also said the winter should persist till the last week of February, but this time it may end in early February.

Eminent climate expert Dr Atiq Rahman said Bangladesh has seen a 1 degree rise in average temperature due to climate change, while half degrees for other reasons, including pollution and industrialisation.

He said the average global temperature has increased 0.96 degrees Celsius, and it has continued to rise.

Dr Atiq, executive director of Bangladesh

Center for Advanced Studies, said people in Dhaka and other cities have been experiencing much higher temperatures than other areas due to a huge number of buildings, and concrete roads and pavements, which retain heat for six to eight hours after sunset.

He said winter is getting less biting gradually, but with more fog. "Crops are being affected badly due to increased fog."

The expert said Bangladesh has little to do to check the unusual temperature during winter, as it is one of the worst victims of global warming caused by climate change.

He, however, said the government should take steps to increase greenery in Dhaka and other cities, encourage people to plant trees on roofs, balconies and open spaces around their houses, and check pollution to reduce warming a bit.

Prof Maksudur Rahman of Dhaka University's geography and environment department said the average temperature in Bangladesh is increasing due to some natural and manmade reasons, including global warming, lack of adequate greenery, rapid urbanisation and industrialisation, excessive emission of carbon dioxide and growing use of air conditioners, electricity and electronic devices.

Prof Maksud said there is a necessity of adequate research to know long-term impact of climate change, warming and abnormal shift in traditional six seasons in the country, and its biodiversity. "Our government should focus on conducting research on climate-related issues."

## 88 hospitals, 182 diagnostic

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sets and blood transfusion sets from the bin. Stray dogs were also seen picking up gauge and other clinical waste.

Contacted, Dr Sheikh Shafiu Azam, president of Chattogram district unit of Red Crescent Society, said clinical waste should be disposed separately and carefully.

"But we cannot do it as we cannot buy an incinerator due to its high price," he said.

Asked why did they not outsource the job to Seba Sangstha, Shafiu said they would contact the NGO.

Jamir Uddin, chief executive of Seba Sangstha, said some 160 hospitals and diagnostic centres out of some 270 in operation have signed agreements with them to responsibly dispose clinical waste.

"Almost 40 percent hospitals and diagnostic centres are yet to sign up with us," he said.

Asked whether they use an incinerator, Jamir said they could not buy an incinerator as it would need a vast area to install the machine, which they did not have.

"We use a machine to destroy the sharp objects, and other clinical objects are burnt out," he said, adding, "Department of Environment (DoE) has given us approval

to do so."

Contacted, Azadur Rahman, director, DoE (Chattogram metropolitan) said all the hospitals and diagnostic centres approved by DoE have signed agreements with Seba Sangstha. Asked about Seba Sangstha causing air pollution by burning waste, he said he would look into it.

According to the Medical Waste (Management and Processing) Rules 2008, a divisional authority -- led by divisional director of Directorate General of Health Services, including a representative of the respective city corporation, and a representative of the Department of Environment (DoE) -- is supposed to look after the medical waste management.

Asked whether it is a gross loophole in medical waste management that none of hospitals and diagnostic centres in Chattogram district have an incinerator, Dr Hasan Shahriar Kabir, director (health) of Chattogram division, said many government hospitals use pit-hole method to destroy medical waste.

"Although pit-hole method creates air pollution, it saves people from being infected with diseases by medical waste," He said.

Hasan said he will monitor all the

hospitals and diagnostic centres in the district step by step to oversee their medical waste management.

Contacted, CCC Chief Conservancy Officer Shafiqul Mannan Siddique said the conservancy workers collect clinical waste of those hospitals and diagnostic centres which were yet to sign agreement with Seba Sangstha.

Asked whether the workers collect clinical waste separately or together with domestic waste, he said they collect all sorts of waste in the same vehicle.

Asked about the health hazard of the method, he said, "We have limitations, so we signed the MoU with Seba Sangstha. Now, if any hospital or diagnostic centre does not sign up with the organisation, what can we do? If they dump clinical waste in open bins, we cannot leave those that way. We have to collect and dispose those."

Contacted, CCC Chief Health Officer Dr Selim Akter Chowdhury admitted that clinical waste should not be mixed up with general waste. Asked about CCC workers collecting clinical waste -- which remain out of purview of Seba Sangstha -- with general waste, Selim said he would talk with CCC conservancy officials about it.

## New leadership elected for Cadet College Club



Nasser Shahrear

Jashim Md Al-Amin

CITY DESK

Md Nasser Shahrear Zahedee has been elected the president of Cadet College Club Ltd.

The announcement was made at the 17th Annual General Meeting of Cadet College Club Ltd on Saturday at their Gulshan premises, according to a press release.

M Musleh Uz Zaman and Jashim Md Al-Amin were elected vice president and secretary general. Maj (Retd) Mahbubul Haider was elected joint secretary general while Quazi Mahbubur Rahman was elected treasurer.

## How will she

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Selima alleged that the BSMMU medical board's report submitted to the court does not truly reflect her condition.

Asked about Khaleida Zia's release on parole, Selima said she did not talk to her sister regarding that, and urged the authorities to release her from jail on health ground.

Selima, along with her husband Prof Rafiqul Islam, and some family members went to BSMMU around 3pm and stayed with the BNP chairperson for at least an hour.

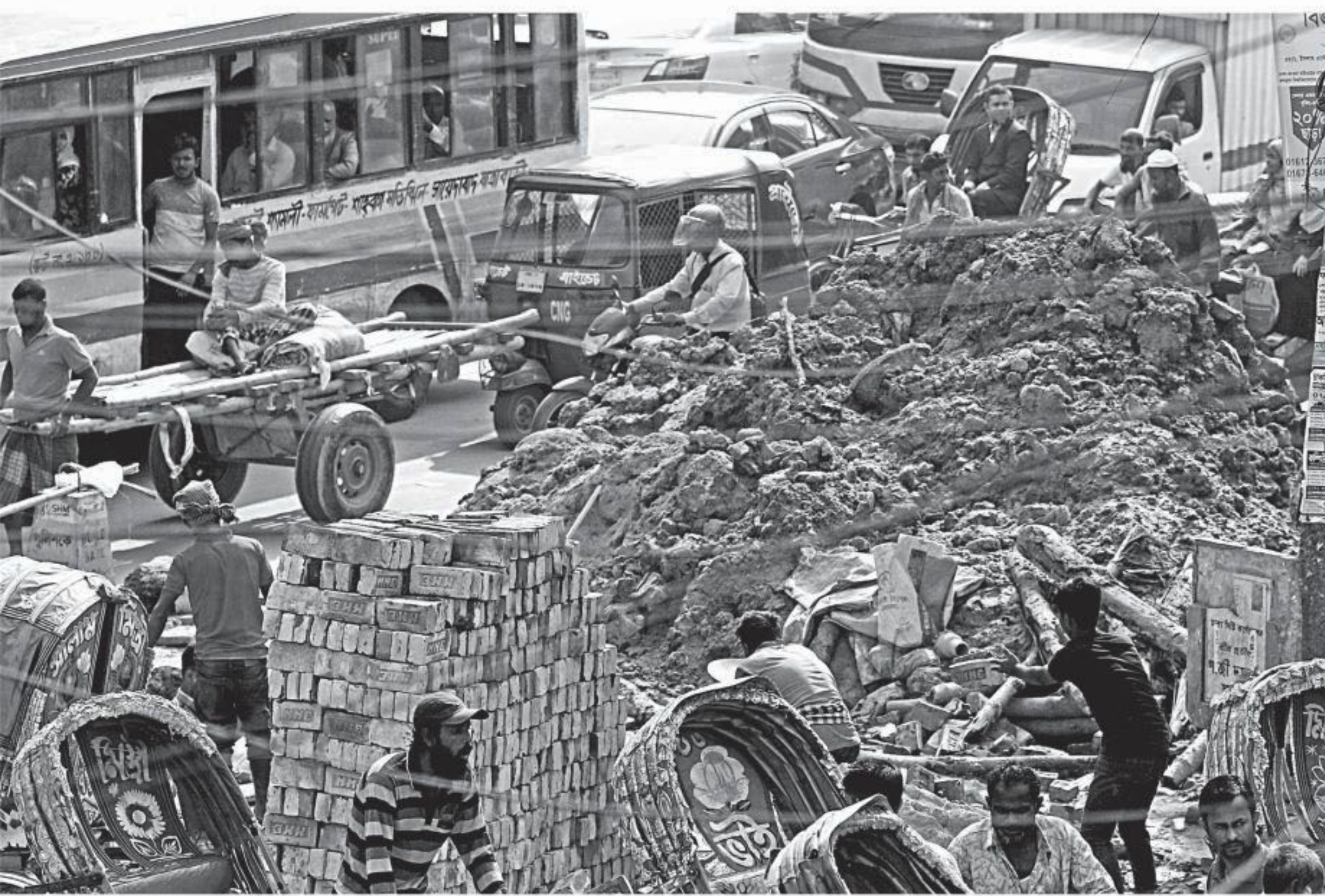
## DOA MAHFIL



Dr. Abdus Sobhan, beloved father of Gp Capt Muhammad Alamgir, acsc (Retd), President of Cadet College Club Limited breathed his last on 15th December 2019 at Asgar Ali Hospital, Dhaka due to old aged complications (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajعون). His burial was held at his family Graveyard at

Rajameher, Debiddar, Cumilla after last Janaza on 16 December 2019. He left behind two sons, two daughters and well-wishers to mourn his death. A Doa Mahfil has been arranged for the deceased at Shaheen Hall, Tejgaon on 17th December 2019 after Asr prayers. Well-wishers are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul.

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Soil dug up for development works has been left on a road in the capital's Fakirerpool area, hampering vehicular movement. The photo was taken on Saturday.

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Memo No. 15.54.0000.023.14.540.19.333 Date: 15/12/2019

## Corrigendum on IFT Notice

This is to notify that "Pre-tender meeting will be held on 26/12/2019 at PD Office, 3:00pm" in place of date mentioned in the Para 21 in IFT notice in the tender for "Supply and installation of s/s equipments" vide this PD office memo number 15.54.0000.023.14.540.19-330 dated: 09/12/2019 which has been published in "The Daily Jugantor" on 12/12/2019 and in "The Daily Star" on 12/12/2019.

The other all Para of the IFT notice will remain unchanged.

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## President, prime minister

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four national leaders and seven Birsreshthas.

On his arrival at the parade ground at 10:28am, the president was received by the prime minister, Mozammel Haque, chiefs of the three services, and PSO of the Armed Forces Division, among others. On her arrival around 10:25am, the premier was received by the minister, chiefs of the three services and the PSO.

VICTORY DAY RECEPTION HELD AT BANGABHABAN Meanwhile, President M Abdul Hamid and his spouse Rashida Khanom yesterday hosted a reception at Bangabhaban, marking the country's Victory Day.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined the reception, held on the lush green lawn of the President's official residence in the afternoon.

Several thousand guests attended the function from 2pm to 4:30pm.

President Hamid and the prime minister exchanged greetings with wounded freedom fighters and other guests after the national anthem was sung.

The president and the PM also cut a Victory Day cake, while balloons were released on the occasion.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, cabinet members, advisers to the prime minister, Supreme Court judges, national leaders, parliament members as well as ambassadors and high commissioners of different countries were present on the occasion.

Senior lawyers, chiefs of the three services, senior political leaders, editors, journalist leaders, family members of Birshreshthas, artists, cultural personalities, senior civil and military officers, academics, business community leaders, and distinguished citizens also joined the function.



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