

China Harbour donates equipment to fight Covid-19

CITY DESK

China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd (CHEC), a state-owned Chinese company, has donated 3,000 coronavirus detection kits, 3,000 sets of PPE and 20,000 surgical masks to the government, said a press release.

Fu Xiuquan, managing director of CHEC Bangladesh, handed over the materials to Brig Gen Md Shahidullah, director of Central Medical Stores Depot, at his office in the capital. Habibur Rahman, additional secretary to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was present on the occasion.

WB grants

FROM PAGE 3 localities; and the women-friendly spaces inside Rohingya camps.

The project will also help fill vacant positions of health professionals and ensure adequate medical supplies. Within the camps, the project will provide psychosocial counselling, immunisation, tuberculosis screening and treatment, and nutrition services.

The \$100 million additional financing to the Emergency Multi-Sector Rohingya Crisis Response Project will scale up access to energy, water, sanitation and disaster-resilient infrastructures for Rohingya and host communities.

With these, WB has provided \$480 million in grants to Bangladesh to deal with the population inflow.

M'singh woman strangled to death by husband: police

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A woman was strangled to death allegedly by her husband in Gafargaon upazila of Mymensingh yesterday.

The deceased is Jesmin Begum (42), wife of Shaheen Mia, said police.

The mother of three did not allow her husband to get married for the second time. Additional Superintendent of Police Ali Haider Chowdhury quoted the family as saying. Shaheen also used to torture Jesmin, forcing her to go to her parents' house often, said the ASP.

The couple had an altercation yesterday morning; at one stage, Shaheen strangled Jesmin with a rope, he added.

Police recovered the body -- that bore injury marks on different places -- and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, the ASP said.

The victim's young brother Rubel Mia filed a case accusing Shaheen, who has been on the run since the incident, Ali Haider Chowdhury added.

SPREADING RUMOUR ON COVID-19

Youth held for 'hacking' friend's Facebook: CID

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the coronavirus crisis drags on, spread of misinformation on the internet just doesn't seem to stop. Despite strict government directives against it, the misinformation "virus" keeps going viral on social media. However, a novel attempt to stop it came to light on Tuesday.

On March 23, Naimur Rahman alias Nayem (19) not only spread rumours about how many people have died from coronavirus, he did so by hacking into his friend's Facebook profile, leaving this friend out to dry when the CID came knocking.

To make matters more shocking, he confessed to CID that he did it to take revenge over an incident that happened years ago.

Not only that, he created a fake Facebook ID and alerted the authorities of the same misinformation that he himself spread from the friend's ID, in order to get the latter arrested.

"We first detained the friend who told us that his Facebook ID was hacked on March 23. We found proof of his claim and later located Nayem -- leading to the arrest from Jatrabari area around 11:30pm on Tuesday," Khairul Alam, additional superintendent (Cyber Crime Unit) of CID, told The Daily Star.

The CID official claimed that Nayem was a professional hacker and used to hack social media accounts on contract. This time, however, he had his comeuppance as the CID sent him to jail following his arrest.

"He wanted to kill two birds with one stone -- to create chaos and take revenge on his friend," Khairul said.

A case was filed with Kadamtali Police Station in this connection.

What about their security?

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symptoms such as coughing or sneezing and is therefore at risk of having their mucosae (mouth and nose) or conjunctiva (eyes) exposed to potentially infective respiratory droplets.

Transmission may also occur through fomites in the immediate environment around the infected person. Therefore, it can occur by direct contact with infected people and indirect contact with surfaces in the immediate environment.

WHAT AUTHORITIES SAY

Jahirul Islam, chief commandant of RNB (east), said they are yet to get government support as it takes a while. "We have collected some PPE, sanitisers, masks and gloves ourselves," he told The Daily Star on Tuesday.

Regarding the barrack's condition, Jahirul said it is not possible to address all the issues immediately. "We have instructed our officials to spray disinfect regularly and maintain hygiene properly".

The support may not reach all staff members immediately for the sudden shutdown, but officials were asked to ensure it, said the chief commandant, who is stationed in Chattogram.

Jahirul suggested communicating with Md Shahidullah, assistant commandant of RNB (Dhaka), saying that Shahidullah has been given the responsibility of ensuring safety measures for RNB members in the capital.

Contacted, Shahidullah told this newspaper that they have received a small fund from the office of RNB chief commandant (east).

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