



Shomman Foundation distributes masks among vendors and underprivileged people around Bangladesh Medical College and Hospital in the capital as part of their "Live and Let Live" campaign.

## 'NEGLIGENCE' IN DELIVERY Doctor, nurses issued show cause notices in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Show-cause notices were issued to a doctor and two nurses of an upazila health complex in Netrakona for their alleged negligence in a delivery case on Wednesday.

Dr Maruful Alam Talukder, and nurses Rina Rani Pal and Shilpi Rani Kar of Mohanganj Upazila Health Complex were asked to reply within three working days, confirmed Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer (UHFPO) Dr Noor Mohammad.

On Wednesday morning, the health complex's emergency department asked a pregnant woman from Khaliyari upazila to go to the labour ward, said her family.

However, the duty doctor instantly referred her to Netrakona General Hospital mentioning some complexities in her delivery, they said.

On return from the labour ward, the woman gave birth to a boy on the staircase, they said. When the news spread, she was admitted to the ward urgently, and in the very morning she was discharged, they added.

Netrakona Civil Surgeon Dr Selim Miah said he asked the UHFPO to form a three-member committee to investigate the incident and submit a report within seven working days.

Dr Maruful and the two nurses were on duty during the delivery, said Dr Noor Mohammad.

The civil surgeon also said some of the woman's male attendants misbehaved with a physician as he asked them not to enter the labour ward when the woman was there.

Meanwhile, in connection with the incident, the doctor filed a case with Mohanganj Police Station, accusing two of the woman's relatives -- Taqbir Mia (18) and Ahmed Noor (20) later in the day, confirmed Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Md Aktaruzzaman.

## Create tobacco-free tourism sector

Speakers tell anti-smoking webinar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"63 countries -- including Canada, Spain and Nepal -- have legal prohibitions on any kind of smoking, including in Designated Smoking Areas (DSA). But our country's law allows DSAs to exist within public places, including inside train, launches, airports, and restaurants," Mokhesur Rahman, assistant director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission's health sector, said at a webinar held on Wednesday.

The event, titled 'Role of Media in Building A Tobacco Free Bangladesh 2040', was jointly organised by Aviation and Tourism Journalists Forum of Bangladesh (ATJFB) and Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

Speakers demanded that the government lift the provision of keeping DSAs in public places in order to protect non-smokers from being victims of second-hand smoking.

They said the Tobacco Control Act should be amended to prohibit smoking in all kinds of public places and demanded the use of any type of tobacco product.

They also urged the government to amend the act to make tourist areas completely smoke-free.

"If a 100% smoke-free policy could harm the tourism sector then Bhutan -- a 100% smoke-free country -- wouldn't be doing so well," said Abdus Salam Mia, grants manager at Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids Bangladesh.

Iqbal Masood, director of health and wash sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission; Sharaf Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, CEO, Savar Municipality; Sarkar Shams Bin Sharif, communications officer, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids Bangladesh, among others, spoke at the event.

## Elections to

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another option in hand. They can delay the election citing a "reasons of an act of God"; and the elections can be held within ninety days following the last day of tenure of the current office holders.

The UP chairman elections will see direct participation of political parties for the second time this year.

Registered political parties will be able to take part only in chairman elections. Only non-party candidates will take part in elections of members and reserved women seats.

Of the 4,500 union parishads, more than 4,300 are eligible for polls.

## Admission fair 'Edugate' kicks off virtually

CITY DESK

A virtual admission fair aiming to introduce students with innovative learning opportunities and career planning for the 'new normal' begun on Wednesday. 'Edugate', the four-day fair organised by Daffodil Education Network (DEN) is a first of its kind for Bangladesh, a press release said.

Each day's sessions will run from 10am to 5pm till February 6. Anyone can join the event through this link: <http://edugate.spiralworld.biz>, the press release added.

On the first day, State Minister of the Ministry of Information Dr Md Murad Hassan virtually inaugurated the fair yesterday as chief guest. Chairperson of Daffodil Family Dr Md Sabur Khan, acting VC of Daffodil International University (DIU) Professor SM Mahub-Ul-Haq Majumder, CEO of Daffodil Family Mohammad Nuruzzaman, and Dr Shaikh Muhammad Allayar -- head of the university's Department of Multimedia & Creative Technology and convener of 'Edugate' -- were present as special guests.

The fair features virtual stalls by 31 branches of 20 educational institutions of DEN, the press document said.

## Ensure

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In June, Nesco is going to launch another Tk 1,200 crore project for installing 15 lakh pre-paid meters in Naogaon and Joypurhat districts of Rajshahi division and eight districts of Rangpur division, he added.

Nesco MD Zakul Islam said the government took up the project to reduce system loss, electricity theft and increase revenue collection.

However, Golam Mostafa Mamun, general secretary of Rajshahi chapter of Consumers Association of Bangladesh, said, "Consumers are not eager to accept this new system as they don't have faith in Nesco operations."

He said Nesco highlighted in its campaigns that subscribers would get 1 percent rebate in power bills, but it mentioned nowhere that it would cut over Tk 80 on a recharge of Tk 1,000 on power bills.

Besides, Mamun said, Nesco did not inform people that subscribers have to spend Tk 3,000 if the pre-paid meters got locked for any reason and Tk 16,000 for a replacement.

"Corruption allegations are rampant against Nesco officials. Without addressing those first, why Nesco is forcing this new system on people?" he asked.

Liakat Ali, editor of local daily Sonali Sangbad, said, "We aren't getting uninterrupted power supply... Nesco should ensure that first."

Jamaat Khan, general secretary of Rajshahi Rakkha Sangram Parishad, alleged that Nesco employees often misbehave with subscribers and install the new meters without informing them.

He also alleged that Nesco officials were harassing leaders of different social organisations when they protested against it.

Worker Party's Rajshahi city unit general secretary Debashish Pramanik said Nesco officials should install the new meters at their residences and government offices first and share their experiences.

Abdul Mannan, a freedom fighter, said many subscribers do not even understand the operation of these new meters.

Sharing user-experience, Selina Parvin, a consumer, said many pre-paid meter users alleged that their power bills went up after they starting using the new system.

The Nesco MD or other officials did not answer the speakers' queries on power supply, faulty distribution and corruption allegations.

Without elaborating, he said they would try to avert any situation that creates unrest among people. He, however, said they were not imposing the new system on people.

## BNP seeks

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of innuendos and insinuations in what is apparently a politically motivated smear campaign by notorious individuals associated with the Jamaat-e-Islami extremist group, which has been opposing the progressive and secular principles of Bangladesh since its birth as an independent nation in 1971," the statement further added.

Bangladesh Army Headquarters also denounced Al Jazeera's report, saying it is part of a move to break the harmony among different government organs.

Besides, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader described the report as a "motivated propaganda" while Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen said the government is looking into legal action against Al Jazeera for "spreading misinformation".

## Verdict

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while he, along with his wife Rafida Ahmed Bonya, was returning from Ekushey book fair. Bonya survived the attack.

Prof Ajoy filed the murder case accusing unidentified assailants with Shahbagh Police Station the next day.

Inspector Monirul Islam of CTC unit of police submitted the charge sheet on March 11, 2019.

On August 1 that year, the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal of Dhaka framed charges against six accused.

## Father

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The American priest -- who came to erstwhile East Pakistan in 1962 -- had been a science teacher at Notre Dame College for 34 years. He served as its principal for 24 years. Since 2014, Fr Peixotto held the post of treasurer of Notre Dame University Bangladesh.

Fr Peixotto was a member of numerous committees and advisory boards for the Bangladesh government and the Catholic Archdiocese of Dhaka.

He offered advice and support to the boards and administrations of St Gregory High School and College, Laxmibazar, Dhaka; St Placid School and College, Chattogram; St Philip High School and College, Dinajpur; Udayan High School, Barishal, and many other institutions.

The body will be taken for public to Holy Rosary Church, Tejgaon at 8am today, said a press release.

The funeral mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Patrick D'Rosario at 9am, immediately after which the body will be taken to the Holy Cross Retreat and Pastoral Center, Bhadun, Pubail for burial in the Community Cemetery there at 11am Friday.

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D-27 Director General

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