

Dedicated hospitals still

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"We have only one indoor doctor... We need more doctors, medicine and cardiology consultants, as well as 10 nurses," he said.

At Kamrangirchar hospital, there are eight doctors, three of whom are now working (on deputation) at the Covid-19 unit of a jail hospital. "There is no consultant [medicine], and it's not possible to run the dengue unit without a medical officer, as dengue patients need special care," said a doctor.

Another doctor said fluid management and continuous monitoring are crucial to treat dengue patients, which is why treating them is more difficult than Covid-19 patients.

To run the 31-bed hospital, its authorities said they need necessary sufficient workforce, lab facilities and other forms of support. They also mentioned that they have introduced NSI (dengue) test from Thursday.

Meanwhile at Amin Bazar hospital, there are six doctors and three nurses, who have been conducting dengue tests (NSI and CVC) in two shifts for the last one month.

Saidun Nahar, its resident medical officer (RMO), said they referred patients who needed hospital admission to Savar upazila hospital. Another doctor said they have prepared the beds for dengue patients but could not start the service due to lack of adequate workforce and support.

The situation was similar at Lalkuthi hospital. "We are providing free dengue tests to patients," said a doctor there.

Meanwhile, Dr Parvez Hussain, RMO of Ahsan Ullah hospital, said they have kept 30 beds for dengue patients and have treated 282 patients so far.

Who will take liability

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even during normal times.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw that the canals and tertiary drains on Chatteshwari Road, Chawkbazar, Katalganj, Prabartak, Muradpur, Chashma Hill, Panchlaish and Jamal Khan Road areas had no retaining walls.

At least three people were killed and many others sustained injuries in the past three months after falling into drains and canals in a similar manner.

In June, an auto-rickshaw driver and a female passenger died after the vehicle fell in a drain at Chashma Hill in Hill View area.

Residents held the authorities concerned liable for these accidents.

"The canals and roadside drains have been left without retaining walls, but the authorities aren't doing anything about it," said Tanvir Ahmed, a resident of Zakir Hossain Road area.

Meanwhile, officials of Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) and Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) continue to blame each other over the issue.

Rafiqul Alam, chief engineer of CCC, said as the CDA has been implementing a mega project to address waterlogging in the city, it is their responsibility to build retaining walls.

Contacted, CDA chief engineer Hasan Bin Shams said they have been implementing the project for three years. "What did CCC do in the past 15 years? Why didn't they build the walls?"

"We are not working on all canals and drains in the city. We are focusing on 36 canals and the main tertiary drains. We will build retaining walls after the completion of our work," he said.

Despite repeated attempts, city mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury could not be contacted for comments.

Five actors injured in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular actors Sariful Razz, Nazifa Tushi, Khairul Basar and Jonayed Buktdi, alongside five others, were injured in a car accident on Gulshan Avenue in the capital around 3:00am yesterday.

The news was confirmed to The Daily Star by Khairul Bashar, over the phone.

The accident took place when their car lost control and hit an electric pole near Gulshan Avenue.

"We were instantly admitted to the United Hospital's emergency ward," said Bashar. "To be honest, I am still traumatised." The actor suspects that the accident might have happened due to a brake failure.

Jonayed and Nazifa are currently receiving treatment at the hospital's ICU.

The actors recently starred in the web film "Networker Baire", released on OTT platform Chorki.

Dr Akhlakul Hossain's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the ninth death anniversary of Dr Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed, a Liberation War organiser and member of the Bangladesh Constituent Assembly of 1972, said a press release.

Dr Akhlakul Hossain was also a member of the erstwhile East Pakistan Provincial Assembly.

On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his Mohanganj residence in Netrakona today. Dr Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed Memorial Trust will pay tribute at his graveyard, hold a discussion and distribute stipend among poor students.

Man's body

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the body on information and sent it to Barishal Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Nibas Mahuri, the victim's uncle, however, claimed that his nephew was tortured to death. "Where did he get the towel from?" he asked.

Chandan got admitted to the rehabilitation centre on August 7 this year. Earlier, he got admitted to rehabilitation facilities multiple times.

Fossil of four-legged

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provided a rich seam of discoveries showing the evolution of whales -- before being studied at Mansoura University Vertebrate Palaeontology Centre (MUVPC).

The new whale, named *Phiomictetus anubis*, had an estimated body length of some three meters (10 feet) and a body mass of about 600 kg (1,300 lb), and was likely a top predator, the researchers said. Its partial skeleton revealed it as the most primitive protocetid whale known from Africa.

"*Phiomictetus anubis* is a key new whale species, and a critical discovery for Egyptian and African paleontology," said Abdullah Gohar of MUVPC, lead author of a paper on the discovery published in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*.

Idol at a Kali

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visited the spot and talked to the local people over the matter.

Dharma Das, president of the temple committee, demanded to the administration to bring the people involved with the idol vandalised incident to book after holding a fair investigation.

Contacted, Sazzad Hossain, officer-in-charge of Delduar Police Station, told The Daily Star that he along with a police team was still on the spot to investigate the incident.

"People who were involved with the incident will be identified and arrested immediately through proper investigation," he added.

Daily Covid cases

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51 and 60, and 68 were above 60 years old, added the release.

The DGHS said among the total 25,846 fatalities, 11,310 deaths occurred in Dhaka division, 5,162 in Chattogram, 1,920 in Rajshahi, 3,379 in Khulna, 880 in Barishal, 1,115 in Sylhet, 1,290 in Rangpur and 790 in Mymensingh division.

At least 6,485 Covid-19 patients have recovered during the period. The total number of recoveries now stands at 1,404,370 and the recovery rate at 94.5 percent.

After a drastic fall of coronavirus cases in the country for about two months in January and February, the country witnessed a sharp increase of infection as 65,079 cases were reported in March and 1,47,837 cases in April.

The country again witnessed a fall in May 2021 as it recorded 41,408 cases. The infection rate started jumping from June. The rising trend sustained for about two months and then began to drop from August.

New frog on the block!

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"It has been named in honour of the members of the Swanborn family, who have been supporters of Creative Conservation Alliance's conservation efforts," says Shahriar Caesar Rahman, who is also the chief executive of CCA.

Back in 2019, the team collected specimens, with permission from the Bangladesh Forest Department -- four male adults and one female adult -- from Chattogram's Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary. They also collected photographic evidence and frog calls from Teknaf Wildlife Sanctuary situated in Cox's Bazar district.

It is hard to differentiate between species of frogs and oftentimes these croaky little creatures go misidentified. That was the case for Swanborn's Puddle Frog. All this time, it was thought to be another species called *Ocycydoziga lima*. But the authors knew *Ocycydoziga lima*'s distribution was around Indonesia and this particular frog's call was different.

After collection of specimens, authors Hassan Al-Razi and Marjan Maria, got down to the nitty gritty. To confirm this indeed was a new species, they needed to have DNA confirmation.

"All the lab-work was completed in Bangladesh. This is because as signatory of CITES, we cannot easily send gene samples out of the country and to avoid any tardiness, we went

about it locally," says Hasan Al-Razi.

The researchers finalised the DNA sequencing at a lab in Banani named Invent Technology, confirms Marjan Maria, another author.

They then submitted the DNA sequence to GenBank. The GenBank sequence database is an open access, annotated collection of all publicly available nucleotide sequences and their protein translations.

"After comparing the gene sequence with other species under both *Ocycydoziga* and *Phrynoglossus*, we could confirm that this indeed is a completely new species. Each species is designated a unique accession number and if a new species is determined, it gets a new one from the GenBank so no two numbers are the same," says Hasan Al-Razi.

The discovery has added a 13th species to the genus of *Phrynoglossus*, and has also added to the world's knowledge on amphibians.

Understanding and knowing the range and distribution of amphibians is crucial for the ecosystem as they act as important indicator of the health of that ecosystem, says Shahriar Caesar Rahman. He also emphasised on the need for further research as current data puts the newly discovered frog as Endangered according to a particular category of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Bangladesh mission

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of achieving a political solution of the problem acceptable to East Pakistan.

The Latin American Parliament urged the international community to extend aid to the refugees sheltered by India and to the suffering people of East Pakistan and to excise all their influence over the Government of Pakistan with the object of achieving a rapid political solution.

ON THE FRONT LINE

Mukti Bahini today raided Ranamati near Phulbari in Mymensingh district and killed 15 Pakistani soldiers. They also raided Pak position Kamalpur and inflicted 11 casualties on the previous day.

In Sylhet district, Mukti Bahini today ambushed Pak troops near Manu and inflicted five casualties. Another group of Mukti Bahini raided Razakar patrol party three miles north of Tamarjuni and inflicted six casualties. Mukti Bahini also ambushed Pak patrol in Kanaighat today and wounded three Pak troops.

In Noakhali district, Mukti Bahini today ambushed 15 Pak civilian vehicles carrying supplies for Pak troops in the Feni-Belonia area

and damaged almost all vehicles. They apprehended two Pakistani supporters.

In Kushtia district, Mukti Bahini today killed local Peace Committee chairman at Pataldanga.

Bangladeshi guerrillas today also destroyed railway track in Nakurgachi in North Bengal. In another attack, Mukti Bahini blew up 70ft. railway track between Bhawanipur and Jharbari in Dinajpur district.

KEATING DENIES FRESH ISSUE OF ARMS LICENSE TO PAKISTAN

The US Ambassador to India Kenneth B Keating today categorically asserted that no more arms licences were being issued to Pakistan by the USA "nor are old ones renewed as they expire." Writing in his weekly column in the American Reporter, Keating also denied the allegations that the USA had been giving counter-insurgency training to Pakistani Military officers; diverting arms from South Vietnam to Pakistan; and planning to send American troops from South Vietnam to Pakistan.

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What is long Covid?

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who have serious underlying health conditions.

While there is a lack of research, current data suggests chances of having long Covid increase with age, and women are twice more likely to experience it.

According to the National Health Service (England), the following key symptoms may persist in long Covid cases: shortness of breath, 4 weeks after Covid recovery; extreme fatigue; chest pain; heart palpitations; and a change in taste or smell.

There are currently no tests for long Covid. But if vaccines help against regular Covid infections, can they also help beat long Covid?

BBC has reported research where at least half of respondents experienced improvements in their symptoms after getting jabbed.

The data is still limited, and doctors have only now started to treat long Covid separately. But with the world slowly reopening, the best line of defence is to mask up at all times, maintain a good hygiene routine, and getting vaccinated when your time comes.

Ronaldo returns to Man Utd

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to his name.

The 36-year-old won the Ballon d'Or as the world's best player in 2008 at United alongside his team accolades, before sealing a then world record 80 million pounds move to Madrid.

After telling Juventus coach

Massimiliano Allegri on Thursday of his desire to leave Turin, widespread media reports claimed Ronaldo's agent, Jorge Mendes, had agreed personal terms with Premier League champions Manchester City.

But after City were said to have had a change of heart over the deal, rivals United got the transfer agreed.

Covid cases rise

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more than half of the total active cases, followed by 16% in the western state of Maharashtra.

"More efforts would be required to arrest the increase in infections," the Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement on Thursday evening after its secretary held a meeting with the two states.

"This would require adequate intervention in geographical areas having higher infection, through measures such as contact tracing, vaccination drives and Covid-appropriate behaviour."

The ministry also said that the states had been asked to "explore the possibility of placing night curfew in areas of high positivity" and assured additional supplies of vaccines.

India has so far administered more than 61 million vaccine doses, giving at least one dose to more than half of its 944 million adults and the required two doses to about 15%.

The coronavirus has killed at least 4,472,486 people worldwide since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to an AFP compilation of official data yesterday.

LANKA EXTENDS CURFEW Sri Lanka yesterday extended a stringent coronavirus curfew for another week after reporting its highest daily death toll of more than 200.

A nationwide lockdown had

been due to end Tuesday but Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said it would be extended until September 6.

The announcement came as 33 leading health professionals, including World Health Organization experts in Sri Lanka, called for even tougher restrictions.

After resisting pressure for a lockdown for several weeks, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa agreed on a 10-day closure from August 20 amid warnings that hospitals could no longer cope with the spread of the Delta strain.

Sri Lanka's total coronavirus deaths exceeded 8,000 on Thursday and its 412,370 infections make it one of Asia's worst hit countries.

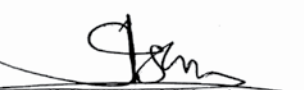
New Zealand yesterday extended pandemic restrictions by four days after which they will be eased slightly, although businesses and schools will remain shut and the biggest city Auckland will be locked down for longer.

Myanmar will vaccinate minority Muslim Rohingya people against the coronavirus, a spokesman for its ruling military said yesterday, adding that no one will be left behind in its inoculation campaign.

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya fled to Bangladesh during military operations in 2017 and those who remain complain of discrimination and mistreatment in a country that does not recognise them as citizens.

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Invitation For Tenders (IFT)			
1.	Procuring Entity Name	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.	
2.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.	
3.	Invitation for	Supply & Installation of Air Coolers for Agrani Bank Limited, Mirpur Branch, Dhaka; Terokhada Branch, Khulna; S. S. Road Branch, Sirajganj and Air Base Branch, Chattogram.	
4.	Invitation Ref No	E&ED/ ENGG/ MECHA-2/232/2021	
5.	Date	Date : 25/08/2021	
KEY INFORMATION			
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
7.	Budget and Source of Funds	Own fund of Agrani Bank Limited.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
8.	Tender Publication Date	25/08/2021	
9.	Tender Last Selling Date	21/09/2021 during office hour	
10.	Tender Receiving Date and Time	22/09/2021 at 10.00 AM to 03.00 PM	
	Tender Closing Date and Time	22/09/2021 at 03.00 PM	
11.	Tender Opening Date and Time	22/09/2021 at 03.15 PM in presence of Tenderers or their representatives (if any present).	
12.	Name & Address of the office (s)	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head office (7th floor), Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka.	
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	N/A	
	Receiving Tender Document	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7 th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka.	
	Opening Tender Document	DGM's Chamber, Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7 th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka.	
13.	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER (Eligibility of Tender):		
	Reputed Firm/ organization / manufacturer/ authorized agent who have minimum 05 (Five) years of general experience of similar nature of works. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.		
	Having experience in successfully completion of Air Cooler Supply & Installation of at least 02 contract(s) within the last 05 years, each with a value of at least Tk. 11.00 Lac. (The year counting backward from the date of invitation of this Tender (IFT)) under any Govt./ Semi-Govt./ Autonomous bodies/ Govt. owned Public Limited Company.		
	i) The above experience/ Works certificate for successfully completion of similar supply, installation, testing & commissioning work.		
	ii) The certifying authority of the work under any Govt./ semi Govt./ autonomous bodies/ Govt. owned Public Limited Company should be an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent post and the certificate will be duly verified by the concerned authority.		
	The Tenderer must process: i) Up to date valid Trade license ii) In case of Limited Company, the certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum of Association, Article of association & Power of attorney iii) Up-to-date income tax certificate iii) Valid VAT registration certificate iv) e-TIN Certificate.		
	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities shall be Tk. 15.50 lac. Should be counting 28 days backward from the date of opening of tender. In case of Bank Solvency Certificate, an Account statement should be attached counting 90 days backward from the date of opening of tender.		
	The Tenderer will submit their financial statements such as profit and loss statements and audited balance sheet of last 03 years.		
	The Tenderer must submit: i) International Standard Compliance (CE/UL/ISO/ Any other) of mentioned brand ii) Catalogue/ Brochure must be submitted with Tender iii) Necessary document of Distributor/ Authorize Dealer/ Importer of Mentioned Brand.		
	All other reputed qualification, terms and conditions of the tenderer are shown in the tender data sheet (TDS) of Tender documents and all experience certificates will be submitted as per format. Necessary supporting Documents to be submitted as per requirement of ITT Clauses and technical specification of the tender.		
14.	Completion Time	4 (Four) weeks from the date of Contract Signing.	
15.	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply & Installation of Air Coolers for Agrani Bank Limited, Mirpur Branch, Dhaka; Terokhada Branch, Khulna; S. S. Road Branch, Sirajganj and Air Base Branch, Chattogram.	
16.	Brief Description of Related Services	As per STD	
17.	Tender Document Price	Tk. 1000.00 (Taka One Thousand) only per set (non-refundable) by Pay order/ Bank Draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favor of Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.	
18.	Invitation For	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)
	Supply & Installation of Air Coolers for Agrani Bank Limited, Mirpur Branch, Dhaka; Terokhada Branch, Khulna; S. S. Road Branch, Sirajganj and Air Base Branch, Chattogram.	Dhaka; Khulna; Sirajganj and Chattogram	The amount of the Tender Security shall be 0.50 Lac in the form of Pay Order/ Bank Draft (refundable) from any branch of Agrani Bank Limited in favour of Agrani Bank Limited, Head office, Dhaka.
			4 (Four) weeks from the date of Contract Signing.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
19.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	MD. Nurul Islam	
20.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager.	
21.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Agrani Bank Limited, Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.	
22.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager, Establishment & Engineering Division, Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office (7th floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. Tel: 02-223381674	
23.	Special Instructions		
	i) Tender security money must be submitted along with the tender documents through Pay Order/ Bank Draft favoring Agrani Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka from any branch of Agrani Bank Limited.		
	ii) Attested copy of Experience certificate, Up to date Trade License, Last Income Tax Certificate, Vat registration certificate, e-TIN, Bank Solvency Certificate, etc should be submitted with tender schedule.		
	iii) If it is not possible to receive/ open the tender on the schedule date & time for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received/open on the next working date at the same time & same venue.		
	iv) All submitted documents must be signed by the tenderer in every page of tender all true/ photo copy must be attested as per prevailing Laws & Rules.		
	v). If the Tenderer submits any false/ incorrect or forged certificate, action may be taken as per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008 and its amendments.		
	vi). This tender will be governed by the PPR 2008 and its amendments.		
	vii). The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason. Agrani Bank Limited shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest tender.		


(MD. Nurul Islam)
Deputy General Manager