

‘One in 100 adults has schizophrenia’

Psychiatrists tell event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One in every 100 adults in Bangladesh is a patient of schizophrenia, according to the country’s leading psychiatrists.

Schizophrenia involves a psychosis, a type of mental illness in which a person can’t tell what’s real from what’s imagined.

They revealed the information during the unveiling ceremony of a guideline on schizophrenia, organised by Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists (BAP) at a city hotel, said a press release.

Presenting a keynote paper, general secretary of BAP Helal Uddin Ahmed said 40 to 43 percent patients admitted to the country’s two mental hospitals are schizophrenia patients.

He said the guideline has been formulated so that schizophrenia patients at the upazila level can get treatment.

Discussants said guidelines on five more mental diseases are awaiting to be published.

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RANA PLAZA TRAGEDY

Workers demand speedy trial

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The ninth anniversary of Rana Plaza collapse, the deadliest garment factory accident in the history that took over a thousand lives, is being observed today.

In remembrance of the day, workers’ organisations, injured workers, relatives of the deceased victims and various government and non- governmental organisations gathered at the site in Savar and placed wreaths at the base of a temporary memorial monument where at least 1,138 people were killed and 2,438 injured following collapse of Rana Plaza building on April 24, 2013.

At that time, various demands were raised by the leaders of the workers’ organisations, the injured workers and the relatives of the deceased workers.

The workers’ organisations, however, claimed that the punishment of those whose negligence led to the accident was not confirmed even after nine years.

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Protect farmland from sand dumping

Speakers tell event

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The government should take steps to save around 300 acres of farmland in Khulna’s Dacope area from sand dumping, said speakers at a dialogue yesterday.

To operate Mongla port, the government decided to dredge Pashur river. The sand dug up from the river is being planned to be dumped onto farmlands at Baniashanta, they alleged.

The event was organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Baniashanta Union Agricultural Land Protection Committee, and held at Khulna Press Club on Saturday.

Speakers said if the plan succeeds, around 1,300 farming families will lose their livelihood.

Satyajit Gain of Land Protection Committee said, “The Mongla Port authorities want to give Tk 2 lakh per acre in

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Cap (tupi) stalls have gathered quite the buzz in Khulna city. Many locals as well as people from surrounding upazilas are flocking to these shops to purchase them as Eid approaches. The sellers have also prepared accordingly -- setting up an assortment of colourful and intricately designed caps for the customers to purchase. This photo was taken from Khulna’s Dakbanga Clay Road yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

The cons keep evolving

Criminals using cash deposit machines, fake telemedicine service to defraud people, says DB

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Even the world of crime is witnessing innovations. Criminals of different syndicates were recently found defrauding people through cash deposit machines (CDM) and telemedicine services, claim law enforcers.

For the CDM strategy, syndicate members first identify themselves as police or army officials and call traders to buy electronic products.

Once the price is fixed, they ask the traders for bank account numbers that have CDM facilities. Then they go to the CDM point and input the demanded amount on the machine, but only insert an empty envelope instead of the actual money, which the machine accepts.

Soon after, a text message is sent to the account holder’s phone number confirming the transaction, when in reality, the money deposited is only accounted for after a bank official verifies the envelope’s content.

After the text is sent, the syndicate informs the target that the money was deposited. Then it sends a ride-sharing delivery-man to collect the product.

The trader hands over the product upon receiving the notification on their phone. A day later, they come to know from bank officials that the envelope submitted was empty.

But by then it’s just too late.

Cyber and Special Crime Division of police’s detective branch (DB) disclosed the findings following the arrest of two people on Wednesday.

The arrestees are Jahid Hasan Rony (32), and his associate Umme Habiba (28). Beside CDM fraud, the arrestees also pocketed money by selling stolen products online, promising changing public exam results, and ensuring admission in government medical colleges, said Junaed Alam Sharkar, additional deputy commissioner of DB.

Police detected them, after a victim filed a case with Tejaon Police Station in February.

According to the complaint, Rony, identifying

himself as a DB official, called a trader on February 22 and confirmed buying a camera for Tk 55,000.

Rony then claimed to have submitted the money in the trader’s bank account through CDM.

The trader then said the money still had not been deposited, as the bank will verify it. But Rony said he is a DB official and they do not need to worry. The next day, the bank informed the victim that there was only Tk 1,000 inside the envelope deposited, and communication between the victim and Rony halted.

ADC Junaed said the duo has stolen huge sums of money through such fraud activities. Once after getting the products, Rony used to sell them again online. Seven separate cases were found to be filed against Rony with Paltan, Rampura, Tejaon, New Market and Ramna police stations. Detectives said Rony has completed MBA and Habiba honours.

Meanwhile, a separate syndicate defrauds people by providing fake telemedicine service. Such services gained popularity during the pandemic. The criminals first give online advertisement of providing treatment for skin and sexual diseases. For the ads, they use identities of popular doctors.

When people communicate for treatment, the syndicate would inform them that the fee for physical visits is Tk 3,000 to 4,000, but for online consultation it is Tk 1,000. And every day, they used to get money from at least 30 to 40 people through mobile financial services.

Detectives claimed to have busted the syndicate following arrest of a couple from Rajshahi on Thursday. They are Rashed Hossain Pranto and Mowsumi Khatun. Police seized three phones and four SIM cards from their possession. The arrestees used to maintain 13 Facebook accounts and three WhatsApp IDs, said ADC Junaed.

Police said the syndicate used to take compromising photos of people during online consultations. Then the criminals blackmailed them for money, said detectives.

DOMESTIC ROUTES

Extra flights to ease Eid journey

RASHIDUL HASAN

Amid the huge rush of Eid holidaymakers, all the three local airlines have decided to increase the number of flights to different domestic destinations.

Officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the national flag carrier, US-Bangla Airlines and Novoair said almost 80 to 90 percent tickets -- for one week before and after May 2, the possible date of Eid-ul-Fitr -- are already sold out.

The fare shot up two to three times comparing to other times, said sources in the three airlines.

The country is going for a holiday for around nine days between April 29 and May 7 with the lone working day on May 5.

Various airlines said the extended holidays have prompted people to take aerial routes to tourist destinations.

Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (Toab) said according to their estimate, around 15 lakh holidaymakers are likely to make trips to different domestic tourist destinations during this vacation. Aviation experts said improvement in people’s financial condition as well as competitive and reasonable prices of air tickets have considerably boosted domestic and international air traffic.

Ticket prices on Dhaka-Jashore and Dhaka-Barisal routes have increased by around two to three times because of high demand, as people are trying to avoid long tailbacks at Mawa and Paturia ferry terminals.

Apart from the two routes, demand for Dhaka-Syedpur and Dhaka-Rajshahi tickets are also high, as it usually takes around 14 to 15 hours to reach destinations in the northern region.

Biman, US-Bangla and Novoair said around 90 to 95 percent tickets to Jashore, Syedpur, Barisal and Rajshahi routes for one week before and after the Eid vacation have already been booked or sold out.

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Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase)

Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

Addendum-1

Package Title:	Purchasing of IRIS Scanner & Fingerprint Scanner for Voter Registration		
Invitation Number:	17.14.0000.240.07.061.2021-718, Date: 10 April 2022		
Issued on:	11 April 2022		
Tender Package No.	GD-22 (Lot-1 & Lot-2)		
Addendum-1 of Invitation for Tenders (IFT)			
SL No. of IFT	Existing Invitation for Tenders (IFT)	Amendments (Content to be read as Invitation for Tender (IFT))	
15. Tender last selling date:	24 April 2022	10 May 2022, Time: 5.00pm	
16. Tender closing date:	25 April 2022	11 May 2022, Time: 2.00pm	
17. Tender opening date:	25 April 2022	11 May 2022, Time: 2.30pm	
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**Amendment of Tender Notice
(Amendment No -2)**

Project Title : Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant), Gopalganj
Package Name : Landscaping including Arboriculture & Central Water Body
Ref. No : EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/Landscaping/2022/28 Date: 28 March, 2022.

Notice Sl. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing As	Shall be amended As
14.	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	27 April, 2022 at , Time : 03:00 PM (BST)	11 May, 2022 at, Time : 03:00 PM (BST)
15.	Tender Closing Date and Time	28 April, 2022 at , Time : 12.00 PM (BST)	12 May, 2022 at, Time : 12.00 PM (BST)
16.	Tender Opening Date and Time	28 April, 2022 , Time : 12.30 PM (BST)	12 May, 2022, Time : 12.30 PM (BST)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged

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