

Move to return workers to Bahrain underway

UNB, Dhaka

Bahrain has agreed to allow 161 stranded Bangladeshi workers back to Bahrain under a special arrangement after six months of Bangladesh's request.

Bangladesh Embassy in Manama has requested the Bangladeshis, who remain out of the list, not to get frustrated but try to convince their sponsors in Bahrain for their re-entry.

"It's unfortunate that most of the sponsors are not willing to bring them (Bangladeshi workers) back to Bahrain (due to Covid-related economic problem)," said Bangladesh Ambassador to Bahrain Dr Md Nazrul Islam in a Facebook live recently, noting that the number that remains out of the approved list is over 800.

He said the embassy will inform all if the Bahrain government allows more Bangladeshis to return to Bahrain.

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With no surveillance on the part of the authorities, this open space beside the main road in Hazaribagh Beribadh area has been turned into a garbage dump. One can find almost all types of waste here, even unusual ones like this sweatshop car, which was meant for repairs, but now grows rust amidst the polluted area. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Back pain curable without painkillers Doctors tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine in every 10 patients suffering from back pain can get well through rest and physical activities without taking any painkillers, said physicians at a seminar yesterday.

Painkillers can also cause severe damage to different organs, including kidneys, they said at the seminar at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

The medicine, rheumatology and neurosurgery departments of BSMMU jointly organised the seminar.

While presenting a keynote, Dr Mohammad Hossain, a professor of neurosurgery at BSMMU, said, "Majority of such pains is quite usual. Around 90 percent of patients get well if rest properly and engage in physical activities."

"But patients with pains in their legs or weakening leg strength in addition to the back pain should go to doctors as early as possible. We call this condition the Red Black sign," he said.

He said majority of the back pain is caused due to prolapsed disks. A prolapsed disc often presses on a nerve root which can cause leg pain and other

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symptoms.

Moreover, according to Prof Mohammad Hossain, back pain may arise due to injury, tumours, and changes in the waist areas of elderly people.

To diagnose the reasons, doctors can suggest an MRI, he said, "People with such conditions can contact the Neuro-spinal Surgery department at the BSMMU for treatment."

"There is no need to go abroad for any spinal surgery. BSMMU has every arrangement for this," he added.

Speaking as chief guest, Prof Sharfuddin Ahmed, vice chancellor of the university, said, "People should not take painkillers for every pain. It has many side effects."

Stressing on physical exercise, the VC said, "To get relief from back pain, people should avoid lifting heavy objects, maintain proper body weight, and practice

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The rebirth of Rasulbagh park



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Despite its name, no one could call Rasulbagh Children's Park a place appropriate for children a few years ago. It used to be crowded with those who abused drugs, and a little rain waterlogged the whole place.

But the park has been reborn. It was modernised under the "Jol Sobujer Dhaka" project of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), at a cost of Tk 4.98 crore.

This 28-acre field has a place for adults to play football. The park includes a 150-metre walkway, a public plaza and a mini pavilion. A cafeteria and gymnasium are also present.

The park's security is maintained through CCTV and WiFi facilities. DSCC has set up toilets and water-treatment plants at the site adjacent to the mosque, and there are also

special arrangements for women.

Visiting the park recently, this correspondent saw children and teenagers having fun on the swing and slide. The park echoed with their laughter and excitement.

Sahir, who came to play with friends, told this correspondent that earlier, there was no place to play in the area. "Now, I can play on this field. It doesn't take any money to play here."

The park's ample greenery, with its seasonal variation, will familiarise children with a variety of flowers and fruit trees. It was the local children who planted these saplings. Among them, Burmese grape (lotkon), mud-apple (sofeda), elephant apple (chalta) and star-fruit (kamranga) trees can be seen in the park.

Architect Rafiq Azam, the new designer of the park, has removed the walls around the

area. He told The Daily Star that while designing, it was decided that the ground would be for everyone.

Haji Maqbool Mia, a senior resident of Rasulbagh, said earlier, there was a narrow walkway to the park. The area's condition was poor due to small shops and various structures around the walls. The open space of the park became the dustbin of nearby houses.

"Although it was called a children's park, there was no arrangement for children to play in the field," he added.

He said that if it rained a little, the park would become a small waterbody. The garbage from the nearby drains and sewage line polluted the environment. Because of this, the residents suffered unbearably.

In this regard, architect Rafiq

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Need to unite for int'l recognition

Speakers tell meeting on 1971 genocide

DU CORRESPONDENT

The country will need to be united once again for international recognition of the genocide carried out by the Pakistani army during the 1971 Liberation War, said speakers at a meeting yesterday.

Activists and prominent researchers met State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam at the official residence of DU Vice Chancellor to make a strategic plan to get the recognition.

Demand for the recognition is set to be placed before the United Nations Human Rights Council in its 50th session, scheduled to be held between June 13 and July 8 in Geneva.

BASUG, an organisation of the Bangladeshi diaspora, submitted a written statement in this regard, said Mahboob Zaman, organiser of its Bangladesh chapter.

"Several organisations are working for the cause. All the documents and data regarding the genocide are scattered, which we need to collect and organise," said Mahboob, also a freedom fighter.

"Some separate activities, including establishing the Liberation War Museum and the Genocide Museum, have been done so far. But we need something bigger and more collective to try and achieve international recognition."

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Renew Odhikar's registration Demand 37 eminent citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-seven eminent citizens yesterday protested and condemned the cancellation of registration of non-governmental organisation "Odhikar".

They also demanded immediate withdrawal of the decision and renewal of its licence.

In a statement, they said this decision of the NGO Affairs Bureau is tantamount to the contempt of court and contradictory to the fundamental rights enshrined in the constitution as a case involving its registration is pending with the High Court.

"Odhikar has been collecting information and doing research and advocacy for many years to establish rule of law and human rights. We think the activities of this organisation regarding the

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They can't legally air talk shows Says info minister on online news portals

UNB, Dhaka

Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud has said online versions of newspapers or news portals are not legally allowed to broadcast talk shows and bulletins.

The minister highlighted the gazette guideline in this regard yesterday to journalists during a meeting at the ministry.

"Recently Association of Television Channel Owners (ATCO) leaders brought the matter to our attention that online versions of some newspapers and online portals are publishing talk shows and news bulletins for which they don't have any approval," he said replying to the questions of journalists.

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	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	4-05	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15
Jamaat	4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Project launched to prevent drowning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday launched a project titled "Integrated Community-based Centre for Child care, Protection and Swim-safe Facilities" to prevent child drowning across the country.

The project would be implemented by Bangladesh Shishu Academy under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA).

Fazilatun Nessa Indira, the state minister, inaugurated the project at an event at a hotel in the capital.

The project will be implemented in 45 upazilas of 16 districts primarily, following three objectives.

TERRORISM, MILITANCY Over 68pc suspects aged 15-34: CTTC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 68 percent of suspects of militant and terrorist activities belong to the age group between 15 and 34, according to a research report of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit based on the profiles of arrestees.

The specialised police unit has arrested 512 such suspects in 112 cases ever since the Holey Artisan cafe attack in 2016.

Md Nazmul Islam, assistant commissioner of the research and development division of CTTC, disclosed the findings at a workshop yesterday.

The workshop, titled "Reporting on Terrorism", was jointly organised by CTTC and Crime Reporters Association of Bangladesh (CRAB) at Cirdap.

The findings also revealed that among the suspects, the most vulnerable to being targeted by militant groups are aged between 20 and 24. Around 27.5 percent of the age group join such groups.

Frustration over education, work and personal lives make them easy targets, said officials.

Around 9.4 percent of suspects are between the ages of 35 and 40, while the figure is 8 percent for individuals aged between 40 and 44.

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Demanding release of party chairperson Khaleda Zia and allowing her to go abroad for better treatment, BNP held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The north and south city units of the party organised the event.

PHOTO: STAR

Evolution of cyber crime

Cybercrimes have been on the rise over the last few years.

With new social media platforms and services in place, new modes of crime have emerged.

The process of blackmailing, extortion, sexual harassment and human trafficking has seen an

evolution – which is alarming, to say the least. The Daily Star will run five reports from tomorrow to explore this very evolution, its worst sufferers, the faces behind the crimes and the battle against them. Keep an eye on the city page for more.