# Over 34.56 lakh street children got birth certificates Govt submits report to HC

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government vesterday submitted a report to the High Court, saying that a total of 34,56,757 street children were given birth certificates without their parents' birth registration information from July 22 to November 21 this year, as there is no legal bar to issue certificates to the children.

The registrar general's office under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives placed the report to the HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo through the attorney general's office, in compliance with its directive issued on June 30 this year.

Yesterday, the HC bench fixed January 11 next year for further hearing and passing order on the issue.

In the report, the registrar general's office said birth and death registrations have been made compulsory for all citizens irrespective of caste, creed, religion, community and gender, under section 5(1) of the Birth and Death Registration Act, 2004.

On June 30, the HC directed the government to submit a report on the steps taken to issue birth certificates to all street children.

The court also issued a rule asking the government to explain why its inaction to give birth certificates to all street children should not be declared illegal, and why it should not be directed to provide them with the certificates under the relevant rules.

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## Elephant calf found dead STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

An elephant calf was found dead in Chunati union in Chattogram's Lohagara upazila yesterday.

Forest officials recovered the body around 2:00pm.

Md Shofiqul Islam, divisional forest officer Chattogram South Forest Division, said locals informed them that the body of an elephant calf aged around two -- was floating on a waterbody in Lombashia area.

A team from the livestock department has conducted an autopsy to determine the cause of death. The elephant was buried in the area after all formalities, said the official. Kalekuzzam, А Μ livestock officer Lohagara, said, "It was a SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

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# **BIRTH REGISTRATION** DNCC to give them through councillor office STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) has taken the initiative to provide birth registration to citizens from its councillor offices, instead of its zonal offices, to reduce public suffering and make the process easier.

A summary of this matter has been sent to the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives for final approval.

DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam mentioned this matter in the 18th corporation meeting held at Nagar Bhaban vesterday.

Under this arrangement, the local councillor will be the registrar, and the assistant registrar will be the secretary of the councillor's office if the proposal is approved by the ministry.

In the corporation meeting, it was also decided to name three roads in Mirpur 13 and 14 as "Bir Muktijoddha Din Mohammad Mollah", "Bir Muktijoddha Abdul Aziz" and "Bir Muktijoddha Amir Hossain Mollah".

In addition, several issues were discussed in the meeting, including a programme to kill Aedes and Culex mosquitoes and clean waterbodies, the purchase of 6 katha land for constructing a cemetery,

# 'Good hygiene can curb antibiotic usage'

## Says DGHS director general

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Irrational use of antibiotics at hospitals can be reduced by maintaining good hygiene practices while treating patients, said Prof Bashar Mohammed Khurshid Alam, director general of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), yesterday.

If we maintain a " few protocols -- OT etiquette, ward procedures, patienthandling practices, hygienic toilet practices -- we will be able to reduce hospitalacquired infections, and hence, irrational use of antibiotics.

> PROF BASHAR MOHAMMED KHURSHID ALAM Director General, DGHS

Bangladesh Health Reporters Forum, USAID and DGHS jointly organised the event at a hotel in the capital.

The DGHS chief stated that there is "no chance" of suffering from hospitalacquired infection if international standards are maintained.

"Our ward staffers, nurses, common patients and their attendants, and sometimes even the doctors, do not maintain the standard," he added.

About the spread of infection among patients, he urged for a proper investigation of infection sources and the major germs causing infections, so that the right antibiotics can be chosen.

He also stressed on a "full-dose" packaging system for selling antibiotics. "It is evident that people are given one or two tablets of antibiotics even in case of fevers," he said.

He also spoke of the desperate marketing by the pharmaceutical companies. "Pharmaceutical companies are giving incentives to physicians and quacks alike. Hence, merely enacting regulations will not While presenting the keynote, handling practices, hygienic toilet Prof Sanya Tahmina, former DGHS additional director general (planning development), stressed a stricter regulatory role of the drug said the DGHS director general an event administration and DGHS to contain antimicrobial resistance in the country.

## Government postpones forming two new divisions **Decision taken to** save money STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has put on hold the proposal to form two new divisions -- Padma and Meghna -- to cut costs amid the current economic crunch.

"It will require massive fund investment. Since the government is not spending extra, it has withheld the proposal and sent it back for more scrutiny," said Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam at a press briefing after a meeting of National Implementation Committee for Administrative Reforms (NICAR).

The meeting -- presided over by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina -- was held at the premier's office.

"Over Tk 1,000 crore is needed to form a division. For two divisions, a huge fund will be required," he said

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# **RECRUITMENT ANOMALY** Is PS of Chittagong University VC being protected?

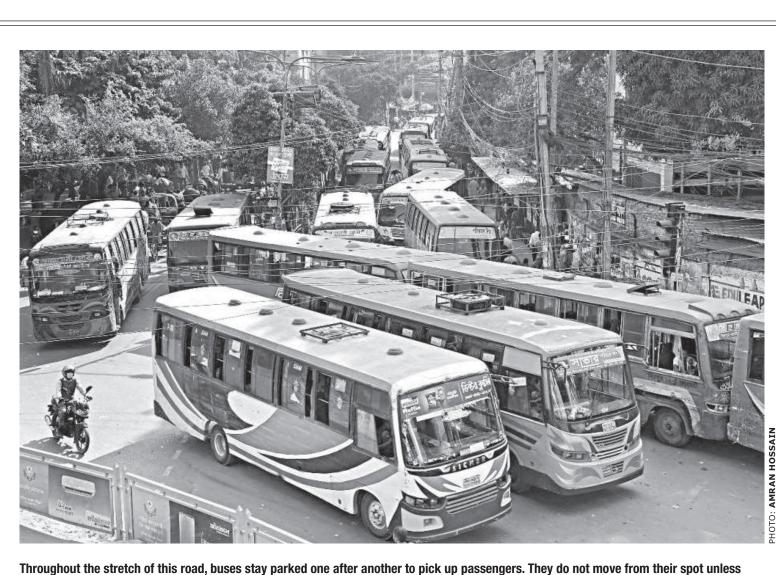
## FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

The Chittagong University administration is delaying to sue former personal secretary to the vice chancellor and a guard over recruitment irregularity, ignoring a probe committee's recommendation.

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# seats have been filled to a considerable extent. Seeing the road clogged, other bus drivers decide to go the wrong way to pass by. Such a chaotic situation persists right under the nose of authorities. This photo was taken in front of Jagannath University in Old Dhaka yesterday.



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a tree-plantation programme, and a street-vendo management programme.

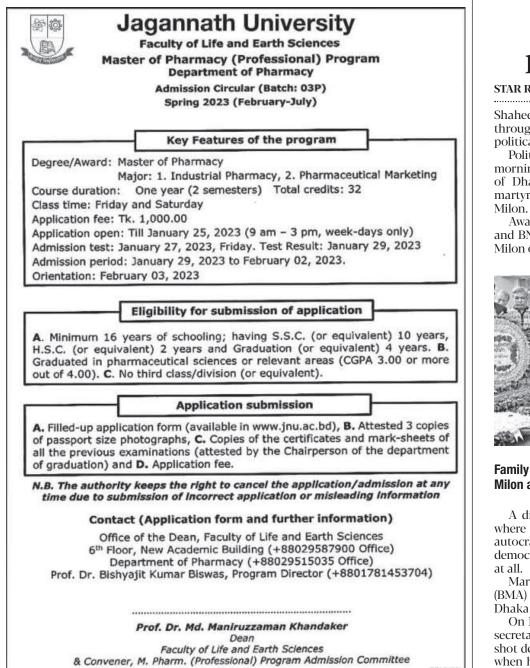
DNCC Chief Executive Officer Selim Reza, Chief Health Officer Brig Gen Md Zobaidur Rahman, Chief Brigadier General Muhammad Amirul Islam, Chief Waste Management Officer SM Sharif-Ul Islam, and DNCC senior officials were present in the meeting, chaired by DNCC Secretary Mohammed Masud Alam Siddique.

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The probe committee, headed by CU syndicate member Prof AKM Moinul Haque Meaze, during its investigation, found Robin and Ahmed guilty. It strongly recommended filing of a case against them and demoting Robin.

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# Dr Milon remembered

#### STAR REPORT

Shaheed Dr Milon was remembered vesterday through various events organised by social and political organisations.

Political leaders placed floral wreaths early in the morning at the memorial plaque near TSC crossing of Dhaka University, commemorating the 32nd martyrdom anniversary of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader and BNP leader Amanullah Aman paid tributes to Milon on behalf of their respective parties.



#### PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN Family members place wreaths at the grave of Dr Milon at Dhaka Medical College yesterday morning.

A discussion was held at Milon Chattar of DU, where speakers said Milon is a symbol of antiautocratic regime. He had sacrificed his life for democracy, but democracy has not been established

Marking the day, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) held a discussion at Dr Milon Chattar of Dhaka Medical College.

On November 27, 1990, Dr Milon, the then joint secretary general of BMA and a teacher of DMC, was shot dead by gunmen near TSC on the DU campus, when he was on his way to a meeting against then autocratic ruler HM Ershad.

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