



Workers were busy removing the compartment of an oil-laden train that got derailed in Khulna yesterday afternoon. The accident took place around 2:10pm in front of BGB headquarters in Daulatpur area. Rail connection was re-established around 8:00pm. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Probe embezzlement of Tk 158cr from 4 mutual funds: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to probe the allegation of embezzling Tk 158.37 crore from four mutual funds of the share market by Syed Hamza Alamgir, managing director of Universal Financial Solution, an asset management company.

Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit and ACC have also been directed to submit probe reports before the HC in 30 days. Besides, the court asked the Securities and Exchange Commission and Investment Corporation of Bangladesh to submit their explanations.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu issued the order on a suo moto (voluntary) move following a report published on Bangla daily Jugantor on January 1 under a headline "158 Koti Taka Niye Dubai Paliyese MD (MD flees to Dubai with Tk 158 core)".

Form polls-time govt

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gave welcome speech at the programme.

In the 15-point demand, Rejaul Karim said the parliament will have to be dissolved before announcement of the election schedule.

He said armed forces will have to be deployed after announcement of the election schedule and they will continue till the new

elected government takes the office.

Rejaul Karim also demanded that the members of the armed forces will have to give magistracy power on the election day.

He also demanded that the government takes measures to prevent the price hike of essentials at any cost and bring those to book who are involved with

AL's efforts

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partners.

Talking to the Daily Star, a top leader of Workers Party, wishing anonymity, said, "As Awami League decided to participate in the next election under the banner of the 14-party alliance, the ruling party is trying to satisfy partners and the latest decision shows that."

"We will wage movements and participate in the election together," AL veteran leader Amir Hossain Amu, also coordinator of the 14-party alliance, told The Daily Star.

He brushed aside claims of the widening gap between AL and its partners.

Fakhrul, Abbas seek

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principal lawyer Zainul Abedin refused to make comment in this regard.

Fakhrul and Abbas have earlier been denied bail four times by the lower courts concerned in the same case.

The case was filed with Paltan Model Police Station on December 8, a day after the clash broke out in front of the BNP's Nayapaltan office. The clash left one

dead and many injured.

Fakhrul and Abbas were picked up from their homes around 3:00am on December 9, a day before their Dhaka divisional mass rally, and were sent to jail after Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Jashim rejected their bail petitions.

The two were shown arrested on charges of provoking party activists to attack police.

Prisoner dies

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"He suddenly felt sick at Kashimpur Central Jail Part-1 unit around 11:30pm yesterday. First, he was taken to the jail hospital and later sent to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital for better treatment. A doctor of

the hospital declared him dead around 2:30am today [yesterday]," said Amirul Islam.

Amirul said the body will be handed over to the relatives of the deceased after completion of the legal procedure.

They need warm clothes

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Taking advantage of the status quo, second-hand warm clothes traders are doing a brisk business as well.

Saiful Islam, a trader in Sreemangal, said prices of warm clothes have increased a bit in both wholesale and retail markets this year compared to the previous years.

Meanwhile, hospitals and clinics are seeing a rise in number of patients admitted with cold-related complications like fever, cough, diarrhoea, bronchitis and asthma, said Deputy Superintendent at Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital Binendu Bhowmick.

Pranesh, chairman of Kalighat union parishad in Sreemangal, said at least 16,000 workers living in different tea gardens under his union are crying for warm clothes.

He has received only 270 pieces of blanket from the government and distributed those among the poor people, Pranesh said.

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, Sylhet chapter, said the number of poor people is pretty high in the remote areas, and it is important to distribute blankets in those areas on priority basis.

Moulvibazar District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer Mohammad Sadu Miah said they have received only 35,280 pieces of warm clothes from the ministry concerned.

Makhon Lal Karmaker, central president of Cha Sramik Union, said about seven lakh tea workers and their family members live in 156 tea gardens and most of them do not have sufficient warm clothes to save them from the biting cold.

38 hospitalised

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Meanwhile, some 79 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment.

The total number of dengue related deaths was 281 last year, while the total number of cases was 62,382, according to the DGHS.

Not worried about next polls

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Momen said there is an "independent Election Commission with transparent arrangements" to hold fair elections.

To greet the first day of the New Year, the top leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs virtually addressed the heads of Bangladesh missions abroad and senior officials on Sunday evening highlighting the government's foreign policy priorities and guidelines to be pursued in 2023.

Momen suggested the Bangladesh envoys abroad to find effective ways to learn lessons from those countries and their best practices to build a "Smart Bangladesh."

He suggested the Bangladesh envoys abroad respond to any misinformation against Bangladesh immediately with facts.

"Let us know -- both good and bad things. There

is nothing to be shy about. We are a team; our all missions are an extension of my ministry. As a team we should share both good and negative things. You should also take some responsibility," he said, adding that they discussed what sort of strategies Bangladesh should take to deal with issues in the coming days.

Responding to a question on border killing, the foreign minister said they got assurance from the highest level to bring down the border killings to zero. "It is not our failure."

Meanwhile, the government has decided to deal with "anti-government propaganda" at home and abroad in a "coordinated way" and fight against misinformation by presenting correct information.

Representatives from the relevant ministries and departments will sit regularly to find effective ways to present

correct information about Bangladesh against fabrication and misinformation.

The decision was taken at a meeting held at the state guesthouse Padma on Sunday with the foreign minister in chair. Law Minister Anisul Huq, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and representatives from law enforcement agencies were present.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will coordinate the work.

"It's not a technical committee, it's a coordination committee," Momen said yesterday.

He said they had a similar coordination committee in the past and tried to re-energise that committee to have better coordination with the relevant ministries.

Momen said it is for everything, not just for fighting against propaganda. "It is a pretty wide spectrum, not specific for a single issue."

Mild cold wave sweeps parts

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is considered a mild cold wave, 6 to 8 degrees Celsius a moderate cold wave and less than 6 degrees Celsius a severe cold wave.

Besides, moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and northern part of the country and light

temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, it added.

The lowest temperature in the country was recorded at 9 degrees Celsius in Tetulia in 24 hours till 6:00am yesterday. The highest temperature was recorded at 29.1 degrees Celsius in Teknaf.

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country.

Night and day

CMCH limps due to manpower

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Ahmed, who was attending to his father at the medicine unit of the facility.

"My father has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. We rushed him to the hospital as he was suffering from breathing problems. But now, he's receiving treatment on the floor in this bone-chilling cold, which can deteriorate his condition," Tanvir said.

"The doctors and nurses are cordial, but they are struggling to cope with so many patients," he said. "The toilet of the ward is also unhygienic."

"The doctors advised my father to take antibiotics... twice a day for 10 days. I have to buy the tablets at Tk 40 per strip from outside, as it's unavailable at the hospital," he added.

Contacted, Ratan Kumar Nath, a nursing staff of CMCH and former general secretary of Chattogram's Diploma Nurses Association, said,

"Nurses perform duties in three shifts, which means 409 out of 1,228 nurses have to serve 3,300 patients per shift."

Acknowledging the workforce shortage, CMCH

He said they have sent a proposal to the health ministry to appoint 543 third- and fourth-class employees on an ad hoc basis.

About the shortage of beds, he said, "We have informed the higher authorities for constructing new buildings for the hospital."

"We also have a shortage of funds. We get a Tk 16-crore budget for each year, but if the budget can be increased to Tk 50 crore, we'll be able to deliver better service to patients," he mentioned.

CMCH started its journey as Anderkilla General Hospital in 1957 and was later shifted to its present location on KB Fazul Quader Road in the city in 1960, with only 120 beds.

The hospital was upgraded to have 500 beds in 1969, 750 in 1996, 1,010 in 2001, 1,313 in 2013, and 2,200 in June 2022.

THE PLAN

- Change organogram to hire more doctors
- Appoint 3rd, 4th-class employees on ad-hoc basis
- Construct new buildings to accommodate more beds
- Increase allocated budget

Director Brig Gen Shamim Hasan said to appoint more doctors and other staff, the organogram will have to be changed. "We are working on preparing a new organogram."

6 'Al Qaeda-inspired' men held

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often bring everyone together online and arrange discussions about "forming a Sharia-based state and jihad".

Later, they connected with a Bangladeshi staying abroad through the internet. Then they all used to communicate through audio and video calls. The person staying abroad motivated everyone to migrate and get involved in militancy.

The man later introduced everyone to

another Bangladeshi staying in Libya and a local of Teknaf, the CTC chief said.

In one of the discussions, it was decided that Abdur Rob, Shamim, Shakib, Nadeem, Saeed and others who are willing to migrate will first go to Teknaf and receive training through local associates. Later, they will "wage jihad to establish Islamic rule in Bangladesh", he added.

A case has been filed against the arrestees with the capital's Jatrabari

Police Station under the anti-terrorism act.

A Dhaka court yesterday placed the six suspected militants on a five-day remand each.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Tariqul Islam passed the order after Md Rafiqul Islam, a sub-inspector of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit and also the case's investigation officer, produced them before the court with a 10-day remand prayer.

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Tender Notice

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society invites sealed tenders from competent consulting firms for "Local Donor Market Assessment" should guide to articulate a Resource Mobilization Policy.

Detail information and the ToR will be available at the Fund-Raising Department of NHQ, BDRCS, Dhaka during office hours (9.00 am to 4.00 pm) or a mail request to hr@bdracs.org and a cc to nasir.uddin@bdracs.org.

The deadline for submitting the proposals is on/before 14th January 2023, 4.00 pm. The proposal should be submitted to hr@bdracs.org and cc to nasir.uddin@bdracs.org.



Procurement & Logistic Support Directorate

REF: DACPL/OTM-64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69/2022-2023 Date: 01/01/2023

Tender in sealed envelope individually is hereby invited from interested Manufacturer/Authorized Distributor for supplying the following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.

Sl./Tender No. & Date	Description
1. OTM-64/2022-2023 Dtd.01/01/2023	Sari, Design#11, Peach & Magenta, (01 set = 01 sari, 02 blouses & 02 long skirts), Qty.246 Sets
2. OTM-65/2022-2023 Dtd.01/01/2023	Sari, Design#07, Purple & Magenta, (01 set = 01 sari, 02 blouses & 02 long skirts), Qty.246 Sets
3. OTM-66/2022-2023 Dtd.01/01/2023	Sari, Design#01/17, Navy Blue, (01 set = 01 sari, 02 blouses & 02 long skirts), Qty.246 Sets
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Tender schedule with details specification of the above item, terms and conditions will be available from the Assistant Manager Accounts (Cash & Banking), Head Office Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka during office hour of every working day up to 29/01/2023 on cash payment for each tender schedule Tk. 1,000.00 (One thousand) (non-refundable) by applying in bidder's own letterhead pad mentioning Tender Reference No. and date. Tender related information will also be available at Biman website www.biman-airlines.com for ready reference.

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Biman Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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