

‘MISBEHAVIOUR’ WITH JUDGE
Litigants suffer
for deadlock in
B’baria courts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Judicial activities at Brahmanbaria District Judge Court and Chief Judicial Magistrate’s Court remained suspended for three working days till yesterday, following an altercation between lawyers and court employees over the alleged misbehaviour with a judge.

This situation is causing immense sufferings to thousands of litigants in the district.

The District Bar Association started the court boycott programme from Thursday morning, after it was announced a day before, demanding the withdrawal of two judges, including Brahmanbaria district judge, and a court staffer.

On Wednesday morning, court employees separately started a work abstention, protesting the lawyers’ actions, but withdrew it later that day.

On January 2, lawyers reportedly misbehaved with Judge Mohammad Faruque of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1 in Brahmanbaria and created chaos in the courtroom.

Meanwhile, Sohel Miah, who went to the court from Nasirnagar upazila’s Dantmandal village for a bail hearing, said, “We are in trouble as the court activities are closed. My family is worried as there is no guarantee when the proceedings will start.”

Alal Mia from Kuttapara village of Sarail upazila said proceedings centring his daughter’s death are not moving forward due to the suspension of activities.

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Md Akbar Ali is a person with disability, who has been undergoing dialysis at Chattogram Medical College Hospital for almost ten years now. But recently the fee for dialysis service at CMCH has been increased. Akbar is one of the many dialysis patients demonstrating in front of the facility yesterday, protesting the recent price hike.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

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HIKE OF DIALYSIS FEE
Kidney patients
demonstrate
at CMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Protesting the recent price hike for dialysis at Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH), kidney patients and their relatives staged demonstrations in front of the hospital yesterday.

The protesters, holding banners and posters, demonstrated before the kidney dialysis centre of the hospital from the morning, demanding restoration of the previous fee for the treatment.

According to sources, the haemodialysis centre at CMCH has been running under the management of a company, Sandor Medicaids, on the basis of a public-private partnership (PPP) agreement since 2017.

As per the agreement, the company set up 31 machines where poor patients recommended by the CMCH authorities would receive dialysis at a

GRAFT CASE
Chandpur
UP chairman
gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted ad-interim bail to Chandpur’s Union Parishad Chairman Md Selim Khan in a case filed for illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 34.53 crore beyond known source of income.

Judge Md Asaduzzaman of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge’s Court passed the order after his lawyer moved a bail petition.

In the order, the judge said Selim Khan will have to submit his passport before the court while furnishing his bail. Moreover, his bail period will remain valid till submission of the probe report.

On October 12 last year, the same court sent him to jail after rejecting his bail petition in the case.

The Anti-Corruption Commission on 1 August last year filed the case against Selim Khan on allegation of acquiring illegal wealth worth Tk 34.53 crore and concealing the information of wealth worth Tk 66.99 lakh.

PRAYER
TIMING
JANUARY 9

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:00	5:30	7:00
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:15	5:35	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Too many patients,
too few beds

Khulna, Tangail hospitals struggle to accommodate patients amid bitter cold

DIPANKAR ROY and MIRZA SHAKIL

Khadiza Begum, came to Khulna Medical College Hospital on December 30 from Satkhira’s Shyamnagar, with her six-year-old son Siam, who was suffering from high fever and shortness of breath.

“My son’s fever has not yet subsided. He remains senseless most of the time. Due to the lack of a bed, we are forced to keep him on the floor despite his severe situation,” she told this newspaper yesterday.

Many other patients and their attendees echoed the same.

KMCH is at present overwhelmed, having to deal with patients much beyond its capacity amid cold weather. Besides, hundreds of patients having to stay in the corridors and balconies due to the lack of a bed.

Most of the elderly patients and children who are admitted have respiratory problems. They are suffering from pneumonia and other cold-related diseases.

KMCH has 500 beds. However, there were 1,083 patients admitted to the facility as of yesterday. Among them, 30 are children.

According to hospital authorities, seven people died in the facility on Sunday, while 15 died on Saturday. They were all suffering from cold-related diseases.

Of the deaths yesterday, six were children.

The government established the 250-bed Khulna Hospital in the Boyra area of the city in 1989. In 1992, it was upgraded into KMCH. The health ministry increased the number of beds in the hospital to 500 in 2008.

At present, patients are treated here in 31



Patients lie on the corridor of Khulna Medical College Hospital amid the cold due to the lack of vacant beds. Inset, people suffer the same fate in Tangail, as hospitals have been overflowed with patients due to cold-related diseases.

PHOTO: STAR

wards under 16 departments.

Niaz Mustafa Chowdhury, assistant director of KMCH, said, “We’re struggling to keep up with so many patients.”

Yesterday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, this correspondent visited various wards and units at KMCH and found patients on the corridor floors, in front of the elevator, and in the balconies.

Some wards were so crowded that there was no space to even enter. The children’s ward has the worst conditions. To stop air from blowing in from outside, that ward’s balcony space has been covered with polythene and cloth.

Md Abu Zahid, assistant registrar of the children’s ward, said the number of children suffering from cold is increasing due to the recent cold waves. They are mostly admitted with diarrhoea and viral pneumonia. The age of such patients is between two months and six months.

Contacted, KMCH Director Dr Md Rabiul Hasan, said, “The hospital doesn’t have enough doctors to treat such a large number of patients.”

TANGAIL FACE THE SAME ORDEAL

Meanwhile, Tangail’s 250-bed General Hospital is also overwhelmed with patients. To tackle the situation, a separate ward was dedicated for children suffering with cold-

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No unauthorised
clinics in capital
Health minister tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Zahid Maleque told parliament yesterday that there is no unauthorised clinics operating in the capital.

Replying to lawmakers’ queries, the minister said if an unauthorised private clinic is found, necessary measures are taken, including stopping its operation through a mobile court.

In response to the question from ruling Awami League MP M Abdul Latif, the health minister said the process of launching a geriatric department at the medical college hospitals in all the divisions has started. The activities will start soon to provide modern medical care to the patients aged 65 years and above at this department.

Replying AL MP Habib Hasan’s query, the minister said the number of approved private hospitals and clinics in Dhaka is 484.

TK 1,500CR GRAFT
Probe allegation
against shipyard
company chief: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the officials concerned to probe allegations against FMC Dockyard Limited Managing Director Md Yeasin Chowdhury of embezzling and laundering around Tk 1,500 crore from banks and individuals.

Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, Criminal Investigation Department of police and Anti-Corruption Commission have been asked to conduct enquiries into the allegations and submit reports to the HC in 60 days, said Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu issued the order and rule following a news report headlined “Der Hajar Koti Taka Hatye Bideshe Yeasin (Yeasin in abroad after embezzling Tk 1,500 crore)” published on Bangla daily Kalbela on January 5.

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e-Tender is invited for 02 (Two) No Packages in the National e-GP System portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following works details is given below:-

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Package Description and Package No	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time
01.	772147	Construction of a) Khadimpur GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet, b) Osmangur Prangur GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet, c) Nandbar GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet, d) Baro Gangni GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet under PEDP4.e-Tender/PEDP4/CHD/ALA/2022-2023/W15.0207	31-01-2023, 16:00	01-02-2023, 14:00
02	772151	Construction of a) Ailhas Laxmipur GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet, b) Jore gacha GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet, c) Khajurtala GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet, d) Chitla Kuitanpur GPS Head Teacher’s room with attached toilet under PEDP4. e-Tender/PEDP4/CHD/ALA/2022-2023/W15.0208	31-01-2023, 16:00	01-02-2023, 14:30

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Project Name : Strengthening Regional Pulse Research Station, Madaripur and increase production of pulse crops at greater Barishal, Faridpur Region.

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