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Kidney patients more vulnerable during disasters

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kidney patients become more vulnerable during disasters like earthquakes, and preparations need to be taken so that they can get uninterrupted treatment at the time of such disasters, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

It is urgent to ensure that every structure in the cities, especially hospitals, is earthquake resilient, they said at the roundtable held at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Marking the upcoming World Kidney Day on Thursday, Kidney Awareness Monitoring and Prevention Society (Kamps) organised the event with support from Eskayef Pharmaceuticals Limited.

“When we talk about saving kidney patients during disasters, the major question is whether the dialysis centres are earthquake resilient,” said Prof Mehedi Ahmed Ansari of civil engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) while speaking at the event.

Abdul Latif Helali, project director of the Urban Resilient Project at Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), said they found 3,252 buildings in Dhaka vulnerable to earthquakes during their assessment. “Of those, 42 buildings, including hospitals and schools, need to be knocked down.”

Engineer Iqbal Habib, joint secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, said Dhaka Medical College Hospital is one of the most vulnerable establishments in Dhaka.

“Our buildings are 20-30 times more vulnerable than

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Mud lathers on the hands of a potter as he gives form to a piece of clay on a pottery wheel. Once the clay is shaped into different kinds of earthenware, workers at the pottery station put them under the sun to dry. And after many phases, these pieces of intricate craftsmanship reach the shelves of markets in the city. This particular pottery workshop in Keraniganj's Fulachar area has 20 artisans who churn out at least 3,000 pieces of earthenware each day.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Revisiting the spirit of liberation

Razzaq Foundation launches 4-day event to commemorate Liberation War, freedom fighters



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

“We dissented from Pakistan because it ignored the rights of the people of our region. I’m blessed to be a part of a generation who did not think twice before fighting for the country, and a generation who loved the idea of a free nation,” said freedom fighter Nayeem Jahangir on Day 1 of “Muktijuddho: Pramanno Chitro”, a series of events organised by Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation.

The four-day event, which was launched on Friday at the Bengal Shilpalaya, will feature documentaries, songs, poems and discussions commemorating the Liberation War.

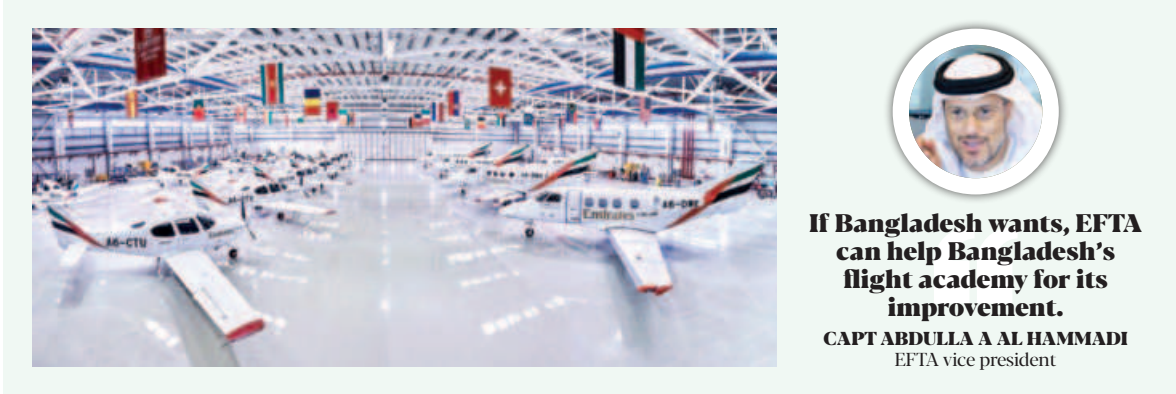
The inauguration included opening remarks by freedom fighter Shah Syed Kamal and recollections of the war shared by freedom fighters Commodore Abdul Wahid Chowdhury, Major Abdul Qayum Khan, Dr Kaiser Hamidul Haq, Syeda Kamal, and Nayeem Jahangir.

The second day of the event held yesterday screened the

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A new avenue for aspiring pilots

Emirates Flight Training Academy offering training for Bangladeshis



RASHIDUL HASAN, back from Dubai, UAE

Emirates Flight Training Academy (EFTA) has created an opportunity for Bangladeshi students to train to be pilots there.

According to aviation experts, only one or two flying academies currently exist in Bangladesh. However, they don't have any modern facilities there.

In contrast, EFTA has the most advanced pilot training courses in the world at its academy in Dubai, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and flight training in

advanced multiengine aircraft.

EFTA is offering a 21-month cadet pilot course, which a Bangladeshi student can avail of with the cost of around Tk 2 crore, Capt Abdulla A Al Hammadi, EFTA vice president, disclosed this information recently at a media briefing at his office in Dubai.

Emirates arranged a trip for aviation and tourism reporters from five media houses in Bangladesh to get a first-hand experience about the operations of the airlines, flight training academy and SkyCargo facilities of the airlines.

Located in proximity to Al

If Bangladesh wants, EFTA can help Bangladesh's flight academy for its improvement.
CAPT ABDULLA A AL HAMMADI
EFTA vice president

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Dhaka air most polluted for 3rd consecutive day

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka continued to occupy the top spot in the list of cities around the world with the worst air quality for the third consecutive day yesterday morning.

With an air quality index (AQI) score of 288 at 9:30am, the capital ranked first in the list of cities with the worst air quality.

An AQI between 151 and 200 is considered “unhealthy,” 201 and 300 “very unhealthy,” and 301 to 400 is considered “hazardous,” posing serious health risks to residents.

India's Mumbai, China's Beijing and Thailand's Chiang Mai occupied the second, third and fourth spots in the list, with AQI scores of 203, 198 and 192, respectively.

Dhaka air was also the most polluted in the world on Friday morning with an AQI of 221.

In Bangladesh, the AQI is based on five criteria pollutants – particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5), NO2, CO, SO2 and ozone.

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‘Tanzim Sir’s role was praiseworthy’

DU international relations students stand beside their professor

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ehsan Dhrubo, a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader and a student at Dhaka University's Department of International Relations, tried to smear Prof Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan's reputation by spreading misinformation, his classmates said in a statement yesterday.

SM Ehsan Ullah Dhrubo, also deputy training affairs secretary of BCL's Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall unit, made a Facebook post around 8:30pm on Thursday, accusing Prof Tanzimuddin of “insulting” him. He reportedly went missing after making the post.

At least 53 students signed the statement. Most of them were present in the class during the incident.

“Prof Tanzimuddin Khan's role in that incident was responsible and praiseworthy. He did what every conscious teacher should do to protect a female student from harassment,” the statement read.

“Exactly why Ehsan Dhrubo politicised the matter is incomprehensible to us. Prof Tanzim did not mention anything about Chhatra League or any political organisations,” it added.

Dhrubo was earlier accused of harassing his female classmate. After he went missing on Thursday night, around 500 BCL activists took position in front of the DU vice chancellor's residence, shouting slogans against the professor.

Ehsan was found near Shahidullah Hall pond on the campus around 1:30am and was taken to the emergency department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for a check-up. He was released from the facility soon after.

Two burnt in AC explosion in Niketan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two employees of a recruiting agency suffered burn injuries after an air conditioner (AC) exploded at an office in the capital's Niketan area yesterday morning.

The injured are -- Gopal Mallik, 28, an office executive, and Mizanur Rahman, 20, an office assistant, of KM International.

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Traffic movement through this U-loop near Satrasta intersection has been restricted using barricades. Many such U-loops were constructed in the city in a bid to reduce gridlocks. However, they either have been demolished or made inaccessible due to their failure to serve the purpose. This photo was taken yesterday in Tejaon's BG press area.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Student dies as microbus hits bike in Arambagh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A college student was killed after a microbus hit his motorcycle in capital's Arambagh area yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Arafat Islam Tanvir, 20, son of Md Alamin. He was a first-year student at Abudharr Ghifari College.

He died while undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 9:30am.

Confirming the incident, Assistant In-Charge of DMCH police outpost Md Masud Mia said the body has been kept in the morgue for autopsy.

The accident took place near the Arambagh Royal Deluxe bus counter around

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PRAYER
TIMING

MARCH 5

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
5:15	12:45	4:30	6:05	7:30
JAMAT	5:50	1:15	4:45	6:10
8:00				

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

