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It's plagued by irregularities, corruption

Says TIB on Holy Family Medical College Hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital has been plagued by irregularities, corruption, and autocracy, according to a report by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

The quality of service in this hospital has significantly deteriorated due to internal politics, with the chairman of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society bearing sole responsibility for this degradation, TIB said while presenting its report yesterday.

TIB researchers Taslima Akter and Mahfuzul Haque presented their report at a virtual press conference titled "Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital: Challenges of Good Governance and Ways to Overcome".

Mentionable, the hospital is a non-profit healthcare organisation under the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

TIB report revealed that, on average, 300 out of the hospital's 528 beds are occupied by patients. Consequently, the hospital's income has declined due to the

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Family members hold the photos of victims of enforced disappearances at a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Mayer Daak, an organisation of family members of such victims, organised the event.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Address social cost of migration

Speakers tell event on left-behind elderly parents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a dissemination workshop yesterday said the social cost borne by elderly parents of migrant workers is an under-addressed area in the country's labour migration discourse, stressing for adequate government measure to this end.

Parents in migrant families play a crucial role in decision-making regarding offspring's migration abroad and also arranging its cost, they said.

Alongside gains, they face psycho-social challenges such as loneliness and negligence, and also bear additional responsibility to care for their grandchildren, they added.

Refugee and Migratory Movements

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'The unholy agreement'

Jama'atul Ansar made KNF sole arms supplier; set up training camps in hills, says CTTC

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

The newly-formed militant outfit, Jama'atul Ansar Fil Hindal Sharqiya, has exclusively designated Kuki-Chin National Front (KNF), an armed group operating in the Chattogram Hill Tracts, as its sole supplier of firearms.

However, as part of a five-point agreement, the outfit has to pay a service charge of 14 percent higher than the market price of the weapons to the KNF. This provision constitutes the second clause of the confidential agreement signed between Sharqiya and KNF, which was finalised in March 2020 during a meeting held at a residential hotel in Cox's Bazar.

Shamin Mahfuz, the chief of Sharqiya, and Nathan Bom, the chief of KNF, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective outfits. Four witnesses from both outfits have signed

the two-page agreement.

The counter-terrorism and transnational crime (CTTC) unit became aware of the agreement details following the recent arrest of Shamin, the founder of Sharqiya.

After the agreement, Sharqiya proceeded to purchase firearms, ammunition, and explosives amounting to approximately Tk 42 lakh from the KNF over the following year.

Once the training in the hilly areas concluded, the outfit intended to carry out armed attacks on plainlands.

During the ongoing four-day police remand of Shamin and the three-day remand of his wife, Naznin Sultana, the CTTC has gathered such information through interrogations, said SM Nazmul Haque, a deputy commissioner of the CTTC unit.

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Dengue claims three more lives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three more dengue patients died and 399 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The total number of deaths in dengue rose to 45 this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The number of dengue cases this year stands at 7,238. Some 1,498 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment while 5,695 have been released from hospitals.

5 Eid jamaats at Baitul Mukarram

UNB, Dhaka

Five congregations will be held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque, starting from 7:00am on the day of Eid-ul-Azha.

The first Eid jamaat will be administered by Hafez Maulana Ehsanul Haque, Pesh Imam of the mosque, said a press release of Islamic Foundation.

The second one will be held at 8:00am while the next three jamaats will be held at 9:00am, 10:00am and 10:45am respectively.

Tk 800 crore toll collected in first year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said the Padma Multipurpose Bridge collected around Tk 800 crore from tolls in the first year following its opening.

"Tk 798,23,96,000 has been collected from 56.75 lakh vehicles since its inauguration on June 25 last year. On average, more than 15,000 vehicles cross the bridge daily, surpassing our initial estimates," the minister told reporters during a press briefing at Setu Bhaban.

He hoped that by yesterday evening, the toll collection from the bridge will reach Tk 800 crore.

Act now to stop violence against children: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is necessary to create a separate children's affairs department and establish more Child Protection Community Hubs (CPCH) to oversee children's issues, stressed speakers at an event yesterday.

They made the remarks at an event titled, "Draft Costing Exercise on National Violence Prevention Program: Working towards Sustainability and Scalability", organised by Unicef and Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, with support from the European Union, at Shishu Academy.

The speakers also directed CPCH to address harmful practices and violence against children and prevent them.

Rowan Ara Begum, additional secretary of the ministry, and Elisa Calpona, child protection manager, Unicef Bangladesh, spoke at the event, among others.



The 19th graduation ceremony of Sunnysdale was held at a city hotel on June 24. Dr Mohammad Kaykobad, professor of CSE department, Brac University, Dhaka attended the event as the chief guest and handed over graduation certificates to 111 graduates. Sunnysdale Chairman Dr Tanvir Ahmed Khan and Head of School Tazeen Ahmed were also present at the ceremony.

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Four war criminals sentenced to death

UNB, Dhaka

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday sentenced four war criminals to death for crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

The convicts are Md Amzad Hossain Mollah, Wahab Mollah, Md Mahtab Biswas and Md Fasiar Rahman Mollah.

A three-member bench of the International Crimes Tribunal, headed by its Chairman Justice Md Shahinur Islam, passed the order. The other two members of the tribunal are Justice Md Abu Ahmed Jamadar and Justice KM Hafizul Alam.

At the time of the verdict, the only arrested accused in the case, Md Amjad, was present at the court.

Amjad of Bagherpara in Jashore arrested on May 22, 2017. The other convicts are absconding. However, one of them, Nowsher Biswas, died.

According to the case statement, Amjad and his associates abducted Md Moinuddin of Bagherpara

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Cattle sales yet to gain momentum

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Eighteen makeshift cattle markets of two Dhaka city corporations began operating yesterday, with very few buyers.

Due to low sales, traders who brought their cattle from across the country several days earlier are anxious.

However, many others still have hope, since usually Dhaka's livestock markets pick up two days before Eid-ul-Azha.

This year, two Dhaka city corporations permitted 19 cattle markets, including the permanent one in Gabtali. Cantonment Board established another one in Kachukhet.

"I have brought 14 bulls from Jibonnagar of Chuadanga on Friday but could not sell a single one till Sunday afternoon," said Chan Mia, who came to the cattle market near Dholaikhal Truck Stand.

Shamsu Bepari, a cattle trader of Faridpur, said he did not find any customer so far though he came at the Dholaikhal cattle market on Wednesday.

"Usually, the sale picks up during the last couple of days," he said.

Yunus Ali, a trader of Harinakundo of Jhenidah, said he made a profit last year, for which he invested around Tk 26 lakh, taking out a Tk 20 lakh loan. However, now he fears a potential loss seeing the lack of customers.

Shajahan Ali, cashier of

Kachukhet cattle market, said the cattle market started yesterday with a large quantity of livestock, but sales are low.

DEMAND FOR AGRO FARM BULLS HIGH

Many people have purchased their bulls from farms directly via online or other media platforms.

Mahmood Hossain, proprietor of Hossain Agro at Kapasia, brought 40 bulls at the Dholaikhal cattle market. He had around 300 bulls at his farm of which around 200 were sold directly from the farm.

"I have also brought 50 bulls at the Dholaikhal cattle market to meet local demands," said Hossain, who has been in this business for the last four years.

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PRAYER TIMING

JUNE 26

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-17
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-57	8-45

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