

Crumbling buildings

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including the position for an upazila health and family planning officer, and 10 of those are currently vacant.

The anaesthetist hired at this health centre works at Patuakhali Medical College Hospital on deputation, and the last nine posts for doctors are still empty, including essential positions like paediatrics and gynaecology.

Abul Hossain, a resident of Konakdia village in Baufal who went to the complex for treatment recently, said, "The roof's plaster has fallen, and the rods are protruding... Accident can happen at any moment... We're afraid for our lives all the time. The

buildings need renovations right away."

Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Prashanto Kumar Saha acknowledged the risk and the crisis of doctors.

He said the issue had been reported to the Health Engineering Department (HED) several times in writing.

Contacted, Altaf Hossain, HED executive engineer in Patuakhali, said the issue has already been reported to the construction authorities. "Funds have been set aside to fix the complex buildings that were falling apart. I hope the repair works will start next month," he added.

200-year-old pond

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demanded the pond not be harmed in any way in the name of development work.

When many ponds in the city have disappeared in recent decades and only a few are struggling for their existence, filling up of such an old and important pond will be detrimental to the environment, Chunnun said.

Talking to this correspondent, ABM Saddam Hossain, executive

engineer of Roads and Highways in Mymensingh, said a small portion of the pond will be filled up for widening the road from Mymensingh's Zero-point to Madhupur in Tangail.

He, however, claimed that it will not harm the pond.

Contacted, Md Mustafizar Rahman, deputy commissioner of Mymensingh, said he was informed about the matter and will take necessary steps in this regard.

Rain, tidal surge inundate Sundarbans

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Heavy rain, caused by a depression in the Bay, along with a tidal surge due to the full moon, has inundated the low-lying areas of Bagerhat.

According to Additional District Commissioner Hafiz Al Asad, 750 families in the district are currently suffering due to waterlogging. However, locals claimed the number to be at least a thousand.

Parts of Mongla, Morrelgonj and Bagerhat municipalities, and Baharbania, Khaulia, Putikhali,

including Karamjal, Jamtala, Hironpoint, Dublarchar, Alibanda, and Andharmanik are under water.

Besides, the water level has increased by five to six feet in the Dubla area, said Mohammad Belayet Hossain, divisional forest officer of East Sundarban.

"There has been no report of damage to the forest's animals so far. Large areas of the Sundarbans are naturally inundated by tides. However, the wildlife here is used to this," he added.

A project has been undertaken to build high mounds (land piles) at different spots inside the forest to



Teligati, Hoglapasa of Morrelgonj upazila; Raripara, Afra, Kalmibuniya of Kachua, Bemrata, Dema, Karapara of Bagerhat Sadar upazila; Sundarbans, Joymonir Ghol, and Chila of Mongla; Hurka, Batali of Rampal upazila; Southakhali of Shrankhola upazila and several areas of Rayenda union have remained submerged for the last three to four days.

"All the houses are under water in our area," said Aziz Sheikh of Morrelgonj town.

Sagor Gazi of Baharbania area said the condition is similar in his area.

Meanwhile, the water level of rivers in the Sundarbans has increased by 3-5 feet, according to forest department sources.

Most areas of the Sundarbans,

shelter forest animals. Twelve such mounds will be constructed in the forest in the current fiscal year.

Masum Billah, executive engineer of Water Development Board in Bagerhat, said the water level of almost all the rivers in the district, including Pasur, Baleshwar, Panguchi, and Bhairab, has increased significantly.

The Pasur is flowing 15 cm above the danger level, while waters at Daratana and Bhairav are flowing 10 cm above the danger level, he said.

"During high tide, water flows at a height of two to three feet, but no embankment is in danger. The water pressure will decrease in the next three to four days, after the rain subsides and the full moon passes," he added.

Govt failed to tackle dengue

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"There are no available beds, and dengue patients are being forced to receive medical treatment in balconies, corridors, and even under the stairs," he said.

"Moreover, the shortage

of manpower and insufficient government support are hindering the efforts of healthcare professionals to provide adequate treatment," GM Quader added.

He expressed concern about the escalating

number of dengue cases and deaths reported daily.

According to government data, the number of infected individuals has reached 66,732 as of August 6, with 313 reported deaths so far.

We will work for

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and Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh.

"A notification regarding formation of the committee could be issued tomorrow (today). It will be asked to submit a report a month later," he further said.

He said based on analysis it was found that there has been an import price of \$30. It needs to be looked at whether such an accessory was sold at \$30 or Tk 3 lakh.

He said the committee will look deeply at such issues.

Md Anwar Hossain, general secretary of Medical Device Importers Association of Bangladesh, said they try to maintain rules and regulation while importing medical devices.

He said the country's medical device sector is 95 percent dependent on imported products.

ATM Golam Kibria Khan, assistant director of DGDA, said they issue price certificate in case of imported products.

It is mandatory to have the maximum retail price mentioned on the package cover of imported products, he added.

Detectives

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Magistrate Md Shahidul Islam ordered further investigation into the case after Public Prosecutor (PP) Md Abdullah Abu submitted an application in this regard.

On March 1 last year, the court framed charges against nine people in the case.

The accused are Firoz Mahmud, Naimul Hasan Rasel, Mir Amzad Hossain Akash, Sazu Islam, Razibul Alam Razu, Shahidul Alam Khan Kajol, Mozahid Azmi Tanna, Siam and Oli Ahmed Jony.

The case was filed with Mohammadpur Police Station on August 10, 2018, following the attack.

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Remittance from KSA falls

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community-level and take the opportunity of 2.5 percent cash incentive while sending money through banking channel.

The ambassador also said the embassy is working to stop "visa trading" to reduce migration cost and stressed on sending more skilled workers to Saudi Arabia to increase remittance.

"Remittance flow will increase if skilled workers are sent," he added.

Remittance sent by Bangladeshi migrant workers is considered to be one of the key pillars of the country's economic progress.

In last fiscal year, Bangladesh received \$21.6 billion in inward remittance compared to \$21.03 billion received in the previous fiscal.

In the outgoing fiscal, Saudi Arabia generated highest 17.42 percent of Bangladesh's total inward remittance, followed by USA (16.29 percent), the UAE (14.03 percent), UK (9.62 percent), and Kuwait (7.19 percent).

Since 1976 till June this

year, Bangladesh sent about 1.53 crore migrant workers abroad for employment, shows BMET data.

Of them, 55.07 lakh or 35.79 percent went to KSA, it says.

Talking to this newspaper over phone, Syed Saiful Haque, chairman of Warbe Development Foundation, said the government needs to enhance its effort to rein in unauthorised channels like hundi to increase remittance.

Remittance through formal channel will increase if gateway of hundi is stopped, he added.

Saiful also said Bangladesh government needs to send more skilled workers to Saudi Arabia and monitor whether new migrant workers there are getting promised job.

Also, the government should look into whether migrants are returning home empty-handed from Saudi Arabia, he said, stressing the need for a comprehensive database on the returnees.

Shakirul Islam, chairperson of Oviabashi Karmi Unnayan Program,

suggested that the government may opt to increase the cash incentive from the existing 2.5 percent rate to attract more remitters to use banking channel.

12 injured

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As the news spread, other supporters of the "state minister group" gathered nearby the hall on the campus and later clashed with the attackers. The clash continued till early yesterday.

The correspondent could not reach leaders of the rival BCL factions over the phone despite repeated attempts.

Barishal Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Saiful Islam said police brought the situation under control at dawn. Additional policemen have been deployed on the campus.

Meanwhile, the university authorities have formed a five-member probe committee to investigate the incident, VC Sadequ Arefin said.

The university authority has asked all outsiders to leave the hall, the VC said.

Overcome conflict

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"As a result of ongoing technological advancements, our understanding of the solar system is decentralising. But our society still resists the heliocentric model (a cosmological model in which the Sun is assumed to lie at or near a central point (while the Earth and other bodies revolve around it)," he stressed.

"Although we have made progress in accepting scientific facts, our primal instincts continue to influence our personal, social, and political

conduct," he added.

Asif also spoke about the historical patterns evident in most human settlements, including their preference to settle near the banks of the Nile, Euphrates, Tigris, Huangho, Yang Sing, and Indus, further expanding their homesteads into coastal belts.

"It gradually helped us develop an interconnected global network to communicate with people around the world. Today, humans can travel to various parts of the world to share knowledge,

information and ideas. However, their minds are still plagued by their desire to rule, dominate, and create conflict," he said.

These factors are driving the world towards the sixth mass extinction, he added.

The lecture was supported by the science organisation Discussion Project, Cosmic Culture and Mohakash Barta, an astronomy magazine.

Professionals and other participants from various age groups attended the lecture, which concluded with a question-answer session.

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