

Sorry state of a Khulna hospital

Crumbling building, manpower shortage plague Chest Disease Hospital

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A lack of proper supervision and renovation has left the 58-year-old Khulna Chest Disease Hospital in a sorry state.

The institution serves as the only reliable treatment centre for tuberculosis patients, especially drug-resistant tuberculosis, in 21 districts of the region.

Despite its reputation, admitted patients are always in a state of fear due to the dilapidated condition of the hospital building. Often, one-third of the beds remain vacant, as many patients do not venture to get admitted there.

Its walls lay cracked and half of the pillars have collapsed. When it rains, water falls through the roof into the ward. The plaster of the walls and roof of the building has fallen and iron rods are visibly sticking out.

Almost all toilets designated for patients are unusable.

However, only a few rounds of regular renovations have been carried out over a long period of time.

Partha Biswas, a medical officer at the hospital, said various NGOs are providing free medical care to TB patients in remote areas. Because of that, the number



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of TB patients has decreased. Additionally, a patient crisis has been ongoing since Covid-19.

“However, the dilapidated building poses a threat to everyone and many patients leave in fear of accidents,” he added.

Md Abdur Rahman of Manjildpur of Paikgacha Sadar union in Khulna said, “I was admitted here last year. I returned again last month for treatment. But lying in the hospital bed and looking at the ceiling, my chest shuddered.”

Sheikh Dildar of Mongla upazila in Bagerhat has been

receiving treatment for several months on the bed next to Abdur Rahman.

“I am already sick... But the condition of the hospital makes me panic more,” he said.

According to available data, 297 patients were admitted between January and July of this year. However, data from 2022 showed that 300 patients visited the facilities every month.

While doctors and nurses serve at this 100-bed hospital amid the risk, there is an ongoing crisis of manpower. Surgeries at the hospital have been shut down for

two years due to a lack of specialist doctors.

Out of the 11 posts available for doctors, five positions -- including two specialists -- are vacant. The hospital does not have any doctors for pathology and radiology. Similarly, 16 out of 25 posts for office assistants and 12 out of 15 posts for cleaners are also vacant.

While other public hospitals in Khulna are overcrowded with patients, KCDH is only at one-third of its capacity. This shows the present condition of government hospitals, said Sheikh Baharul Alom, president of Bangladesh Medical Association, Khulna.

Contacted, Prodip Chandra Mondal, superintendent of the hospital, said the condition of the hospital buildings has reached an alarming level and the authorities should have looked into this earlier.

The Public Works Department has put two proposals, forward earlier this year, for the reconstruction of dilapidated buildings and abandoned residential buildings, he said.

“They have already visited the hospital. They said it is no longer repairable and it has to be rebuilt,” he added.

Will work

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Hassan paid rich tributes to Bangabandhu and to the martyrs of the Liberation War by placing wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi 32 and at National Martyrs Memorial in Savar.

Afterwards, he told reporters that he took oath for establishing rule of law and justice for all following the ideology of Bangabandhu. “Bangabandhu has given us the constitution and it is our responsibility to uphold the constitution,” he said.

85pc used

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Aroma Dutta said collaboration between the government and NGOs during the pandemic can be an example for such future emergencies.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, highlighted how the organisation has helped government stakeholders facilitate their services for targeted groups.

“We have witnessed how people volunteered to help each other during the pandemic,” she added.

Promote

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declining media trust; however, they tend to put the blame mostly on external factors, sidelining the media’s own failures in maintaining effective internal governance standards,” says another study titled “Towards Sustainable Journalism in Bangladesh,” which was presented by North South University’s Associate Professor SM Rezwan Ul Alam.

“There is a strong urge from media leaders and practitioners to develop a functional code of conduct and improve self-regulations, which will ultimately contribute to public trust,” the study read.

Another study, titled “Promoting Self-regulation in Digital News Platforms,” found that the importance of fact-checking emerges as a cornerstone in the edifice of responsible journalism, safeguarding accuracy, credibility, and the overarching principle of truthfulness.

Reaz Ahmad, executive editor at Dhaka Tribune, presented the study

findings at the same event. The study also highlighted the limited efficacy of regulatory bodies, such as the Press Council, in addressing journalistic content proliferated on social media.

It said media can serve as a guiding light for digital news outlets by upholding high journalistic standards, practicing self-regulation, and prioritising ethical reporting.

Speakers, while addressing the event, emphasised the importance of ensuring self-regulation in media houses when practicing journalism.

Journalist Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, while speaking at the event, said if media could manage content diversification, improve presentation styles, and properly use technology, it would sustain in the near future.

The event was moderated by MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman, while Ainee Islam, director of programme development at the Asia Foundation, spoke at the event, among others.

Villages of artisans

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domestic chores and earn around Tk 7,000-8,000 a month.

Milton Miah, a artisan of the factory, said he has been working there for seven years and currently earns around Tk 15,000-16,000 monthly.

“With the earnings, I can maintain my family and ensure my children’s education,” he said.

Munia Begum, a craftswoman from Borni village who also works at the factory, said, “I also want to build a small factory someday.”

Siraj Miah of the same village, who has been involved in this industry for many years, said, “My children don’t want me

to work anymore. But I don’t want to leave this profession as I am really good at it.”

“Earlier, we had to move to different places to sell our products. Now, we can just sell our products to the factory,” he added.

People of this area do not sit idle anymore. They have become financially independent through bamboo crafting, said Nurunnabi.

The shopping malls in Dhaka are main customers of Nurunnabi’s products, while the handicrafts are also being exported to about 10-12 countries, he said.

“However, we are struggling to compete in the international market regarding the price and

quality of our products. We need advanced tools and machinery to increase production and maintain quality,” he said.

Jamil Hussain, extension officer of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation in Tangail, said several initiatives are being taken to expand the bamboo-cane industry.

“If a person needs a loan, we will arrange it on easy terms,” he added.

Snap illegal power

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of the committee, presided over by its chairman Waseqa Ayesha Khan in the Parliament Bhaban, said a press release.

The meeting discussed the steps taken to reduce load shedding in the areas under Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board.

The parliamentary body asked for imparting proper training to the members of Palli Bidyut Samity regularly. The committee recommended the ministry

concerned to automise its imported fuel sales or distribution system, taking actions immediately to check irregularities if any in the system, and continuing the geological survey activities.

Besides, the parliamentary panel suggested stopping illegal extraction of stones from stone quarries in different parts of the country and, if necessary, taking measures to appoint guards in the quarries.

Worldwide Media Rights
Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 for 02 Editions

Ref No: BCB/ Media Rights/ BPT20 / 2023/645

Date: 27th September 2023

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from the TV Broadcasters/ Marketing Agents/ Consortiums for acquiring the following Worldwide Media Rights of the BANGLADESH PREMIER LEAGUE (BPL) T20 for a period of two (02) editions/seasons i.e., 10th and 11th edition/season of BPL T20:

01. Satellite TV Broadcasting Rights for Global including Bangladesh.

02. Digital OTT (Over-the-Top) Rights for Global including Bangladesh.

03. DTH (Direct-to-Home) Rights.

Area of Rights :

A detailed EOI document has been developed incorporating all necessary EOI details for acquiring the above-mentioned Worldwide Media Rights of the BANGLADESH PREMIER LEAGUE (BPL) T20 for a period of two (02) editions/seasons i.e., 10th and 11th edition/season of BPL T20.

Eligibility Criteria:

a) Companies related to/ directly or indirectly involved in Tobacco, Alcohol (surrogated and non-surrogated), Betting, online betting & Online Betting Surrogate shall not be eligible to participate in the EOI process.

b) Any person(s) or entities with an existing unresolved dispute or regarded as non-compliant in its previous involvement (e.g. Financial, Disciplinary etc.) with BCB or ICC on a point of law or fact shall be ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in the EOI Process or to obtain EOI Document from BCB on payment.

c) Interested applicants (TV Broadcasters /Marketing agencies/ Digital Marketing Agencies/Consortiums) should have the appropriate experience, infrastructure, staffing, resources, capability, and financial standing to participate in the EOI process.

d) The broadcaster / TV Channel must be in operation (on air) for least 02 (Two) years. Marketing Agency/Digital Marketing Agency/Consortium must have the capability and reasonable experience in marketing international standard cricket events.

EOI Document Purchasing Procedure :

a) Interested parties need to obtain a copy of the EOI Document from BCB Management Office (Marketing & Commercial Department) on payment of the Non-Refundable fees of BDT 3,00,000 (Three Lacs Taka Only) in the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft/ Cash or for the Overseas participants USD 3,000.00 (Three thousand US Dollar only) to be remitted to BCB (Account No. 01-7537131-01, Account Name : Bangladesh Cricket Board, Bank : Standard Chartered Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, SWIFT : SCBLBDDX). Please send your request for the EOI Document (Soft copy or printed version) along with the evidence of Bank Transfer /Payment receipt referred to above at the following email address: sponsorship.rights@bcb-cricket.com.

b) The details of the EOI process, Tentative Itinerary, Bank Guarantee Format etc. are set out in the EOI Document. EOI document will be available from 30th September, 2023 to 12th October, 2023 during working hours (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except Friday & Public Holidays in Bangladesh).

EOI Submission Procedure :

The EOI along with financial offer (prepared in accordance with the EOI Document) must be submitted at the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh by 16th October, 2023 during office hours (between BST 1000 to BST 1700) and should be in a sealed envelope to be addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board.

The EOI needs to be accompanied with the following documents:

01. Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.

02. Updated auditor's report on financial statements (In case of consortium, each party's auditor's report needs to be submitted individually).

03. Bank Solvency Certificate along with Bank Statement.

04. Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association along with certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.

05. Updated VAT Registration Certificate, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate or similar documents.

06. In case of Consortium, notarized Consortium Agreement.

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reason. The BCB also reserves the right to cancel the entire EOI process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for EOI process by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the EOI.

Chief Executive Officer
Bangladesh Cricket Board
Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh

Bangladesh Cricket Board

Date: 27th September 2023

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Deputy General Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
MATTER NO. 382 OF 2023

An application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF:
Ibrahim Iqbal Memorial Hospital Limited PETITIONER
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215RESPONDENT

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994, for the alteration and addition of the objects clause of the Memorandum of Association of Ibrahim Iqbal Memorial Hospital Limited has been filed before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through a duly appointed Advocate. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of requisite costs.

Intiaz Uddin Ahmad Asif
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Room No. 105 (Annex-Extension) Sher-e-Bangla Bhaban,
Supreme Court Bar Association Building

WANTED

Gonoshasthaya Samaj Vittik
Medical College, Savar, Dhaka

A sister organization of Gonoshasthaya Kendra Charitable Trust.

Applications are invited for the post of principal of **Gonoshasthaya Samaj Vittik Medical College, Savar, Dhaka.**

Eligibility criteria:

Candidates who are registered with BMDC according to the BMDC Rules, are encouraged to apply with CV, two copies of passport size colored photographs, copies of supporting documents, and a payment order for BDT. 1,000/00 (Taka one thousand) only payable to **Gonoshasthaya Samaj Vittik Medical College before October 08, at 2 pm.** Internal candidates have the option to apply through the proper channels. Two years of experience as principal at a medical college and the status of professor with two medical articles published in reputed journals are required.

PROFESSOR ALTAFUNNESSA MAYA
Chairperson
Gonoshasthaya Kendra Charitable Trust
Address: 14/E, Road No. 6 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, BANGLADESH.

Home Series-Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men)
Worldwide Media Rights

Ref No: BCB/Media Rights / 2023/646

Date: 27th September 2023

Expression of Interest (EOI)

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02. Digital OTT (Over-the-Top) Rights for Global including Bangladesh.

03. DTH (Direct-to-Home) Rights.

Area of Rights :

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