Guterres lauds Hasina's leadership

UNB, Dhaka

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for championing a number of UNled global processes and commended her leadership.

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud met him vesterday afternoon on the sidelines of the third South Summit in Kampala, Uganda.

During the meeting, the secretary general congratulated Hasina and appreciated Bangladesh's vital role in the call for reforming global financial architecture, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On behalf of the government and people of Bangladesh, Hasan Mahmud commended the UN chief for his bold and crucial role with regard to the war in Gaza.

He also requested Guterres to keep the Rohingya issue at the top of the UN agenda. He invited Guterres to

Bangladesh at the latter's convenience. Hasan also briefed the secretary general on the recently held free, fair and peaceful elections in Bangladesh with people's participation.

He led the Bangladesh delegation to the 19th Summit of the NAM and the third South Summit of the G-77 and China in Kampala, Uganda.



SPIN-FLING! Unleashing a top onto his palm, a boy enjoys its spin on a lazy winter morning in Bukhainagar of Barishal Sadar yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Father, son killed in road accident

STAR REPORT

A father and his son were killed after their motorcycle and a three-wheeler (locally known as Nasimon) collided head-on in Bhurungamari upazila of Kurigram yesterday morning.

Bhurungamari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ruhul Amin said the accident happened in Pateshwari area due to poor visibility caused by

Shahidul Islam, 50, and his son Biplab Hasan, 25, were taken to Bhurungamari Upazila Health Complex where the doctor pronounced them dead, said the OC.

The Nasimon driver managed to flee the scene,

In Dinajpur, a truck driver was killed and three others were injured when the vehicle loaded with rice bran overturned and plunged into a ditch beside Dinajpur-Gobindaganj highway in Birampur upazila on Saturday night.

Md Rubel, 44, succumbed to his injuries at Birampur Upazila Health Complex early

Cold takes a toll on children

Tangail hospitals struggle to cope with patients

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A high number of patients are turning up at hospitals in Tangail with cold-related health complications, amid the ongoing cold wave over the last couple of weeks.

Most patients admitted to the district and upazila-level hospitals are children diagnosed with ailments including diarrhoea, pneumonia,

Many are also receiving treatment at home as the hospitals grapple with bed crisis.

Doctors are also struggling to provide treatment to such a high number of patients.

Visiting Tangail General Hospital yesterday, this correspondent observed there were about 100 patients, mostly children, admitted till noon, against the 12 available beds in the diarrhoea ward alone.

Each bed was seen occupied by two patients, while many others were receiving treatment lying on the floor inside the ward, as well as on the balcony

Hospital authorities also set up tents outside the building for some

"My one-year-old grandson has been suffering from diarrhoea for hospital, but we could not get him it would have been beneficial for medicines are out of stock, patients on the balcony floor," told Rumia Khatun, who came to the hospital from Nagarpur upazila.

"It is difficult to stay in the open balcony at night due to the cold wind," she added.

suffering from diarrhoea. She shared against the available 250 beds. a similar ordeal.

Meghna Akter came to the superintendent of Tangail General hospital from Karatia of Sadar Hospital, said at least 500 patients upazila with her daughter, also are always admitted to the hospital,

Around 700 patients were Several relatives of patients said admitted in the diarrhoea ward of most of the medicine have to be the hospital in the last two weeks, bought from outside, adding that he said, adding that since some



With the hospitals in Tangail struggling to cope with patients, many have no option but to receive treatment on the floor inside the wards or balconies. Meanwhile, most patients admitted to the district and upazilalevel hospitals are children diagnosed with ailments including diarrhoea, pneumonia, and fever.

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a bed. We only managed a space ordinary patients if the necessary tests and medicines were available at

the hospital. A somewhat similar situation is prevailing at upazila-level hospitals,

sources said Khandaker Sadiqur Rahman, frequently.

are having to buy those from outside.

however, recommended patients with diarrhoea to take treatment at home by taking saline, and practicing personal hygiene such as washing hands with soap



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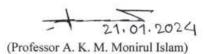
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