

Burn unit limps on

Shortage of beds, logistics hamper treatment at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital

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After sustaining burn injuries from an acid attack by unidentified culprits due to a money-related dispute, Riaz Howlader, his wife Khadija and 18-month-old daughter Jannat went to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital to be admitted to its burn unit.

Unable to find a place, the family from Barishal Sadar upazila had to get admitted to the hospital's female surgery ward.

While talking to this correspondent on January 30, he said, "My wife and I are somehow managing there but our daughter's condition is not good. She cries out in pain often and needs constant care," he added.

Riaz and his family are not alone; many burn injury patients, including some critical ones, are deprived of treatment at SBMCH's burn unit due to lack of available beds.

"There are only 30 beds in the unit, much less compared to the number of patients coming here," said Lincoln Dutta, a nurse serving at the unit.

"At least 20 patients with burn injuries are currently being treated in other departments, including children and general units," Lincoln added.

According to sources, the SBMCH burn unit not only has bed constraints but also lacks operation theatre, intensive care unit and outdoor treatment facilities, causing much woes to the patients requiring the facilities.

Most of the patients who sustained burn injuries in the Avijan-10 launch fire in 2022 were only provided first aid at the hospital before being shifted to Dhaka.

Patients admitted to the unit often need



Sitting on her mother Khadija's lap, little Jannat cries out in pain while her father Riaz Howlader tries in vain to console her. The family from Barishal Sadar upazila came under acid attack following a money-related dispute with a local recently. Though they got admitted to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal city, their misery was yet to be over. They were unable to get find a place at the hospital's burn unit due to a bed crisis. The family is currently undergoing treatment at the female ward.

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prolonged hospital stay for treatment, which is why beds are often unavailable, said hospital officials.

Meanwhile, burn injury patients being treated in other departments are getting infected and not getting proper treatment due to lack of necessary facilities in those departments, the officials added.

Dr Mariful Islam, associate professor and head of the burn unit at SBMCH, said the

number of patients with burn injury increases significantly in winter. So, many are being treated in other departments.

Dr Saiful Islam, director of SBMCH, said, "It's a matter of concern. We conveyed it to the higher authorities and got initial approval for construction of a new building for the burn unit. Once it is constructed, the unit will have an operation theatre, outdoor facilities and more beds."

Tk 53cr withdrawn

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against the accused firm as per the rules for fraudulently withdrawing final bill without completing the work, the letter added.

The 11.71km regional highway is scheduled to be completed through five packages under a Tk 439 crore project to connect Nabinagar and Bancharampur upazilas with Brahmanbaria district town.

If the Bancharampur-Araihazar Meghna Bridge project approved by Ecenc is commissioned, this road will become crucial as an alternative link between Dhaka and India's Tripura via Brahmanbaria.

Despite extending the project implementation period by three years in two phases, citing various pretexts, the firm did not complete the construction work.

Sources said this regional highway construction project was approved on August 1, 2017, to be implemented by June 2020 and completed by 2021. The deadline was extended twice, to June 2024.

Documents of the RHD revealed the contractor

withdrew the final bill on June 30, 2021, stating that the project work was completed on June 7 that year. On September 1, 2021, it also withdrew 50 percent of the security deposit.

The RHD office in Brahmanbaria is under Cumilla Circle. When Rana Builders started the construction work, the superintendent engineer of Cumilla Circle was Rana Priyo Barua, the Brahmanbaria RHD executive engineer was Pankaj Bhowmik, and the additional chief engineer of Cumilla region was Showkat Ali.

Allegedly, these three officials were involved in paying bills to Rana Builders without realising the work. Pankaj Bhowmik is currently posted in Jamalpur, Rana Priyo in Noakhali Circle, and Showkat Ali in Mymensingh.

Contacted, Pankaj Bhowmik said, "Due to the complexity regarding land acquisition, we couldn't handover the project site to the contractor on behalf of RHD. As a result, the contractor couldn't complete the work." The two other officials

could not be reached for comments.

Contractor Mohammad Alam of Rana Builders echoed Pankaj Bhowmik's statement.

"There were complications with land acquisition. Our people were physically assaulted by landowners who were deprived of compensation for acquisition. So, we could not complete the work. However, despite withdrawing the bill, they still owe me Tk 1.31 crore as the remaining security deposit. We have other ongoing works in Brahmanbaria. So, we won't run away anywhere without completing this work," he said.

However, when this correspondent asked about the reason behind withdrawing the bill before completing the work, both Pankaj and Alam evaded the question.

PRAYER TIMING
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AZAN 5:35	12:45	4:15	5:46	7:15
JAMAAT 6:10	1:15	4:30	5:50	7:45

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is to notify for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Best Holdings Limited (BHL) in the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 January, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sky Ballroom of Le Meridien Dhaka, 79/A, Commercial Area, Airport Road, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229 has approved the half yearly unaudited financial statements for the 2023-2024 (Q2) of the Company and disclosed the following information and decision:

PARTICULARS	Standalone		Consolidated	
	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Net Assets Value (NAV) BDT in Crore	5,381.67	5,182.02	5,381.22	5,181.68
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share in BDT	58.14	55.99	58.14	55.98
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) in BDT	0.85	0.95	0.84	0.95
Earnings Per Share (EPS) in BDT	0.78	0.56	0.77	0.56

The details of Un-Audited Financial Statements of the Company (BHL) for the 2nd Quarter (Q-2, 2023) ended on 31 December 2023 will also be available in the website of the Company at www.bhld.com

Dated, Dhaka
30 January, 2024

By order of the Board-
Sd/-
Md. Abul Kalam Azad
Company Secretary

Waste management

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A similar picture was seen when this correspondent visited Kalihati, Bhuanpur, Madhupur, Ghatail, Sakhipur, Mirzapur, Dhanbari, Basail, Gopalpur, and Elenga.

In Madhupur, the municipal garbage is being dumped in the forest area, around 10km away from the town, in an utter display of indifference towards its responsibility to protect environment and wildlife.

Contacted, the municipality mayors either said they are still trying or expressed helplessness.

"A land has been located for dumping waste in Rabna bypass area, and purchasing the land under a World Bank project is underway," said SM Sirajul Haque Khan, mayor of Tangail municipality.

In Kalihati municipality, a project funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency is underway to purchase four

acres of land for dumping waste.

"A proposal to purchase land for dumping waste has been submitted to the ministry concerned," said Masudul Haque Masud, mayor of Bhuanpur municipality.

"We are forced to dump the wastes near Madhupur forest area as we have no land to dispose of the wastes within the municipality," said Siddique Hossain Khan, mayor of Madhupur municipality.

"As we have no dedicated land to get rid of the garbage, it is being dumped in different places, including roadside," said Abdur Rashid Miah, mayor of Ghatail municipality.

Prof Aktar Mahmud, vice president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said, "It is unfortunate that the authorities don't understand the significance of proper waste management. For building a sustainable city or township, ensuring proper waste management facilities is a must."

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Half Yearly Financial Statement (Unaudited)

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023

	Taka	Taka
	31-Dec-23	30-Jun-23
ASSETS		
Investments	618,231,225	622,607,807
Advance, Deposit and prepayments	971,629	1,763,035
Accounts Receivables	5,786,453	4,266,985
Cash and cash equivalents	104,015,002	142,432,702
TOTAL ASSETS (A)	729,004,310	771,070,529
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payables	6,925,465	7,089,933
TOTAL LIABILITIES (B)	6,925,465	7,089,933
NET ASSETS (A-B)	722,078,844	763,980,596
OWNERS' EQUITY		
Unit Capital	668,535,000	668,535,000
Reserve Pre-Operating Income	3,107,984	3,107,984
Unrealised Capital Gain	34,883,976	39,304,820
Advance & Prepayments	15,551,884	53,032,791
Retained earnings	722,078,844	763,980,596
Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit:		
At cost	10.28	10.84
At market price	10.80	11.43

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period from 01 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Taka	Taka
	01.07.23 to 31.12.23	01.07.22 to 31.12.22
INCOME		
Profit Income	3,374,621	3,639,385
Coupon Income from (Islamic Bond/Sukuk)	1,332,004	1,653,000
Net gain on sale of marketable securities	497,818	29,505,830
Dividend income	5,304,919	5,306,474
Total	10,509,363	40,104,689
EXPENSES		
Management fee	5,773,495	6,039,152
Annual fees	389,531	390,451
Trustee fee	572,985	621,377
BSEC Annual fee	336,094	337,015
Custodian fee	498,707	542,793
CDBL & BO Charge	34,812	54,811
Bank charge, commission and excise duty	80,048	153,910
Advertisement & publicity expenses	192,500	158,000
Bidding fee (Book-Building)	-	11,000
Other operating expenses	-	35,000
Total Expenses	7,878,173	8,343,599
Net profit before provision for the period	2,631,192	31,761,180
Provision Write back/(Made) during the period	-	-
Net profit after provision for the period	2,631,192	31,761,180
Other Comprehensive Income		
Unrealized Gain (decreased)/increased during the period	(4,420,844)	(19,564,379)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(1,789,652)	12,196,801
Earnings per unit	0.04	0.48

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period from 01 October 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Taka	Taka
	01.10.23 to 31.12.23	01.10.22 to 31.12.22
INCOME		
Profit Income	1,532,144	1,654,800
Coupon Income from (Islamic Bond/Sukuk)	1,198,804	1,653,000
Net gain on sale of marketable securities	-	21,790,701
Dividend income	3,781,185	3,921,722
Total	6,512,133	29,020,223
EXPENSES		
Management fee	2,832,845	3,000,006
Annual fees	194,765	195,226
Trustee fee	286,493	310,688
BSEC Annual fee	168,047	168,507
Custodian fee	248,474	266,271
CDBL & BO Charge	16,500	29,874
Bank charge, commission and excise duty	78,783	101,725

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Date: 29/01/2024

e-Tender Notice - 12/2023-2024

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System portal (OTM) (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) of the procurement of following Scheme listed below:

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of Scheme	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
08	942682	Construction of additional class room Dhoaroi GPS Under NBIDGPS, Upazila Savar, Dist- Dhaka. Packagenoe- Tender/NBIDGPS/DHA/SAV/2023-2024/W1.08115	27/02/2024 16.00 hrs	28/02/2024 13.00 hrs	28/02/2024 13.00 hrs

This is an online Tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal & no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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