

Finding courage through self-defence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The BSCIC Industrial City field in Barishal city took on a very different look last Saturday.

While hundreds of children and teens from 30 wards under the Barishal City Corporation gathered at the field at around 4:00pm to participate in a self defence training programme, many spectators also formed a crowd.

Organised Unicef in collaboration with the youth and sports ministry, the initiative aims to bring one lakh children and adolescents in Bangladesh under selfdefence skills training.

As a part of this initiative, a fourday workshop -- where participants will learn seven basic self defence techniques -- was organised in the city.

According to officials, about 80 percent of the participants were girls and five percent were children with

Sanjida, 13, came to attend the training at field level.

workshop with her mother Lucky Begum from Ward-1 area. "I came here to learn how to defend myself," said a confident Sanjida.

Rimi, a sixth-grader from Kawnia area, echoed her.

Speaking to this correspondent, many participants said they enjoyed the session as they learnt the techniques well.

Md Shahin, the instructor, said it is important for children and teenagers to know these self defence techniques so they can protect themselves from sudden danger or untoward situations.

Mitun Sharma, communication officer of the project, said this initiative aims to reach 12 city corporations and 25 districts across Bangladesh. A total of 2,700 children and adolescents will be trained in four districts and one city corporation under Barishal division.

Subarnarekha, a non-government organisation, is implementing the

One dies of Covid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh reported one Covid-19 death in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday. The death was reported from a government hospital in the Dhaka division.

So far, the Directorate General of Health Services has reported seven Covidrelated deaths this year.

According to DGHS, 68 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours and the total number of confirmed cases is now 20,47,620, while the infection rate now stands at 5.30 percent.

DGHS data the number of fatalities currently stands at 29,484, taking the overall fatality rate to 1.44 percent.

Due to a sudden rise in infection rates from the beginning of this year, the government decided to administer Covid-19 vaccines again. In a press release, DGHS said the new type of Covid-19 JN.1 infection has increased in several countries.

Man dies of electrocution in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Noakhali

A man died of electrocution while attempting to steal a rural electricity transformer in Noakhali's Companiganj on Sunday night.

Police recovered the body of the unidentified deceased in Habibpur village of Sirajpur union.

Police Companyganj Station Inspector Md Abdus Sultan said 10:00pm, around man attempted to open the transformer and got electrocuted. They found his body on the ground.



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Doctors and staffers of 250-bed General Hospital and Sheikh Hasina Medical College Hospital in Tangail formed a human chain yesterday, protesting construction of an illegal commercial structure on hospital premises.

Locals also joined the protest. Demanding the structure's immediate removal, the protesters alleged the hospital's management committee of violating rules to allocate space for constructing the

one-storey commercial building. Although the director general of health department did not permit the allocation of space for shops inside the hospital, a 750-squarefoot area was allocated to one Sheela Ansari during the committee's November 13 meeting.

The 12-year allotment agreement enabled the construction at the

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SME Corporation Ltd,

much has been seen in

the media to understand

the issue of this specific GI

proprietor of Tangail Sari

Kutir, and Raghunath

Basak, president of Tangail

Sari Byabshayee Shomiti,

also spoke at the event.

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TANGAIL HOSPITAL

The protesters sought the intervention of higher authorities of health department and local administration.

"This illegal construction is not permitted by health ministry. It vill narrow down the hospital yard



and severely disrupt activities here, including movement of patients and ambulances," said Dr Mokhlesur

Rahman of the general hospital.

hospital entrance spending Tk 11.25 few politically influential individuals lakh, for a monthly rent of Tk 20,000. took bribes to allocate the space took bribes to allocate the space without proper permission.

PHOTO: STAR

Khandaker Sadiqur Rahman, deputy director and superintendent of the general hospital, said a proposal to allocate space for the shop was presented at the committee's meeting.

"I informed them that this requires permission from director general of health department. The committee, however, went on with the allotment without permission," he mentioned.

The health minister, health secretary and the director general of health department have been informed of this, he added.

"The allotment was made as it is within the committee's jurisdiction and does not require approval of the director general of health department," claimed lawmaker Sanowar Hossain, also president of According to several protesters, a the committee.

Hawkers, police clash

fire to bring the situation under control, but no one sustained bullet injuries.

"Five policemen were from brickbats thrown by hawkers," he added.

CCC Contacted, executive engineer Chaiti Sarbabidya said, "We were conducting drives to evict hawkers from roads

In Sabrina's tiny house, her

nine-month-old boy was

found crying for his mother.

Sharmin, wiped tears while

clinging to her phone. She

keeps her phone around

all the time, hoping it

might ring any moment

with information for her

Her ailing husband

Across town, Sejuti's

mother, a homemaker,

shared her despair. "We

don't even know where to

seek help to know about

remained silent, the weight

of poverty heavy on his

missing daughter.

shoulders.

grandmother.

started hurling brickbats."

"We were compelled to instruct police to open fire to disperse them," she added.

Meanwhile, Miran claimed former CCC mayor AJM Nasir Uddin and former CCC administrator Khorshed Alam Sujan had earlier permitted hawkers hawkers 3:00pm and 11:00pm on

Trapped through TikTok

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Bangladeshi girl named

Tumpa Akter was killed in

In February last year, a

The abductors targeted

Bangladeshi law enforcers

arrested over two dozen

holidays.

Following a CCC census conducted a couple of years ago, it was decided that the port city's total 9.885 hawkers will be given ID cards from CCC to run businesses in designated locations, he said.

9,885 "Now these have become to do business between unemployed," he added.

CCC Mayor Rezaul Karim and footpaths, but they working days and between Chowdhury could not be obstructed the drive and 10:00am and 11:00pm on reached for comments.

several hundred girls using

income families, who often

posted videos online, luring

them with invitations to

parties or false promises of

jobs in call centres, sales,

were transported to border

other countries.

Ultimately, these girls

(*Names of victims and

their family members have

members

the platform.

This is not the first case targeted girls from low-

Using TikTok to single confined and subjected to

out girls first came to sexual harassment, and

light in June 2021, after then trafficked to India and

Police then said these been changed to protect

have trafficked their identities.)

India's Gujrat after being and service centres.

The gang

It's about saving our FROM PAGE 3 exist," she added. Silmat Chishti, founder

for Policy Dialogue, said GI has legal, historical, anthropological, and commercial implications. "It is also about protecting moderated the discussion. our heritage," she said.

"As India claimed the GI tag of Tangail sari, we will now have to think about the market size of India. They can sell the saris at a comparatively lower price than us. No matter how much quality product we produce, we will not be able to sell the products at lower prices than them," said Fahmida.

"If our workers do not get the return from the market due to this, they will lose interest in their profession," she added.

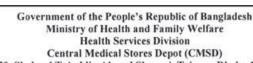
districts, where they were While speaking on the recent debate over the name "Tangail Sari of Bengal", Shwetasree Majumder, IP attorney and managing partner of Fidus Law Chambers, India, said India did not use the word "Tangail" as a geographical location but rather used the word as a trade name and such practice is approved by the GI act of India.

"Nothing is preventing Bangladesh from applying for the GI tag of Tangail Sari. Bangladesh can apply for a joint registration of GI tags of Tangail Sari, or apply for a registration of its own," she said.

"West Bengal is defining Tangail as a type of sari while you are defining it as a geographical location. So, these are two different products, and two different GI tags will be provided for those and they can co-

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IFT No: CMSD/GR-2311/ICT/2023-24/Proc.2/12 Date: 18.12.2023 Procurement of "Meningitis & Influenza Vaccine"

The above mentioned IFT published in The Daily Star and The Daily Jugantor on 19.12.2023 and subsequently amended on 30.01.2024 & 06.02.2024 is hereby amended again as below

Section 11 : 1 cities Data Sheet		/ smember Limites	
Bid Closing Date and Time	14-02-2024 11-00 A.M	19-02-2024 11-00 A.M	
Bid Opening Date and Time	14-02-2024 11-30 AM	19-02-2024 11-30 AM	
	13-02-2024 04-00 P.M	18-02-2024 04-00 P.M	
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All other terms and conditions of the IFT will remain unchanged

Mohammad Hasan Arif Director Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD)



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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for kind information of all concerned that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Reliance Insurance Limited was held on February 12, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. by using Virtually Digital Platform. The following decisions were taken in the said meeting.

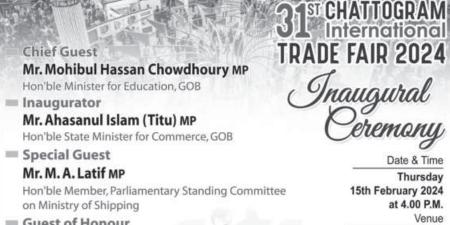
SL No.	Particulars	Decisions			
1.	Recommendation of Dividend for the year ended December 31, 2023	25% Cash Dividend			
2.	Date and Time of 36th Annual General Meeting	March 31, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. (BST)			
3.	Record Date	March 06, 2024			
4.	Venue of 36th Annual General Meeting	Hybrid system at Lakeshore Hotel (La Vita Banquet Hall), House: 46, Road: 41, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212. (In compliance with BSEC Letter No. BSEC/ICAD/SRIC/2024/318/09, dated January 16, 2024).			
5.	Audited Financial Information :	2023	2022	2021	
	a. Net Profit After Tax (Million Taka)	690.18	615.93	587.81	
	b. Earnings Per Share (Taka)	6.56	5.86	5.59	
	c. Net Asset Value Per Share (Taka)	66.85	62.62	62.86	
	d. Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share(Taka)	4.84	6.60	7.96	

Dated: February 12, 2024

- EPS increased mainly due to increase in premium and investment income.
- NAV per share increased due to increase in retained earnings and also increase of market value of investment in securities. NAV per share for the year 2021 & 2022 has been restated.
- NOCFPS decrease due to increase of reinsurance payment.
- Shareholders whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company on the Record date shall be entitled to dividend and attend the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- The Company has requested the shareholders to update their e-mail addresses through their respective Depository Participant (DP). The Company will forward the Annual Report 2023 in soft form to the e-mail addresses of the Shareholders available in their beneficial owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository. The Company has also requested the shareholders to update their respective BO account with 12 digits e-TIN, BO account address, mobile number etc. through their respective DPs before the Record Date.

By order of the Board

Sd/-Mohammad Mamunur Rashid Company Secretary



Guest of Honour Mr. Mahbubul Alam Hon'ble President, FBCCI

Chaired by **Omar Hazzaz** President, CCCI



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