

Patients suffer as services

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Consequently, govt hospitals -- including CMCH and Chattogram General Hospital -- faced a huge rush of patients.

Tamanna Binte Karim from Satkania was unaware of the strike. She had to return without undergoing an endoscopy test at Epic Healthcare.

"I am a patient of gastritis. I saw a doctor in his private chamber on Sunday. He advised me to undergo various tests, including abdominal endoscopy. I thought I would get the tests done today [Tuesday]

and show the reports to the doctor in the evening but to no avail..."

Jahir Rayhan, brand manager of Epic Healthcare Pvt Ltd, did not respond to repeated phone calls made by this correspondent.

Service seekers were seen returning from the closed Sensiv Diagnostic Centre and Inova Hospital Limited in the Jamal Khan area.

The same situation prevailed at other facilities -- including National Hospital, Parkview Hospital, CSCR Pvt Ltd, Chevron Diagnostic Centre, Max Hospital,

Medical Centre Hospital, and Metro Diagnostic Centre.

When one Supri Barua was taken to Parkview Hospital at Katalganj, the hospital authorities refused to admit her. Consequently, she was taken to CMCH.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Shamim Ahsan said as private hospitals did not receive patients, there was a very high rush at CMCH outpatient and inpatient departments.

"Normally around 900 patients are admitted a day to CMCH, but the number has risen to 1,200 today [Tuesday]," he said.

I cannot avoid

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of the board, along with many fake certificates on April 1. Later, on April 20, the DB officials arrested Ali Akbar's wife

Sehela Parveen for her involvement with the racket. DB says there are proofs of financial transactions between Sehela and Shamsuzzaman.

Shamsuzzaman sold over 5,000 forged certificates over the last couple of years, amassing crores -- that he shared with the officials of the board, Anti Corruption Commission and journalists. The Daily Star published a report on the issue titled 'Genuine' SSC, HSC certificates for sale! on April 2.

At the DB office yesterday, a journalist asked the former chairman about what steps he had taken against Shamsuzzaman after journalists in the past reported on the crime.

In response, Ali claimed he tried to find the forged certificates on the database, but did not find any.

Asked about the allegation of taking Tk 20 lakh bribe from Shamsuzzaman, he claimed it as baseless.

After interrogation, Harun Or-Rashid, chief of the detective branch of police, said the investigators gave the ex-chairman two days for proper explanation.

If he cannot do it within the stipulated time and investigators find evidence of his involvement with certificate forgery, legal action will be taken against him, he added.

Harun said they have so far arrested six persons,

including Shamsuzzaman and Sehela. Five of them, including the two, gave confessional statements before the magistrate.

Ali was made OSD (officer on special duty) on Sunday after detectives arrested his wife.

"Today [yesterday], we interrogated him and the exam controller of the board at DB office," Harun said.

"Footage of the blank certificate papers being taken from the institution was captured on CCTV. So, why was action not taken?" Harun asked. "Besides, the examination controller also signed the [fake] certificates for months," he said.

"We have questioned whether the chairman and the exam controller have done these things negligently or willingly... The chairman told DB that they had less manpower. So, it was not possible to monitor the situation."

"I think the chairman cannot avoid responsibility. We will now see if he really knew about the certificate sales. He's supposed to know," Harun said.

A predator on

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INVOLVED IN CRIME SINCE 2005

During primary interrogation, Tipu confessed he went back to making pornographies after getting bail in 2020, when an Italian national approached him.

Tipu would receive US \$1,000 for sending five pornography videos. The videos were between 10 to 12 minutes.

Migrants get lower salaries

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effective role in sending skilled and educated workers," he said at a regional seminar.

Titled "Labour Migrants from South Asia: Issues and Concerns", the seminar was organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) at its auditorium.

Mashiur said there is a need for institutions to make the migrant workers skilled, which is costly.

Due to the lack of capacity of international organisations like the UN and ILO, they cannot enforce regulations. The standards of ILO for migrants do not work, he stated.

Prof Tasneem Siddiqui,

chairperson at the Department of Political Science, Dhaka University, said the challenge is that the number of migrant workers is increasing, but not jobs and salaries.

"In broader terms, remittances are increasing. But if we think about growth that we have experienced earlier, that is not there. Remittances are not increasing the way they should be," she said.

The inaugural session was chaired by BISS Chairman AFM Gousol Azam Sarker.

In the first working session, Md Shariful Hasan, programme head of Brac Migration Programme; Mallika Joseph, senior fellow at Women in Security

Conflict Management and Peace; Mahesh Raj Bhatta, research officer at the Centre for South Asia Studies; Shishir Khanal, member of parliament in Kathmandu, and Col Nalin Herath, acting director general at the Institute of National Security Studies, were the speakers.

In the last working session, Md Khairul Alam, additional secretary of the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, spoke, among others.

Melting pitch

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The Roads and Highways Department said roads typically use 60-70 grade pitch, with a melting point of 48 to 52 degrees Celsius. However, the pitch starts melting well before reaching this temperature.

Commuters have raised concerns about the quality of road work, attributing the melting to inferior materials used in renovation.

Truck driver of 23 years, Shafiqul Alam said molten pitch sticks to wheels and can lead to tyre damage. Aminur Rahman, a resident of Fatepur, said shoes and sandals get stuck in the melted pitch.

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RHD to expand 2 major

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Commission, while the process for improving the rest of the 12.95km road is still at the preparatory level, RHD sources said.

POSTOGOLA CHASARA ROAD
Once the two-lane Postogola Chasara Road, which goes through Fatullah and Panchabati, is built, transport movement from Dhaka to Narayanganj will be smoother and quicker.

Vehicles that will come from the direction of Padma Bridge will be able to use the road to go to Dhaka-Chattogram Highway, instead of using the congested Jatrabari.

RHD is currently expanding Chasara-Signboard highway into

six-lane, as Signboard will be the entry point for the Dhaka-Chattogram highway for vehicles.

Expansion of Postogola-Chasara Road will facilitate commuters between Dhaka and Munshiganj too.

Currently, BBA is implementing a Tk 2,242.77 crore project to build a 9.06km elevated road from Panchabati to Mukterpur near Munshiganj town. Under the project, an interchange will be built at Panchabati to ensure seamless movement of transport on the Postogola-Chasara road.

Besides, RHD is planning to build a bridge over the Buriganga near Konda, which will link Panchabati with Dhaka-Mawa

Expressway near Hasnabad area, said Mohammad Najmol Haque, RHD's superintendent engineer (Narayanganj Circle).

GABTOLI-DHOUR ROAD
Starting from Aminbazar Bridge near Gabtoli, the 14.60km road ends in Dhour area.

Developed on an embankment of Bangladesh Water Development Board, the 7.30-metre-wide road is used to enter and exit Dhaka from northern destinations.

Once the road is expanded, vehicles coming from Aricha direction will be able to easily go to Gazipur, bypassing Dhaka. The road from Dhaka's Abdullahpur to Dhour is also being expanded into a four-lane one under a BBA project.

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Trial of murder case

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"Even the witnesses cannot recognise the building owner Rana before the judge while they are asked. How will the accused get punished if the witnesses give their statements in such a way?" the chief state lawyer added.

A day after the incident, Wali Ashraf Khan, sub-inspector of Savar Police Station, filed the murder case against Rana, also a former Jubo League leader in Savar, and several others.

On May 24, 2015, Bijay Krishna Kar, senior assistant superintendent of police at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), pressed charges against Rana, his parents -- Abdul Khaleque and Morjina -- and 38 others in the murder case.

Of the 41 accused, only Rana is now behind bars, 31 are on bail, and six are on the run. Three of the accused have died in the meantime.

On August 29, 2017, Sohel Rana was sentenced to three

years' simple imprisonment in a graft case.

STATUS OF BUILDING CODE VIOLATION CASE
The trial proceedings in another case filed over violation of building codes are now stalled due to High Court stay orders.

Rajuk lodged the case on the day of the collapse.

Charges were pressed against Sohel Rana and 17 others in the case on May 24, 2015, and they were indicted on June 14, 2016.

Recently, the case was transferred to the Dhaka District and Sessions Judge's Court from the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court for quick disposal.

The court could not start recording statements of the prosecution witnesses due to the HC stay orders on the trial proceedings, said Additional Public Prosecutor Anwarul Kabir Babul.

(Our correspondent in Savar contributed to this report.)

Social stigma affects

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Around 22 percent of family members of individuals with TB also face stigma. Additionally, 14 percent of people with TB and 11 percent of their family members feel stigmatised even at home, says the study.

The study was conducted from July to December 2023 across urban and rural areas in Rajshahi, Sylhet, Chattogram and Dhaka.

Participants included individuals diagnosed with TB within the last five years, their family members, community representatives, and healthcare providers. The study is funded by the Global Fund, said researchers.

The study also indicates that TB stigma disproportionately affects women, leading to blame, harassment, and financial difficulties. Healthcare providers, meanwhile, are demotivated by challenges related to maintaining patient privacy and a lack of recognition for their efforts.

icddr, executive director Tahmeed Ahmed; Director General of Medical Education Prof Dr Md Titu Miah; DGHS Additional Director General Prof Dr Meerjady Sabrina Flora; DGHS Line Director of TB-L&ASP Professor

Md Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker and icddr, Senior Scientist Dr Sayera Banu, among others spoke at the programme.

Nadim Reza, technical advisor for Public Private Mix at icddr,; Tanjina Rahman, senior statistical officer, and Tamanna Sultana, research officer, presented the research findings.

EC postpones

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minimum of 17 police and Ansar members at regular polling centers and 18 to 19 at risky ones.

In the last election, the numbers were 15 and 16-17 respectively.

The EC secretary said BGB will also be deployed to ensure a fair election. In the first phase of elections across 150 upazilas, there are a total of 1,588 candidates competing, with 554 contesting for chairman posts, 605 for vice chairman positions, and 429 for women's reserved vice chairman positions.

The upazila elections will take place in four phases.

The second phase will see 161 upazilas voting on May 21, the third phase with 112 upazilas on May 29, and the fourth phase with 55 upazilas on June 5.

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