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A fishplate, an irreplaceable component in railway tracks, with missing bolts near Malibagh rail crossing yesterday. Meanwhile, multiple clips, another vital part, have been absent from the tracks in Tejgaon railgate area, inset. This photojournalist noticed multiple such bolts and clips missing between the two spots. Such negligence can result in a mishap at any moment.

'Left behind, left unsafe'

Study says male overseas migration disrupts traditional family structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The impact of male overseas migration from traditional societies on their left-behind families is often overlooked, despite Bangladesh being the 6th largest migrant-sending country globally, with 95 percent of migrants being male.

A recent study highlights the potential negative impacts of male migration on family structures and functions, despite its conventional economic benefits.

Nearly 80 percent of children from migrant worker families in rural areas are at risk of joining juvenile gangs, the study added.

Titled "The Other Side of Development: Men's Overseas Migration and Disruption in Family Dynamics in Migration-Prone Regions of Bangladesh," the study was presented at the 1st Development Studies International Conference in Dhaka, held at a city hotel yesterday.

Prof KS Farid from the Department of Rural Sociology at Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh presented the paper.

He conducted interviews with 44 stay-at-home wives of migrants, 14 community

leaders, teachers, NGO workers, and 18 members of local government, as well as local people, journalists, and former expatriates of Chouddagram upazila in Comilla, known as the most migration-prone district in the country.

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KS FARID
BAU Professor

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People bear over 68pc of healthcare costs

Says analyst

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Out-of-pocket payment accounts for about 68.8 percent of total health expenses in Bangladesh, said an analyst yesterday.

The government spends US \$54 per capita for health, which is less than the WHO recommendation of US \$88, added Prof Syed Abdul Hamid of Institute of Health Economics at University of Dhaka.

The other sources of health financing are -- general tax revenue (23 percent), NGO (two percent), development partners (seven percent), and others, including health insurance (one percent).

Hamid shared this information at the 1st Development Studies International Conference held at a city hotel yesterday. This event is jointly organised by the Development Studies department of Dhaka University and Daily Bonik Barta.

Prof Hamid said the annual government allocation for the health sector in FY 2022-2023 is around Tk 36,864 crore -- around 23 percent of total health expenditure.

The health allocation is 5.40 percent of the national budget, much lower than the 15 percent allocation recommended by WHO.

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Some relief, mostly suffering

Rain submerges port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A nor'wester hit the port city and adjoining areas yesterday, triggering a thunderstorm alongside torrential rains that dropped the temperature in the region.

The nor'wester struck around 3:00pm, and the downpour followed soon after, said an official at Patenga Met Office.

The storm stopped people on their tracks alongside vehicles on many city streets as different low-lying areas were submerged in rainwater.

People in Chakbazar, Sholoshahar No 2 Gate, Probartak Mor, Katalganj, Muradpur, Bahaddarhat, Panchlaish, Saltgola Crossing, and Barik Building areas suffered the most due to waterlogging. Due to strong stormy gusts, several large trees fell in Sitakunda, blocking traffic on the Chittagong-Dhaka highway.

Meanwhile, a Chattogram bound US-Bangla flight from Kolkata was diverted to Cox's Bazar Airport,



said Group Captain Taslim Ahmed, director at the Chattogram Shah Amanat International Airport.

Met Office recorded 97.7mm of rainfall in three hours from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, while a total of 129mm of rainfall was recorded in 24 hours till 6:00pm yesterday, said Meghanath Tounchagya, assistant meteorologist.

Though the rain came as a relief from the heat, it caused suffering for commuters.

Many were found stuck on the roads for hours searching for vehicles.

Why shouldn't eco-friendly laws be formulated?

HC issues rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to formulate an eco-friendly law, rule, regulation, or policy for cutting and planting trees.

In the rule, the HC also asked authorities concerned to show causes why their inaction and apathy in this regard should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque issued the rule following a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md Tanvir Ahmed seeking necessary directives.

On May 2, the lawyer served a legal notice on the government in this regard.

CORNEA DONATION Shib Narayan's parting gift brings light to two

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two individuals have regained their eyesight thanks to cornea donations from Shib Narayan Das, one of the designers of the first flag of Bangladesh.

Mashiur Rahman and Abul Kalam now cherish the return of light to their eyes.

Annab Aditya Das, son of Shibnarayan Das, joyfully referred to the two individuals who received his father's corneas as his "brothers".

After the successful procedures, the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University held a press conference at its premises in this regard yesterday.

Shib Narayan Das passed away on April 19 at BSMMU.

BSMMU and Sandhani National Eye Donation Society collected his corneas the same day, then transplanted them into the eyes of Mashiur from Rangpur and Kalam from Chandpur district the next day.

Speaking at the press conference, Mashiur said, "Since birth, I've faced eye issues, but now, with Shib Narayan's family's generosity, my vision has significantly improved, and I'm immensely grateful."

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Two die as bus hits pick-up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed after a bus rammed a pick-up in Dhaka's Matuail area earlier yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Babul Chisty, 45, driver of the pick-up.

Police said when Babul attempted a U-turn on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway near Institute of Child and Mother Health around 1:45am, a bus of Tuhin Paribahan rammed into the pick-up.

They died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said SI Abu Sayem of Jatrabari Police Station.

Some passengers of the bus suffered minor injuries as the vehicle veered off the road and landed in a nearby waterbody after hitting the pick-up, he added.

Why can't road crashes be curbed?

High-level meeting tomorrow to find answers

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The Road Transport and Highways Division has called a meeting tomorrow with the divisional commissioners and deputy inspector general of ranges to find out why the number of road crashes cannot be controlled.

Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri will preside over the meeting, where the chairs of BRTA and BRTC, chief engineer of Roads and Highways Department, all additional secretaries and joint secretaries of the division and the additional inspector general of highway police are expected to join.

Upon receiving their suggestions, the authority will go for tougher action to reduce road crashes and bring discipline to the roads, officials of the road ministry said.

Road crashes and fatalities increased by 60.28 percent and 40.33 percent respectively in the first three months of this year compared to last year, as per Bangladesh Road Transport Authority data.

At least 1,477 people were killed and 1,920 injured in 1,630 road crashes between January and March this year. The numbers were 1,051; 1,440 and 1,017 respectively in the first three months of 2023.

On April 16, a head-on collision between a bus and a pickup in Faridpur claimed 15 lives. The bus had no route permit, fitness certificate, or tax token, while the pickup carried people illegally.

The following day, a truck ploughed through several vehicles in Jhalakathi, killing 14 and injuring 12 others.

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A van recklessly carries a cargo of rods near the Motsho Bhaban area. Seemingly secured by a couple of ropes, such careless actions can lead to a disaster. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

PRAYER TIMING
MAY 7

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-15	12-45	5-00	6-34	8-00
JAMAAT 4-50	1-15	5-15	6-38	8-30

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