



A seller showcases litchis at Kalitola Market in Dinajpur. The sale of litchis, a popular seasonal fruit, has gained momentum despite high prices attributed to low production due to bad weather. The prized Bedana variety from the north is being sold at Tk 1,000 to 1,500 per 100 pieces. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: KONGKON KARKMAKER

Two boys go missing in Ctg canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Two children reportedly went missing after they fell into the Chaktai canal near the sluice gate in the Chaktai area of Chattogram city yesterday. "We heard that two boys, both around 10, went missing when they were swimming in the canal around 3:30pm," said Jasim Uddin, assistant director of Chattogram Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Syed Ashfaque

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eight weeks why the couple should not be granted bail in the case filed by Preeti's father over her death caused by negligence.

The court also granted ad-interim bail to Tania for six months that day. Deputy Attorney General Yasmin Bithi opposed the bail petition. The full text of the HC order is yet to be released.

Preeti, 15, from Moulvibazar, died after falling through an opening at Ashfaque's eighth floor flat around 8:00am on February 6. Police took Ashfaque and Tania into custody within hours of the incident.

PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 12

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

'Exam results don't determine life's outcome'

Speakers stress overhaul of education system

STAR REPORT

Outcomes of exams are determined not only by students' preparation, but also by family, society, schools, the education system, and management, said speakers at an event yesterday. They also stressed the need to address existing issues in the education system concurrently, while attending a conference held at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB) in Dhaka for students who did not pass their Secondary School Certificate examinations.

Titled "Challenged Students Convention", the event was organised by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), which brought together 200 students who faced challenges in passing their exams, along with their parents and teachers.

Addressing students, author Muhammed Zafar Iqbal said, "You are not a liability, you are the asset of this country. Maybe you failed today, but one day you'll outshine others." Author Anisul Hoque said, "Exam results don't determine life's outcome. I hope that everyone here today will take their failure as a new challenge and move forward."

Economist Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad said the primary reason many students drop out is the lack of opportunity to study at home.

"If we cannot improve the quality of education, it will be impossible to achieve any national goals," he added.

Nurul Islam Nahid, former education minister, said, "We need to take initiatives to increase stipends for students, especially for those facing economic hardships."

"Besides, we must ensure adequate compensation to attract talented individuals to the teaching profession to ensure quality education," he said.

Former Education Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan proposed nationalising schools to ensure uniform standards and adequate resources. He also urged authorities to provide teachers with a conducive working environment and better benefits like pensions.

Eminent artiste Nasiruddin Yousuff Bachchu urged authorities to initiate dialogues among students, parents and teachers to pinpoint reasons for student's failure.

Other recommendations included bolstering teacher recruitment, providing education for minorities in mother tongue, raising awareness on child labour and preventing child marriage, implementing mid day meal programmes, and strengthening school monitoring mechanisms.

11pc of population at risk

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These initiatives, implemented through the Directorate of Public Health and Engineering, aim to establish 10,65,000 arsenic free water sources by 2025.

Solutions include deep tube wells, piped water supply systems, rainwater storage, and solar-powered pond sand filters. These efforts are

expected to reduce the arsenic contamination risk by 5-6 percent by 2025.

Besides, in response to a question from Faridunnahar Laili, a lawmaker from the reserved women's seats, the minister discussed plans to expand the Dhaka Mosquito Control Department.

The government has

revised the department's organisational structure and is planning to establish a full-fledged Dhaka Mosquito Control Directorate.

This expansion will include the creation of new manpower, the purchase of machinery and standard insecticides, and the establishment of a permanent lab for mosquito pest testing, he said.

DNCC issues

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activities mentioned the addresses of the DNCC areas like Mirpur and Mohammadpur.

"We will reply to the letter with our explanation shortly," he said.

"If we find the involvement of any DNCC official or employee, we will definitely take action against them," he said.

On May 26, a letter was given to the Registrar General of Births and Deaths from the Special Branch of Bangladesh Police.

In that letter, it is said 102 individuals obtained Bangladeshi passports

with birth certificates from different parts of the country illegally. The permanent addresses mentioned in those passports were found to be incorrect during investigation.

The letter also mentioned that those persons collected the birth certificates with the help of syndicates of brokers, dishonest officials and employees, local public representatives, and so on.

Those who got the birth certificate are Rohingya, citizens of Myanmar.

The letter requested to take action against those involved in these activities.

The poor sink deeper

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Prof Syed Abdul Hamid of Institute of Health Economics at DU said the country needs a health budget of 12-15 percent, but it is currently receiving only five percent.

Yet, the allocated amount is mostly not spent. He identified three reasons why the allocated budget could not be spent.

"One is bureaucratic, the second is our weakness at the facility level and inefficient administration, and the third is the lack of training for our service providers," he said.

Mentioning the manpower crisis within the health sector, he said the process of appointing such a large number of personnel is critical, bureaucratically complex, and lengthy.

"We need to reconstruct our existing facilities and appoint more personnel to justify an increased budget," he said.

He also sought to reform the existing procurement and auditing policies, stating that they were faulty and corrupt.

Prof Farhana Dewan, co-convenor of CSO Forum and president of Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh, said, "Most doctors do not want to work at the community

level. We need to introduce a system where those who do not want to work at the community level are removed from their jobs."

Makduma Nargis, vice-president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, said, "We have faults in our medical system, and due to these faults, the health sector could not see a reform."

She called for a strong monitoring system to ensure that budget allocations are spent properly and that health services are provided according to standards.

Advocating for an urgent need in the health sector, Shams El Arifeen, senior scientist at icddr'b, said, "We need to understand the need for reform first, and it should be implemented at the policy level. The reform should be carried out politically, not bureaucratically," he added.

Kishwar Imdad, country director of Marie Stopes, suggested the introduction of health insurance for all to reduce out-of-pocket expenditures and ensure proper utilisation of the budget.

Ahmed Ehsanur Rahman, a scientist at icddr'b, recommended bringing private medical services under regulation to reduce such expenditures.

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Memo no: 53.23.0000.001.03.023.24.3512 Date: 11 June 2024

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The tender document including specification for "Procurement of Medicine under PPEPP-EU Project of PKSF" should be submitted using prescribed "Tender Document", which can be collected from PKSF during office hours from 12/06/2024 to 08/07/2024 upon payment of a non-refundable amount of BDT. 1000/- (Taka One Thousand) only in cash.

Tender documents should be submitted at the office of PKSF by 2:00 pm on or before 09/07/2022 Tender documents will be opened at 2:30 pm on 09/07/2022 in presence of the tenderers or their representatives.

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- Deputy Director

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