

Ctg hospital shut over irregularities

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The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has directed to close Central City Hospital at Parbartak Intersection in Chattogram city due to various irregularities.

The DGHS issued a notification on Wednesday, signed by its Director (Hospitals and Clinics) Abu Hussain Md Moinul Ahsan, in this regard.

According to the notification, the hospital has been operating without a licence from the health directorate and without clearance certificates from the Department of Environment.

Additionally, the hospital lacks adequate and qualified doctors and nurses, as well as necessary equipment.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, Chattogram Civil Surgeon Mohammad Ilias Chowdhury said, "As per the direction of the health directorate, we issued instructions to stop all operations of the hospital yesterday [Thursday]."

He also mentioned that if there are any admitted patients in the hospital, they must be referred to an appropriate hospital by Monday.

They make jute braids to send their kids to school



S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Women from Rajpur, Khuniagach, and Gokunda unions along the Teesta river in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila have been crafting jute braids for the past five years to supplement their family incomes.

Facing impoverishment exacerbated by recurrent floods and erosion, approximately 60 percent of families in these unions have lost their lands and homes, relying on government lands and dykes for shelter.

Tulsi Rani, 27, took matters into her own hands in Madhuram village, and inspired around 3,000 women along the way to weave jute braids during their free time after household chores.

"I started making jute braids to earn some money to help my family. Later, I engaged some other women to work with me," said Tulsi Rani.

"Different handicraft establishments provide me jute fibres. I weigh and deliver the fibres to

women, and they make braids and submit those to me. I would then weigh and send the braids to the establishments," she added.

Different other jute products, including bags, floor-mats, and rugs are also made by them.

Through their craftsmanship, these women have transformed adversity into opportunity, showing resilience and entrepreneurial spirit in challenging circumstances. With the money these women are earning, they are now able to send their children to school and meet the expenses, they added.

Each woman earns between Tk 24 to Tk 90 per braid, depending on its thickness, producing an average of 3-4 kilogrammes of braids daily.

Karla Rani, for instance, earns Tk 100-150 daily. She has recently used her savings for her daughter's wedding.

Meanwhile, the income has helped women like Mina Rani and Jannati Begum send their children to school. They praised Tulsi Rani for leading the way.



A corrupt taxman and his 'blessed' in-laws

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"It's a real miracle," Rahman said, adding that the per square foot price in Siddheshwari ranges from Tk 10,000-15,000, and the actual market value of Faisal's flat is at least Tk 3 crore.

Besides, at least Tk 25 lakh more is required for parking space, he added.

Meanwhile, Momtaz Begum's fortune turned bright in February 2022 when she acquired 10 kathas of land in Meradia for Tk 52 lakh.

ACC believes the actual market value of the property is Tk 4.5 crore.

Besides, Faisal's father-in-law purchased a flat for Tk 1 crore from Rupayan Housing Estate in the city's Ramna area.

These are just the tips of the iceberg. The story goes even deeper.

For example, Faisal and his 11 relatives conducted transactions worth crores through 87 accounts across 19 banks and one non-bank financial institution.

The largest volume of transactions, amounting to Tk 11.57 crore, was found in

the account of his father-in-law, a retired bank officer, who has eight bank accounts.

Faisal's mother-in-law Momtaz Begum, a homemaker, has 10 bank accounts, and transactions amounting to Tk 7 crore were spotted in these accounts.

ACC is now investigating how Faisal's father-in-law acquired so much wealth.

But Faisal didn't forget his wife Jesmin. She owns five kathas of land in Boro Kathaldia Mouza in Bhatara area, "valued" at Tk 18.17 lakh.

However, during the investigation, the ACC found the market value of this land to be Tk 75 lakh.

Moreover, there is also land "worth" Tk 7.5 lakh in Purbachal New Town, but the ACC has not disclosed its true value yet.

As for Faisal himself, he owns approximately 15.5 kathas of land spread across five places in Dhaka and Narayanganj, which he valued at Tk 40.29 lakh.

However, the ACC's investigators have stated that these land values

have been significantly undervalued.

Faisal and his wife had also bought a five-katha plot from the Jolshiri Housing Project in Khilgaon, while his wife bought another five-katha plot for Tk 75 lakh from East-West Development.

Faisal has six accounts, which had transactions amounting to Tk 5.21 crore. Jesmin, a homemaker, has five bank accounts where transactions worth Tk 2.25 crore took place.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court ordered the seizure of Faisal's assets, including plots, flats, and bank accounts, which include 19 bank accounts and 87 financial institution accounts held by 11 of his relatives.

The seized assets, both movable and immovable, are valued at approximately Tk 17 crore as shown in official documents by Faisal and his family members.

However, ACC officials claimed in court that those properties were undervalued and they amount to no less than Tk 20 crore.

Faisal also purchased

savings certificates worth Tk 2.55 crore between June 2019 and November 2023 in his and his family's names.

The allegations against Faisal include taking bribes for transferring income tax officials, intimidating

taxpayers, and other irregularities.

ACC decided to investigate Faisal last year.

Faisal joined NBR in 2005 as a BCS cadre in the post of assistant tax commissioner.

In police, all benefits

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113 officials of the 36th BCS and 97 officials of the 37th BCS are still waiting after six and five years, respectively. Promotions for the 35th and 36th BCS batches won't be possible until 2027, and the 37th BCS until after 2030.

Creating these posts would cost an additional Tk 2.71 crore.

Officials of the 35th and 36th BCS have held several meetings with the home minister, IGP, and top police officials to demand promotions.

"We were supposed to be promoted after five years, but we are not getting it even after seven years of service. The officials of 35th and 36th BCS, who joined other cadres like admin, foreign, and even Ansar, got promotions at least a year back," said an official of 35th BCS police.

Abul Fazal Mir, joint secretary (police-1) of the public security division of home ministry, said,

"Creating supernumerary posts is a policy-level issue. It requires approval from other ministries like public administration, so nothing can be said right away about the application."

According to PHQ, there are around 3,146 cadre posts in the police. This includes one IGP, two additional IGPs (grade-1), 20 additional IGPs (grade-2), 87 DIGs (grade-3), 201 additional DIGs (grade-4), 596 SPs (grade-5), 1,008 additional SPs (grade-6), and 1,231 ASPs (grade-9).

Last year, PHQ sought 529 supernumerary posts for IG, DIG, additional DIG, and SP promotions.

But public administration ministry created 342 such posts, causing dissatisfaction among cops.

On September 19, the home ministry applied for more posts, leading the public administration ministry to approve eight additional IGP and 15 DIG posts on October 23.

IGP Mamun

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As per the two circulars, Mamun's post-retirement leave and related benefits have been suspended as per Section 49 of the Public Service Act-2018 and his tenure as the IGP has been stretched for one year on a contract from July 12 or the date of joining.

On September 30 in 2022, Mamun became the IGP. He was the Rab director general when the US on December 10, 2021, imposed sanctions on him and six other current and former Rab officials and the force itself.

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JULY 5

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Keep your phone safe

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Earlier on March 7, DB arrested 10 Indian nationals linked to a cross-border smuggling group allegedly involved in trafficking Indian goods, including stolen mobile phones.

Last December, Indian authorities dismantled a syndicate smuggling stolen mobile phones into Nepal and Bangladesh, recovering 153 devices from a mobile repair shop in Ghaziaba.

The gangs primarily target high-priced cell phones in Bangladesh and smuggles them to India, Malaysia, and Thailand.

High-end phones like iPhones, known for their hard-to-alter IMEI numbers, are risky to sell locally, so criminals smuggle them to a different country.

Besides, there is a significant demand in Bangladesh for unauthorised mobile phones that evade customs duties and taxes upon entry.

Recently, Rapid Action Battalion arrested four members of an unauthorised mobile phone dealing gang during a raid in Narayanganj, recovering over 800 mobile phones.

Abu Taher, one of the arrestees, supplied over 2,500 mobiles to the market through his organised gang in the last one and a half months, said RAB-3.

Meanwhile, State Minister for IT Zunaid Ahmed Palak, on June 13, directed the National Board of Revenue to track and take action against users of high-value unregistered mobile phones.

MoUs with India

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They held the PM include provisions for rail corridors, use of ports, joint satellites, and military cooperation.

Sheikh Rafiqul Islam Bablu, a freedom fighter and convener of Bhasani Anusari Parishad; Mahmudur Rahman Manna, president of Nagarik Oikya; Saiful Haque, general secretary of Biplobi Workers Party; Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolan; Hasnat Quaiyum, coordinator of Rastra Sangskar Andolon; and Tania Rob, vice president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), spoke at the rally.

They held the PM responsible for signing these MoUs to maintain power without holding proper elections.

They criticised the PM's statement, "What's the harm if India is given transit?," claiming that the government is compromising national interests for its own benefit.

The speakers condemned the recent statement by the foreign minister, who said "India has no objection to PM's visit to China."

They said the PM of a sovereign country should not need permission from other nations to visit a country.

Asma Abbasi passes away

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A s m a Abbasi, an educationist, T V personality, and writer, passed away at her residence in Dhaka on July 4, at the age of 83, said a press release.

She left behind her husband, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, a musician, artist, and folklorist; two daughters, Samira Abbasi and Sharmini Abbasi; and four grandchildren, Armaan, Shaiza, Sarina, and Alvi.

Asma Abbasi was the niece of the renowned writer Mujtaba Ali.

She completed her honours and master's degrees in Bangla literature from Dhaka University.

Throughout her career until retirement, she taught at Purana Paltan Girls' College.

She was also a leader at the Inner Wheel Club and the Ladies Club in the capital.

She was laid to rest in her mother's grave at Banani graveyard yesterday.

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সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে টিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/লাইসেন্স নবায়ন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নীলফামারী সড়ক বিভাগ, নীলফামারী কর্তৃক পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর আলোকে সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের পরিচালন (রাজপথ) বাজেটের আওতায় সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (LTM) প্রয়োগের মাধ্যমে অভ্যন্তরীণ ক্রয়কার্য (NCT-Works) সম্পাদনের লক্ষ্যে ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থবছরের জন্য টিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/লাইসেন্স নবায়ন করা হবে। সিপিটিইউ (CPTU) কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফরম নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, নীলফামারী কার্যালয় অথবা উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ, নীলফামারী/১ম সারি কারখানা উপ-বিভাগ, নীলফামারী কার্যালয় হতে আগামী ০৮-০৭-২০২৪ হতে ৩১-০৭-২০২৪ খ্রি. তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। ১০০০.০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, নীলফামারী এর অনুকূলে জমা প্রদান করে অথবা মানি রিসিপ্টের মাধ্যমে ১০০০.০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা পরিশোধ করতঃ আশ্রয়ী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র (ডকুমেন্ট) সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন। নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র (ডকুমেন্ট) সঠিকভাবে পূরণ পূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রসহ আগামী ৩১ জুলাই ২০২৪ খ্রি. তারিখ বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে এ অফিসে জমা প্রদান করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (LTM) প্রয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর বিধি ৬৩ ও ৬৪ অনুসরণযোগ্য এবং এ তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ দরপত্র আহ্বান/কাজ প্রদানের নিশ্চয়তা বিধান করে না।

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ছক-১: নতুন তালিকাভুক্তি

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ছক-২: নবায়ন

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