

BCL man ‘threatens’ CU quota protest leader

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An organiser of the ongoing anti-quota protests at Chittagong University received a death threat from an alleged member of CU unit of Chhatra League. Khan Talat Mahmud Rafi, a student of the dramatics department and a resident of Alaol dormitory, claimed that his father, Tariqul Islam Khan, who resides in Netrakona, received a phone call on Sunday night. An unknown person said if Rafi did not back down from the protest, he will face dire consequences, he alleged. The call came from a phone number used by Hridoy Ahmed Rizvi, a student of the same department and a BCL activist, he added. Rizvi is associated with the shuttle train-based BCL faction “CFC group”, said university sources. “I told my father to lodge a general diary with the police station in Netrakona,” Rafi said. Asked, Rizvi said his cell phone got “hacked” recently. “I don’t know who called his family. My phone was shut down due to a technical issue for nearly 24 hours. After learning about the incident, I informed my political seniors to take steps in this regard. Apart from that, I will inform the proctor’s office to investigate the incident,” said Rizvi.

CHITTAGONG MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
MRI machine non-functional for 2yrs

Patients bearing extra cost to do tests from outside

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Jahangir Alam, 65, suffered a brain stroke on Friday and was admitted to the Neuro Medicine Ward of Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Doctors advised his family to get a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) test. However, the lone MRI machine at CMCH has been non-functional for two years, leaving the family in a dilemma about how to afford the expensive test elsewhere. Many poor patients like Jahangir come to CMCH for treatment, only to find themselves unable to afford the costly MRI tests at private diagnostic centres, which range from Tk 9,000 to Tk 20,000. Before the machine broke down on May 16, 2022, CMCH provided MRI services for Tk 3,000-5,000. “I am retired and spent most of my savings on my daughters’ marriages while another daughter is still studying. I am struggling to collect money for this expensive test,” said Jahangir from his hospital bed. Md Nasir, 32, a vegetable vendor from Fatikchhari upazila in Chattogram, faced a similar ordeal after suffering a spinal cord injury.



“If CMCH’s MRI service was available, it would have benefitted us. Now, we had to do the test from outside spending much more than we can afford,” said his wife, Mamta Akter. “MRI is a modern diagnostic test that takes very clear images of internal organs to detect specific diseases or abnormalities,” explained Pradip Kumar Kayasthagir, a professor at CMCH’s Neuro Medicine Ward. He said around 120 patients are admitted to his ward daily, and at least 10 percent need an MRI. **HOW THINGS UNFOLDED** The health ministry allocated a Tk 9.84 crore new MRI machine of the Japanese Hitachi brand to CMCH in 2017 after the old one failed in 2014, according to Dr. Rajib Palit, CMCH’s deputy director. The machine was installed in the hospital’s cardiology building. After its inauguration on October 24, 2017, it couldn’t be fully utilised due to a lack of films. Full service began in January 2018, but the machine faced a technical glitch in October 2020, halting service for seven months until May 2021. The machine kept having glitches until it finally stopped working on May 16, 2022. “There is no post of biomedical engineer at the hospital, so medical equipment are not being properly maintained,” said Dr Subas Majumder, head of CMCH’s radiology and imaging department. **CMCH PAYING FOR HIS OWN DECISION** Since the machine’s warranty expired in August 2020, it will now take Tk 7 crore to repair it. CMCH could have repaired it for Tk 1 crore with a maintenance contract with the supplier company, but the hospital

only wanted to pay Tk 65 lakh, according to sources. “I have informed the health ministry about our requirements, including the need for an MRI machine. We need Tk 7 crore to repair the existing one and Tk 17 crore to buy a new machine,” said CMCH director Brig Gen. Shamim Ahsan. Health Minister Dr Samanta Lal Sen in a recent visit to CMCH said, “I feel bad knowing that the MRI machine in the hospital is out of order. Chattogram is the second largest city after Dhaka. I will do whatever is necessary to fix the problem.” **EMPHASIS ON FINANCIAL AUTONOMY** At least 20 MRI tests were performed daily when the machine was operational between 2018 and 2020. With each test costing a minimum of Tk 3,000, CMCH could collect at least Tk 60,000 daily, amounting to Tk 5,18,40,000 over three years. “We deposit all the money realised from patients’ diagnostic tests to the government fund,” said the CMCH director. Dr Faisal Iqbal Chowdhury, general secretary of the Bangladesh Medical Association’s Chattogram chapter, said government-run hospitals need financial autonomy to get urgent repairs done. The current system requires hospital directors to request funds from the health ministry even for minor emergencies, leading to unnecessary delays in providing essential services, he added.

Fun trip to Cox’s Bazar ends in tragedy

2 teens killed in bike crash

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What started as a joyful trip by six teenage friends to Cox’s Bazar ended in a tragedy as one of their motorcycles was hit by a truck on the Chattogram-Cox’s Bazar highway early yesterday morning, killing two of the friends. Md Emon, 17, son of Md Yusuf, and Ariful Islam, 17, son of Abdur Rob, died in the accident that occurred at the Dohazari-Dewanhhat intersection around 4:00am yesterday, said OC Khan Mohammad Erfan of Dohazari Highway Police Station. Both were residents of Noakhali district and 10th-graders at a school in Majidde. The six friends, on three motorcycles, were returning home from their trip to the seaside town when the truck, coming from the opposite direction, hit the motorcycle that Ariful and Yusuf were riding. Locals rushed them to Chandanaish Upazila Health Complex where Emon was declared dead. Ariful died at CMCH. Ahsan Ullah, maternal uncle of Ariful, said the six friends had travelled to Cox’s Bazar on Friday, but they told their families that they were going by bus. When asked how a 17-year-old could own a motorcycle, he said Ariful, being the youngest child, was favoured by his parents and they may have bought him the motorbike after repeated requests.

DENGUE
One dies, 63 get hospitalised in a day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One more dengue patient died and 63 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning. With the new death, the total number of deaths rose to 47 while the total number of cases reached 4,041. Some 266 dengue patients are receiving treatment in different hospitals. Of them, 138 are from outside Dhaka.

KALURGHAT BRIDGE IN CHATTOGRAM
Renovation delay prolongs suffering

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Abdul Malek, 52, was waiting at the ghat beside Kalurghat Bridge in Chattogram to board a ferry on his way back from the port city to Boalkhali upazila after visiting his doctor on Thursday. Even after waiting for 30 minutes, he failed to board the ferry as it was packed. “It is very difficult to remain standing for this long with multiple physical complications that I have. If the bridge had been opened to traffic, it would have saved us from a lot of miseries,” he told this correspondent. Like Malek, thousands of commuters who need to cross the Karnaphuli river are suffering immensely every day to board the ferry due to the delay in renovation work of the 93-year-old Kalurghat Bridge. “The delay in the bridge’s renovation work has prolonged our sufferings,” said Jalal Uddin, a



university student. In particular, people from the port city as well as from south Chattogram’s three upazilas – Boalkhali, Rangunia, and Patiya – have no alternative to crossing the river without using the bridge. According to the Roads and Highways Department, around 22,000-25,000 commuters cross the bridge on every working day. The Tk 43 crore renovation work on the bridge, being implemented by Bangladesh Railway and carried out by Max Infrastructure Limited, a contractor firm, began in August last year. Since the renovation work began, the bridge has remained closed while RHD launched a ferry service next to the bridge for vehicles to cross the river. The work was supposed to be completed by October 31, 2023. Locals blame the negligence of both BR and the contractor firm for the delay in renovation work.

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Youth stabbed to death in Chattogram

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A young man was stabbed to death allegedly by his friend in Pakhir Goli area of the port city on Sunday night. The deceased is Md Mona, 25, said police. Mona got into an altercation with his friend Jewel and some of Jewel’s accomplices, and at one stage, they stabbed him, said SM Obaidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station. Locals took him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where the doctor declared him dead. Police are conducting drives to arrest the criminals, he said.

16 grenades found in Gazipur construction site



STAR REPORT

Police evacuated and sealed off a privately owned land in Gazipur city yesterday after the construction workers dug up 16 grenades at the property. The bomb disposal unit from the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) visited the spot and defused the grenades around 2:30pm, said Syed Rafiul Karim, officer-in-charge of Gazipur Metropolitan Police Station. While digging up the northern end of the land in the city’s South Chhayabeethi area, workers came across those buried in the ground in an urn around 9:00am, said the OC quoting locals. On information, police sealed off the spot, the OC said. Abul Kashem of the district’s Kapasia

upazila had bought and fenced the land in the city’s South Chhayabeethi area years ago. He recently decided to build a house there and appointed workers, according to locals. Rahmat Ullah Chowdhury, the chief of the bomb disposal unit, told The Daily Star, “We have recovered around 16 live military-grade grenades from the spot. All of those were disposed of successfully with adequate precaution and proper procedures.” It took around three hours to dispose of all the grenades, said Rahmat, also the deputy commissioner of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of DMP. “We assume the grenades were hidden under the soil during the Liberation War or later,” he added.

এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস্ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
৩৯৫-৩৯৭ তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা,
ঢাকা-১২০৮।
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Corrigendum-2

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01	Tender ID. 993288	Repairing Works of Road Cutting by different organization of ward no 6 and 8 under zone-2 (Group-kha), DSCC. FY 2024/2025	07-Jul-2024 11:15	07-Jul-2024 12:30	11-Jul-2024 13:15	11-Jul-2024 14:00

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