Brokers rampant

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clinic, claiming the hospital lacked facilities. I was charged Tk 100 for consultation, but the doctor there prescribed unnecessary tests costing Tk 4,300. Later, my son intervened and rescued me."

Nasima alleged that the brokers look to collect their cuts from those tests.

She also alleged that some Ansar personnel and outsourcing staff of KMCH are also involved in this racket.

Like Nasima, hundreds of patients face similar hassles every day.

According to KMCH authorities and law enforcers, over 25 groups and another 20-25 individual brokers operate in the hospital.

In 2022-23, some 37 brokers were detained from KMCH premises, and 12 of them were sent to jail while the rest were released after paying fines.

The situation, however, hardly improved.

KMCH currently has 281 doctors against 300 sanctioned doctor posts. Also, many critical operations are delayed or suspended due to a lack of anaesthesiologists.

Dr Muhammad Nurul Islam, deputy director of KMCH, said the 500-bed hospital currently accommodates 1,500 to 1,750 inpatients daily, while around 2,000 patients visit the OPD daily.

"We are struggling to provide proper services amid a shortage of doctors and necessary equipment. So, middlemen take this chance," he added.

"However, we often conduct drives against them, while some formal complaints have been made to law enforcement and the regional administration to curb the brokers' activities," he added.

Dr Sheikh Baharul Alam, president of Bangladesh Medical Association in Khulna, alleged that a section of medical staff and influential clinic and diagnostic owners appoint brokers to draw patients to their clinics and private hospitals, ignoring the law.

"When problems arise due to shortages of doctors and equipment, patients' families often blame the doctors, and these brokers seize the opportunity to lure them to nearby clinics and private chambers," he added.

Advocate Mominul Islam, president of Khulna Healthcare Recipients' Forum, called for ensuring accountability and transparency to improve the quality of KMCH's service to restore public confidence, which will in turn curb the brokers' menace.Seeking anonymity, a broker, who works for a local clinic, said, "Many patients come from far away who want to get done with everything and leave as soon as possible. Amid a huge crowd, we provide them the chance to see a doctor. In return, we get some commission from the clinic."

She denied allegations of deceiving and extorting patients.

PRAYER TIMING
DECEMBER 5

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-15	12-45	3-45	5-19	7-00
JAMAAT	5-50	1-15	4-00	5-22	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Sexual abuse is part of life

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for me. I always have to be cautious worrying what if someone does anything bad to me as the (Suhrawardy) Udyan is filled with bad people."

The fear of sexual harassment or assault also haunts parents who live with their adolescent daughters out in the open. Kushum, 13, lives with her mother in the street. Her mother begs, and she sells lozenges in a small red bucket.

Kushum's mother said, "Roaming around Ramna Park and Udyan, we encounter many men taking drugs. These people try to be nice to us, which terrifies me more."

"I always tell my daughter not to take anything from men and eat anything they offer. At night, I wake up frequently to check on my daughter as the surroundings are not safe, and my daughter is now an adolescent," she added.

Kushum said, "People sitting inside the parks sometimes offer money to go with them. I run away from there as fast as possible."

This correspondent talked to 15 street children, mostly adolescent girls who live in the same fear of getting sexually harassed.

Street children in Bangladesh face a harsh reality of deprivation, poverty, malnutrition, disease, illiteracy, and violence. UNICEF's 2022 survey reveals that many sleep alone or in groups for safety, and one-third experience violence during sleep. Shockingly, passersby are responsible for most of the abuse and harassment of street children in Bangladesh, with eight out of 10 children reporting such incidents. However, there were no separate statistics on sexual violence.

The survey findings are based on first-hand reports from a sample of 7,200 children aged 5-17 years in hotspots in Dhaka and in the country's eight divisions.

Prof Tahmina Akhter of Institute of Social Welfare and Research noted that there is an absence of study on sexual abuse of street children in our country. Based on her research, she said female street children are often sexually harassed at a young age by law enforcement officers, rickshaw pullers, or bus and truck drivers. "Especially those who sleep on the streets face more sexual harassment," she said.

"Sometimes these children face sexual violence from their relatives at home because of lack of parental care," she said.

Living without parental guidance, sometimes these children, after reaching puberty, also began to explore their sexuality early, getting involved in unsafe sexual activities amongst themselves, Tahmina said, adding that miscreants lure children by promising to marry them and then sell them to brothels.

Tahmina said these street children don't tell anyone or take legal action even if they are subjected to any sexual abuse. Sometimes, they do not even realise that they have been subjected to sexual violence.

Wahida Banu, executive director of Aparajeyo Bangladesh, an NGO working with children, youth, and women living in and around Dhaka slums since 1976, had a similar view.

She said, "Whether it's on the road, in a park, or in a crowded place, most girls and boys living on the streets face sexual harassment. They don't understand the abuse when they are young, but they realise it when they grow up."

Wahida said the issue of sexual harassment of street children is not prioritised in our society. Adolescent girls growing up on the streets do not understand prostitution. They get involved in sexual activities, accepting it as a norm, she said.

Sometimes, street children get molested in exchange for money as low as Tk 5/10, she added.

Wahida noted that although the Children Act 2013 talks about underprivileged children, there is no legal framework through which they can access justice. Although there are many government facilities, such as shelter homes and services like the 1098 hotline number, street children do not know about them, nor can they avail those services, she added.

"Our laws are not pro-children," she said. "To bring street children under legal help for violence perpetrated against them, they require guardianship. Otherwise, these children, who are completely alone, will not get any justice."

Global problem

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Prof Yunus lauded the members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, noting that their commitment to safeguarding the nation has been exemplary.

He said the Bangladesh Armed Forces symbolise resilience, patriotism, and unwavering dedication to peace. He highlighted their efforts during national crises like disasters, political unrest, and pandemics.

"These demonstrate your unwavering dedication to the well-being of our citizens," said the chief adviser, congratulating the NDC graduates from home and abroad.

Prof Yunus also said their contributions to global peace through the United Nations are internationally acclaimed.

He acknowledged the Bangladesh Armed Forces' contributions to national security, development, and nation-building activities.

Qualitative political

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Presenting the keynote, Prof Kazi Maruful Islam of Dhaka University said although Bangladesh gained independence through the Liberation War, its administrative structure was never aligned with the aspirations of a free nation.

He said over 20 administrative reform commissions have been established since independence, but their recommendations remain largely unimplemented.

This resulted in a lack of accountability and fostered authoritarian tendencies within the administration, he added.

"The current socio-political landscape is different. The mass uprising for an equitable Bangladesh offers a vision for change. If proper steps are taken, it's possible to establish a new framework for administrative reform," he said.

Khandaker Aminur Rahman, former additional secretary and member of Public Administration Reform Commission, pointed out that corruption remains one of the biggest challenges in public administration.

He emphasised that most corruption occurs in project management rather than among civil servants.

He stated, "Corruption persists due to the lack of democratic accountability. In many cases, corrupt individuals are promoted while honest officers are sidelined. This culture must be changed by prioritising integrity and competence in promotions."

Dr Rizwan Khair, another member of the reform commission, said reforming administration is a long-term and difficult task.

He said, "We have missed many opportunities for reform since independence. Now is a turning point, and we cannot afford to miss this chance. Governance requires people with strong backbones, not yes-men. Bureaucracies cannot function effectively without robust leadership."

Asif Mahmud Shahan, professor of Development Studies at Dhaka University, traced the roots of authoritarian tendencies in Bangladesh's administration back to 1972.

He said while the country gained independence, it failed to create its own administrative framework.

"From 1975 to 1990, the state was governed under authoritarian rule, during which laws and regulations were crafted to empower civil servants. These frameworks were never reformed post-1991, despite opportunities," he explained.

Elira Dewan, member of Local Government Reform Commission, highlighted the marginalisation of indigenous communities in government employment.

She criticised the reduction of quotas for indigenous groups from five percent to one percent, which is shared with other categories, including persons with disabilities.

Kamrul Islam Khan Hridoy, a visually impaired business development professional, criticised the equalisation of the age limit for government job applicants at 32 years for both disabled and general candidates.

Dr Mizanur Rahman, additional secretary of public administration ministry, asserted that political will is the foremost requirement for administrative reform.

Comparing Bangladesh to India, he said, "India took immediate steps to reform their administrative structure after independence. Unfortunately, we failed to learn from them."

The roundtable also included participants such as Prof Ferdous Arfina Osman of DU, BCS Administration Academy Rector Dr Omar Faruq, ICT Division Additional Secretary Abu Sayeed Mohammed Kamruzzaman, BRAC University Senior Academic Coordinator Mohammad Sirajul Islam, and DU student Maisha Farah, among others.

Prioritise

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amendment to the DAP only to raise the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) standards in building construction. Our suspicions were proven to be true," he added.

The standards required to build a liveable city have not been followed when determining FAR and block-wise FAR values as proposed in the DAP amendment, Khan continued.

As a result, the proposed amendments to the DAP may further jeopardise the liveability of the capital, he said.

Prof Aktar Mahmud of IPD said, "A liveable city does not only have housing. It needs a good environment, education, healthcare, public transport, etc. But our business community is only interested in increasing FAR. No research has even been carried out on whether the area will remain habitable in the future if the FAR is increased."

"Many in Rajuk's policy-making circles are succumbing to the unfair demands of vested interest groups as they fail to realise the importance of urban planning. Decisions should be made in the public interest to increase the liveability of Dhaka without thinking about these groups," he opined.

Respect our

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(Bangladesh Time) yesterday.

Fakhrul criticised the recent incidents involving Bangladesh's diplomatic missions in India and raised concerns about border activities near Sylhet and Benapole.

"We are deeply hurt when baseless accusations and lies put the people of Bangladesh in danger," he said, questioning India's intentions behind these activities.

"We always hope India will stand by the people of Bangladesh and rectify past mistakes to rebuild trust," Fakhrul added.

The BNP leader emphasised the need for unity among political forces to safeguard Bangladesh's independence and sovereignty.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY MATTER NO-1549 OF 2024

An application under section 81(2), 85(3) read with section 396 of the Company Act 1994 AND IN THE MATTER OF

Aziz Ali Kaiser Son of Mr. M.A. Hashem, Managing Director of F. Karim Re-Rolling Mills Ltd. at Blooming Dale, House-24, Dutabsh Road, Baridhara, Dhaka. .....Petitioner

-VERSUS-

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and others .....Respondents

Notice is here be given that an application under Section 81(2), 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act 1994 was moved in petitioner to Condonation of delay in holding the 38th, 39th and 40thAnnual General Meeting of the Company named and style as F. Karim Re-Rolling Mills Ltd. Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has admitted the said application on 02.12.2024 if any person interested in the said application may appear on the date of hearing either himself or through his Advocate. A copy of said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC)
Ministry of Textiles and Jute

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EoI) (International)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH			
1	Ministry	Ministry of Textiles & Jute	
2	Agency	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC)	
3	Inviting Entity Name	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC)	
4	Invitation for	Award of Lease for Theme Park, Eco Resort and Commercial Complex of the Khulna Textile Mills	
5	Invitation Ref. No	24.03.0000.103.56(2).110.19-343	
6	Date	04/12/2024	
KEY INFORMATION			
7	Selection Process	Award of Lease to the highest scoring bidder ranked on the basis of combined score of technical and financial proposals weighted equally from responsive bidders.	
INFORMATION FOR EoI			
8	Last date & Time of EoI Submission	Date: 25/01/2025 Time: 12.00 PM (BST)	
9	EoI Submission Place	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Chairman Section, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
10	Opening Date and Time of EoI	Date: 26/01/2025, Time: 11 AM (BST)	
11	Place of Opening	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Chairman Section, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
12	Other details	Submission of EoI should be made in closed envelop bearing the name and address of the individual/farm, EoI no. & date and be addressed to the EoI issuing authority in 07 (seven) copies in English including 01(one) "ORIGINAL" in separate packet and in the form of book binding. Both the "ORIGINAL" and "COPIES" shall have to be covered within a single packet. The bidder shall have to mention the page number serially in every page of submitted EoI document.	
INFORMATION FOR BIDDER			
13	Name of the Mills to be leased out	Khulna Textile Mills Ltd. Boyra Main Road, Khulna	
14	Term of Award (of lease)	Up to 30 Years (further extendable)	
15	ToR including Schedules (of lease) for Khulna Textile Mills Ltd.	Available on the following websites- (i) www.btmc.gov.bd (ii) www.motj.gov.bd (iii) www.bida.gov.bd	
INVITING ENTITY DETAILS			
16	Name of Official Inviting EoI	Brigadier General Md. Ziaul Hoque, OSP, ndc,afwc,psc	
17	Designation of Official Inviting EoI	Chairman	
18	Address of Official Inviting EoI	Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Chairman Section, BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
19	Contact details of Official Inviting EoI	Telephone / Mobile Number	E-mail
		55014346	btmcho@gmail.com
20	Focal Persons to be contacted (if necessary)	Kazi Feroz Hossain General Manager (Commerce) 01781180656	feroz775@gmail.com
OTHER INFORMATION			
21	Any interested party may visit the Khulna Textile Mills for lease purpose.		
22	Only short-listed bidders shall be invited for Final Proposal (FP).		
23	The Inviting Authority retains the right to reject any or all EoI without reasoning.		

Date: 04/12/2024

Brigadier General Md. Ziaul Hoque
Chairman
Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1501 OF 2024

Fazlur Rahman Rana, Managing Director of Blessing Chemicals Limited of House- 33/B, Road- 4, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
..... **Petitioner**

-VERSUS-

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms of T.C.B Bhaban, 6th Floor, 1, Karwan Bazar, under police station Tejgaon within district Dhaka and another
-----Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 and Rules 8 and 263 of the Companies Rule, 2009 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh with a prayer for direction to call the Annual General Meeting of the **Blessing Chemicals Limited** having its registration No. C-93466, Reg. date: 12.06.2011 for the calendar year 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and also for subsequent calendar year(s), if fallen due, and further direction for holding and conducting the said AGM(s) in the manner of the Hon'ble Court thinks expedient on condoning the delay in holding said AGM(s). Upon preliminary hearing the Hon'ble High Court Division comprising **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel** was pleased to admit the application on **27.11.2024** and hearing date will be fixed soon for appearance. Anyone desires of opposing the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either personally or through an authorized Advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

Md. Imam Hasan
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
14 Purana Paltan (10th Floor), Dhaka-1000. Cell : 01711-241335

LEGAL NOTICE

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HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1500 OF 2024

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..... **Petitioner**

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সামরিক চিকিৎসা সার্ভিস মহাপরিদপ্তর
প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস

জরুরি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর জন্য দেশীয় মুদ্রায় নিম্নলিখিত চিকিৎসা সামগ্রী ক্রয়ার্থে প্রতিরক্ষা ক্রয় মহাপরিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত ব্যবসায়ী/প্রস্তুতকারী/আমদানীকারক/ইভেন্টিং প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

২। দরপত্রের সিডিউল নিম্নের ছকে উল্লেখিত তারিখ ও সময় মোতাবেক সামরিক চিকিৎসা সার্ভিস মহাপরিদপ্তর, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস থেকে নগদ মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাবলীসহ দরপত্র সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে মহাপরিদপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্সে ছকে বর্ণিত নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে প্রতিদিন ০৯০০ ঘটিকা হতে ১২৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত জমা নেয়া হবে এবং দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে ১৩০০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) উন্মুক্ত করা হবেঃ

ক্রমিক নং	দ্রব্যের বিবরণ	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ		দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ	দরপত্র নম্বর
		হইতে	পর্যন্ত		
1.	Suction Machine Electric including floor Suction unit	10-12-24	24-12-24	24-12-24	104/2024-2025/EM
2.	Suction Machine Electric				
3.	Blood/Infusion warmer electic				
4.	Infusion Pump				
1.	Fiber Optic Video Laryngoscope set Complete	10-12-24	24-12-24	24-12-24	105/2024-2025/EM
2.	Telescope Ó° degree 5mm				
1.	Binocular indirect ophthalmoscope	10-12-24	24-12-24	24-12-24	106/2024-2025/EM
2.	Slit Lamp GAT +Documentation device				
3.	Retinoscope				
4.	Ophthalmic Operating Chair				
5.	LED Digital visual acuity chart				
6.	Non Contact air puff tonometry with pachymetry				
7.	Auto refractometer with Keratometer with motorized table				
8.	Video Indirect Ophthalmoscope with recording Station				
1.	Endoscopic CO2 Regulation Unit Complete set for ERCP	10-12-24	24-12-24	24-12-24	107/2024-2025/EM
2.	Electro Surgical unit Indocart Complete set APC for ERCP				
3.	Endoscopic High Power Suction Machine with Accssories				
1.	Arthroscopic Recording/Picture Management System	10-12-24	24-12-24	24-12-24	108/2024-2025/EM
2.	Electric Tourniquet				
3.	Battery Operated Rechargeable & saw Both Power and Battery Drill (04 Battery in each Drill) and k wire chuck attachment				
4.	Plaster Cutting Saw (Electric)				
5.	32" HD/LED Medical grade Monitor				
6.	Diathermy Bipolar				
1.	Operation Table with all fracture Accessories	10-12-24	24-12-24	24-12-24	109/2024-2025/EM

৩। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
৪। বর্ণিত ইলেক্ট্রো মেডিকেল ইকুইপমেন্টস্ এর বিস্তারিত বিবরণ, কারিগরী বিনির্দেশ ও চাহিদাকৃত বিভিন্ন তথ্যাদি/সনদপত্রের তালিকা দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি/কমানোর এবং দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখেন।
৫। পিপিএ/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০০৮ মোতাবেক দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।

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