

Cath Lab at CMCH out of order for 5 days Patients in peril

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The only operational Cath Lab at the Cardiology Department of Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) has remained out of order for the past five days.

The hospital has two Cath Labs, one of which has been non-functional since 2021. The other had been operational until September 17, when it stopped working, halting almost all Cath Lab-related services for cardiac patients.

Doctors at CMCH said the Cardiology Department admits 180 to 200 patients daily. On an average day, the Cath Lab carries out 12 to 14 angiograms and at least three Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA) or stenting procedures. In addition, around two patients a day require temporary pacemaker installation.

All these services are now suspended.

The situation has put a financial burden on patients, as the cost of heart stenting or angiogram procedures is several times higher at private hospitals than the Tk 2,000 charged at CMCH, excluding essential medicines that patients must purchase separately.

Hospital sources said CMCH authorities have repeatedly appealed to the health ministry since 2021 for a new Cath Lab machine, but to no avail.

Dr Nur Uddin Tareq, head of the Cardiology Department, said, “We have already sent a letter to the supplier. The lone Cath Lab machine had become overburdened after the other stopped working, which is why it went out of order five days ago.”

A critical pressure cartridge used for invasive blood pressure monitoring has failed, he said, adding that the machine's warranty runs until February 2027.

The department has written to the supplier, Dhaka-based Medi-Graphic Trading Limited, seeking repair. “The machine can still perform some emergency pacemaker installations, but not angiograms or stenting,” he added.

During a visit to the cardiology ward, patients were seen suffering because of the crisis.

Aminul Islam, who came from Lohagara upazila, said his father had been admitted with chest pain for four days. “The doctors advised an angiogram, but they said it can't be done here now. It would cost about Tk 12,000 to Tk 15,000 at a private hospital, which would be difficult to arrange,” he said.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Taslim Uddin said he had spoken to the supplier company regarding repairs. “They have assured me of sending a technician.”

An engineer from the Medi-Graphic Trading Limited, requesting anonymity, said the pressure cartridge is a consumable item not covered under warranty. “The component is not that expensive, but the hospital authority is unwilling to buy it,” the engineer added.



A labourer sorts jute at a warehouse in the Religate area of Khulna yesterday. Jute from different districts and upazilas of Khulna is brought here and categorised according to quality, priced between Tk 3,200 and Tk 3,800 per maund, before being sold to exporters or mill owners.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

DURGA PUJA

Idol artisans struggle as material costs soar

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

With Durga Puja around the corner, nearly a hundred idol artisans in Lalmonirhat and Kurigram have been prepared to celebrate the festival this year.

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Parishad sources, 467 temples in five upazilas of Lalmonirhat and 537 temples in nine upazilas of Kurigram have been prepared to celebrate the festival this year.

Nipin Chandra Pal, 55, an artisan in Kurigram, said each craftsman



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has four to five assistants working day and night to meet deadlines. This year, they are crafting each Durga idol for Tk 20,000 to Tk 60,000.

“Earlier, I used to collect clay

from various places to make idols, so it didn't cost anything. Now, we have to buy the soil,” he said.

Another craftsman, Subodh Chandra Pal, 48, echoed him.

Sribas Chandra Roy, an artisan from Lalmonirhat, said last year he made a profit of Tk 10,000 to 12,000 per idol. “But this year there will be no profit. We are just living hand-to-mouth. There is no work throughout the year,” he said.

Binod Chandra Roy, president of Sadhuturi Durga temple in Lalmonirhat town, said the price of all products and fruits used in puja has also increased.

Lalmonirhat District Puja Udjapan Parishad President Hiralal Roy said they have taken all preparations to complete Durga Puja safely. “The idol makers don't make enough money from idols. They lead a subhuman life,” he said.

Two cases filed over Khulna eviction clash Around 500 accused of blocking govt activities, attacking cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two separate cases have been filed in connection with the clash between police and locals during an eviction drive on Sunday at Bastuhara Colony in Khulna city's Khalishpur area.

According to police, one case was lodged by the National Housing Authority and another by Khalishpur Police Station, accusing 37 and 32 named individuals respectively, and 400-500 unidentified others. Many of the named accused are common to both cases, police said.

The cases were filed on charges of obstructing government activities and attacking law-enforcement officials, said Mir Atahar Ali, officer-in-charge of Khalishpur Police Station.

The clash erupted on Sunday morning when authorities launched an eviction drive against “illegal occupation” at Boyra Housing Estate's Block C (Bastuhara Colony), sparking resistance from the residents, who set tyres ablaze, blocked roads with logs, and hurled brickbats at police.

Law enforcers retaliated with baton charges and later fired tear-gas shells to disperse the crowd. During the clash, protesters vandalised a bulldozer and attacked its driver.



PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

A farmer feeds his flock of ducks next to the Jilkarkandi haor in Mugolgaon union. Duck farming is helping many youths earn a livelihood amid rising demand in the haors of Sylhet. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Adam Tamizi Haque -----Petitioner.
The Registrar, RJSC and another -----Respondent.

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