

NARSINGDI SADAR HOSPITAL Staff shortage, poor facilities disrupt services

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The Narsingdi Sadar Hospital has long been grappling with a severe manpower shortage and poor infrastructure.

Although it was upgraded to a 100-bed facility years ago, it still runs with the staff structure of a 30-bed hospital, leaving doctors overwhelmed by the rising number of patients seeking care every day.

Hospital sources said only one medical officer is posted at the emergency department, which receives around 600 patients daily. In the outpatient department, about 2,000 patients visit each day across medicine, cardiology,

further straining services already hampered by staff shortages.

Laboratory and X-ray services remain severely constrained due to a lack of technologists. Several diagnostic tests are unavailable, forcing patients to go to private centres at higher costs.

The infrastructure is in disrepair, with plaster falling from ceilings, discoloured walls and rainwater leaking through the roof.

Although the hospital has two ambulances, there are no sanctioned posts for drivers, so the service is being operated through outsourced staff.

"We have to wait long hours



PHOTO: STAR

MADARGANJ IN JAMALPUR

School field turns into warehouse

Lease expired last year, but occupier still running sanitary business on playground

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The playground of Jorkhali Islamabed Wasim Uddin High School in Madarganj upazila of Jamalpur has been occupied for years by a sanitary business, despite repeated notices from the school authorities asking the businessman to vacate the land.

On the southwest side of the school, a tin-shed structure has been erected, filled with sanitary materials that are also scattered around the playground, as seen by this correspondent during a

recent visit.

Locals said M/S Alomgir Enterprise, owned by Alomgir Kabir, has been running the business there for several years after renting the space from the school's former management committee. The previous committee reportedly leased the spot on a temporary basis for Tk 1,500 per month. The lease agreement expired in 2024.

"Whenever we play on the ground, we often get

hurt by hitting the sanitary materials," said Hasan Murzuza, a ninth grader.

Ninth grader Nabir Hossain said, "Sometimes we can't even enter the field as the space remains occupied by the sanitary items."

Headteacher Azharul Islam said, "The lease agreement has already expired.

Moreover, it clearly mentioned that the space must be vacated whenever the school needed it. We have already issued three formal notices to the business

owner to vacate the space."

He said the school is preparing to take legal action if the place is not vacated soon.

Contacted, Alomgir Kabir said, "The former committee leased me the space under a three-year agreement. The lease agreement expired last year. The school has sent two notices. I'll try to extend the lease if possible."

Sanuar Hossain, upazila secondary education officer in Madarganj, said, "Playgrounds of educational institutions cannot be used for any other purpose. We will investigate the matter and take necessary steps if a complaint is filed."



dermatology, gynaecology and paediatrics.

As a result, one doctor often ends up seeing 150 to 200 patients, limiting the time available for proper consultations.

Three of the 20 sanctioned posts for doctors and six of the 137 nurse posts remain vacant. Five posts of forward boys and cleaners are also vacant.

Patients complained that doctors cannot give adequate time during consultations, leading to dissatisfaction over the quality of care. The number of admitted patients is often double the hospital's 100-bed capacity,

in line with our children to get a chance to seek consultation in the outpatient department. It is frustrating," said Amena Begum, 45, from Alokbali union.

Ahmed Islam, 27, a patient's attendant, said ambulances are often unavailable during emergencies. "I had requested an ambulance to take my father to Dhaka from Narsingdi, but they only gave excuses. I was forced to hire a private ambulance later on."

Contacted, Dr Farida Golshan Ara Kabir, residential medical officer, said, "We have requested the higher authorities to take steps to resolve the crises soon."

Man confesses to raping

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Citing Dulal's statement, the OC said the incident took place on the night of December 2. Dulal called the child, a class III student and his neighbour, to his home.

He then took her to a nearby abandoned house, raped her, and strangled her to death when she tried to scream.

Dulal told the court that he killed the girl, fearing

that she would disclose the incident, said the OC.

The next morning, locals spotted the child's body and police was notified.

The same day, the victim's father filed a rape and murder case against unnamed suspects.

Later, teams from the Criminal Investigation Department, Police Bureau of Investigation, and Rapid Action Battalion began probing the killing.

Dulal was arrested on Thursday noon as his behaviour also appeared suspicious in the aftermath of the incident, said the OC. Sub-Inspector Mahbub Alam Sarkar, the investigation officer, said the child's body was sent to Brahmanbaria 250-bed General Hospital morgue for autopsy, and the exact cause of death will be known once the report is available.

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inside the zoo were evacuated at the time, he confirmed.

Asked how the lioness managed to get out of its enclosure, the director said the gate may have been left unlocked.

"There is no broken or

loose grille anywhere. A committee will be formed to investigate the incident," he added. Currently, there are five lions in the Mirpur Zoo.

PRAYER
TIMING
DECEMBER 6

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5:15 12:45 3:45 5:19 7:00

JAMAT 5:50 1:15 4:00 5:22 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 1433 OF 2025

An application under sections 81(2) and 85(3), read with section 396 of the Companies Act 1994, wherein the Company Being a Company having its registered office at 10, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, was presided over by His Lordship Mr. Justice Md. Alomgir Ahsan.

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.....Respondents

Bay Harbour Limited and another

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