

DUIJ protest rally July 26

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will hold a rally at the National Press Club on July 26 to protest harassment of the editors and journalists of different newspapers, including The Daily Star, Prothom Alo, Jugantor and Janakantha.

This was decided at an executive committee meeting of the union on Monday, with its President Abdul Jalil Bhuyian in the chair.

The union leaders also expressed concern that the government has not yet taken any step to meet the seven-point demand of the Sangbadik Sramik Karmachari Oikyo Parishad.

They demanded immediate formation of the sixth wage board for the journalists.

The leaders also sought government intervention to solve the problems of the Bangladesh Observer and the weekly Chitrali.

DUJ General Secretary Omar Faruk and Vice-Presidents Saiful Islam Talukdar, Rafiquzzaman and Dr. Utpal Kumar Sarkar spoke at the meeting.

Tree plantation programme at JU

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Life science faculty of Jahangirnagar University (JU) organises a tree plantation programme in collaboration with the forest department on the campus tomorrow.

Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj will inaugurate the programme as chief guest. He will also unveil the plaque of herbal garden on the campus.

A seminar will also be held at the seminar room of central auditorium tomorrow to mark the National Tree Plantation Movement-2003.

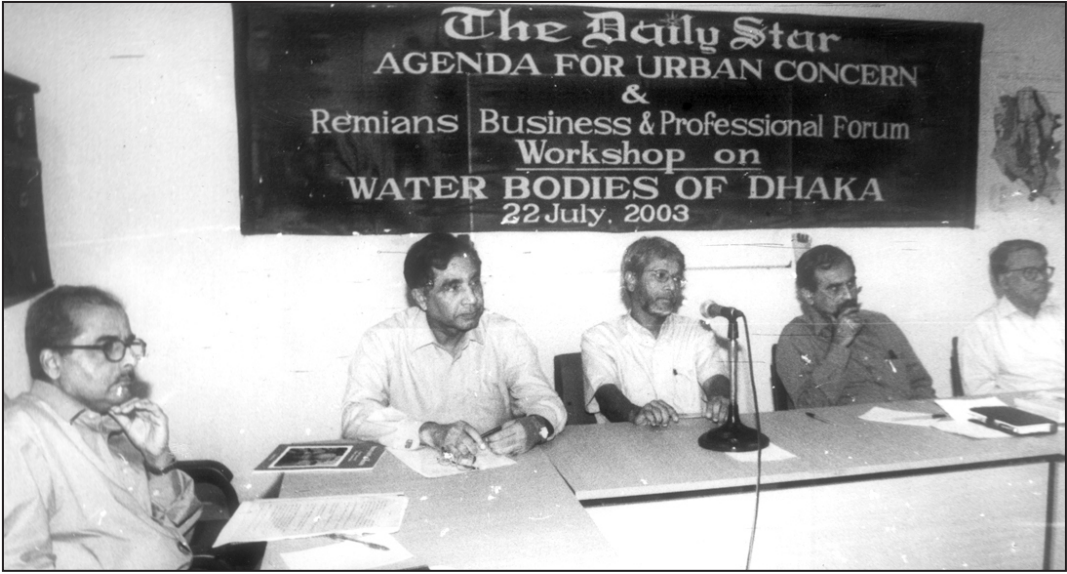


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As part of its Agenda for Urban Concern, The Daily Star in association with the Remians Business and Professional Forum, an association of ex-students of Residential Model school, organised a workshop on 'Water bodies of Dhaka' at its office yesterday. From left are RAJUK Chairman Iqbal Uddin Chowdhury, former IGP ASM Shahjahan, Prof. Dr Nizam Uddin Ahmed of Department of Architecture, BUET, 1st Vice-Chairman of World Scout Bureau Habibul Alam and Prof. Nazrul Islam of Dhaka University.

PM assures trial of killers

Slain Sramik Dal leader Shafi's wife meets Khaleda Zia

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday assured the family members of slain Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal leader Shafi Ahmed of trial of the killers under the Speedy Trial Act.

Her assurance came when wife and children of freedom fighter Shafi called on her at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Shafi was killed allegedly by the Awami League activists on June 14 at his Chittagong residence.

Khaleda Zia said measures were taken for trial and punishment to the killers as per law of the land. No one would be spared if found guilty of the murder, she added.

Expressing her deep condolence at the death of Shafi, who used to work in railway in Chittagong, and sympathy to the members of the bereaved family, the prime minister handed over a cheque for Tk one lakh to Shafi's wife Masuda Begum for meeting immediate needs of the family.

Shafi's son AKM Tareq and daughter Firoza Begum Nipa were present.

Khaleda said anti-crime drive was continuing to deal with the offenders and root out criminal activities. She sought cooperation of all quarters in this regard.

She also enquired about the education of the children of late Shafi and assured the family members that steps would be taken to provide jobs for his (Shafi) children after completion of their studies.

The prime minister, however, asked Commerce Minister Amir

Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury to take necessary steps if jobs were required right now for the family members of the slain Sramik Dal leader.

Masuda Begum appreciated the continuation of anti-crime drive.

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, president and general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal Nazrul Islam Khan and Zafrul Hasan were present.

39 working women raped in 6 months

BILS survey reveals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 39 working women and girls in different industrial sectors and services were raped in first six months of the current year, reveals a survey.

Seven of them were brutally killed after the rape.

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) conducted the survey on the basis of the reports published in different national dailies.

2170 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 2,170 people including 21 listed criminals in their country-wide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered 12 firearms, four other weapons and 54 bullets and filed nine cases against 18 people under the Arms Act, said an official handout.

Of the total victims, 18 were garment workers, 11 domestic helps, six construction labourers and four in other sectors.

The survey attributed the incidents primarily to late night work and lack of transportation facilities.

In the case of domestic workers, cruelty of house masters, wives and their sons was responsible for the rape.

Publish documents of 'Taher killing case'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) (Swapan-Tarun) on Monday demanded publishing of all secret documents related to Colonel Taher killing case.

The BCL, student wing of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), also demanded trial of the killers of Taher.

The BCL made the demands at a rally held on the Dhaka University campus to mark the 27th death anniversary of Colonel Taher.

BCL leaders said the killing of Colonel Taher had tarnished the image of the country.

The rally was addressed by BCL General Secretary Ali Hasan Tarun, Sazzad Hossain, Unusur Rahman, Selim Hossain and Saiful Islam.

Earlier, the BCL brought out a procession on the campus.

The BCL will also bring out a candlelight procession at midnight tonight from Shamsunnahar Hall.

It will observe tomorrow as 'Black Day' as police on this day of last year swooped on female students of Shamsunnahar Hall.