

'Political will needed to end violence against women'

BSS, Rajshahi
Discussions at a daylong workshop yesterday underscored the need for coordinated efforts to put an end to violence against women and children.

Repression of women and children is a gross violation of human rights and it must be stopped with cooperation from all quarters, they said and stressed the need for both political and social commitment in this regard.

The Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) organised the workshop on 'The implementation of amended Nari O Shishu Nirjatan Daman Ain 2003 and the necessity of prevention of child prostitution and trafficking.'

Judge Nuran Nahar of the Special Tribunal for prevention of Women and Children Repression was present as chief guest while Executive Director of BNWLA Advocate Salma Ali presided.

Chairman of law and justice department of Rajshahi University Dr Asma Siddiq and Advocate Rehena sultana of BNWLA were the keynote speakers.

The speakers said women and children at the grassroots level should be made more aware about their rights and privileges.

They identified poverty, lack of education, early marriage, dowry and superstitions as the major causes of repression on women.

They also called for proper enforcement of law, gender equality and women empowerment to reduce vulnerability of women and children to repression.

Public Prosecutor Advocate Murtaza Reza, Advocate Monstur Rahman, general secretary of local bar Association Advocate Muhammad Yahya, and BNWLA local unit chief Advocate Deel Sitara took part in the discussion.

Bullet-hit trader dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A trader who was shot and wounded on July 27 died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the early hours of yesterday.

Mostafizur Rahman, 32, was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition after unknown assailants shot him in the abdomen at Senpara in Kafur.

The victim's elder brother filed a case with Kafur police station on July 28.

In the first information report (FIR), he mentioned that Mostafiz was playing carom board with two other young men before he was shot.

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The Chirantan '71 forms a human chain at Muktangan yesterday demanding immediate execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu murder case.

VGD programme in 5 dists Vitamin-enriched atta helps improve women's health

UNB, Dhaka
They used to receive wheat under the VGD programme. Now over 27,000 rural women in five districts are receiving vitamin-enriched coarse atta instead of wheat under the same programme. What now worries them most is that a vested quarter is out to disrupt the programme.

A section of local food and relief officials in the districts -- Jessore, Kusthia, Chuadanga, Madaripur and Gaibandha -- in connivance with union parishad representatives are opposing the WFP-supported 'atta fortification project' that minimised their role in VGD programme and helped reduce leakage and corruption in the wheat distribution.

They question about the quantity and quality of atta being distributed instead of wheat under the VGD programme in the districts. Some 27,500 women are getting fortified atta in the current phase. The programme aims at benefiting some five lakh women across the country in the next few years.

A team comprising senior officials of Food, Relief and Women Affairs departments and WFP executives recently visited Jessore.

Kusthia and Chuadanga to take stock of the situation. While women beneficiaries told them that the fortified atta helped their health conditions, district food and relief officials tried to portray a different picture.

The officials, who virtually echoed the views of some local union parishad representatives, complained that the quality of atta is not up to the mark and the quantity is inadequate.

Under the project, a VGD cardholder receives a 25 kg package of nutrient atta instead of 30 kg of wheat for two years free of cost. Departments of Food, Relief and Women Affairs are involved in the execution process.

Wheat, collected under the VGD programme from local food warehouses, is crushed and mixed with vitamins and minerals in 'atta fortification mills', set up with support from WFP. Atta is packed in 25-kg polybags and supplied to the union parishad offices for distribution among the listed VGD cardholders by local UP chairmen.

WFP officials said the project has two goals -- adding nutrition to the food of extreme poor women and at the same time reducing chance for leakage. About 75 per cent of poor women of the country suffer from anaemia and

over 50 per cent have vitamin A deficiency, they said. Supply of atta in sealed bags also check the leakage in distribution, they claimed, adding that the brown-coloured coarse atta would not be accepted in open market.

Poor women are happy with the vitamin-enriched atta, distributed instead of wheat under VGD programme, as it helped them overcome ailments caused by malnutrition. They said their children also like the roti (bread) baked from this atta.

"I can feel my physical improvement," said Dolly of Khoirpur village, who came to Alampur union parishad office in Kusthia Sunday to draw her monthly ration. She said the atta also improved the health of her three kids whose father is a disabled man.

"We're poor. We can't offer good foods to our kids. We find the atta useful," said the distressed woman who has been receiving a 25-kg bag of 'fortified atta' every month since January.

Director General of Food Fazlur Rahman asked the district food officials to ensure supply of quality wheat so that the VGD recipients can have good quality of flour. "We must ensure supply of quality wheat," he added.

Obituary

Comrade Joynt Abedin, a trade union leader and member of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, died of a cardiac arrest at Suhrawardy Hospital in the city yesterday, says a press release.

CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim have expressed deep condolence at the death of Abedin.

Abedin played a significant role in the War of Liberation and healthy trade union movement, they said.

Farida Nasir Labu
Farida Nasir Labu, wife of ATM Nasir Chowdhury, ex-vice-principal of different cadet colleges, died at her residence in Segunbancha on Thursday at the age of 69.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters, says a press release.

Her qulhwani will be held after Maghrib prayers tomorrow at her eldest daughter's house (Gazi Bhaban, 41 Naya Paltan).

Toufiqa Manjil Lovely
Toufiqa Manjil Lovely, younger sister of singer Nilufar Banu Lily, died after a prolonged illness on Thursday at the age of 37, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband Syed Mohammad Akram and two children.

Her qulhwani will be held at her residence at 214 Malibagh, Flat No. D-2 at 7.00pm tomorrow.

DHAKA TODAY

Hiroshima discussion
A discussion on the 'Significance of Hiroshima: Prospect of International Peace in the 21st Century' organised by Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace, will be held with Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club.

Film show
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Basic Instinct'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Launching ceremony
The launching ceremony of the open and distance education programme, organised by Shanto-Marim University of Creative Technology, will be held. Venue: BIAM auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 10.00am.

Loan discussion
A discussion on 'Lending rates on loans by bank and other financial institutions', organised by Business Enterprise Development Institute, will be held. Venue: Gulshan Club auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Programming contest
The inaugural ceremony of the second Inter University Programming Contest, organised by American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), will be held. Venue: AIUB Computer Centre. Time: 10.00am.

Commander conference
The Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad organises a conference of different commanders. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

BBLEA discussion
Bangladesh Betel Leaf Exporters' Association (BBLEA) organises a discussion with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 7.00pm.

Rotary meeting
Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Natyachakra programme
The inaugural ceremony of a two-day programme, organised by Natyachakra to mark its 31st founding anniversary, will be held with artist Mustafa Monowar as chief guest. Venue: Mohila Samity, New Bailey Road. Time: 5.30pm.

Film show
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'American History'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Inauguration
The inaugural ceremony of a software company named Visual Magic Corporation Ltd will be held with Science and Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: BJIT Limited, Baridhara. Time: 10.00am.

Lecture session
The 5th lecture session on Environmental law, advocacy and mass-media, organised by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), will be held. Venue: FEJB conference room, Segun Bagicha. Time: 11.30am.

New British Council office opens in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG
The new office of the British Council was formally opened at Nasirabad in the port city yesterday.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dr David Carter inaugurated the office.

Speaking on the occasion, the high commissioner said British Council is a corner stone in promoting bilateral relations between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom.

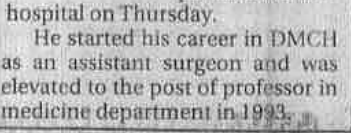
He said the British government would continue to assist the development efforts of Bangladesh.

He hoped that with the opening of the new office, the people of Chittagong will get more educational facilities from the British Council.

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Prof. Fazlul Haque, new principal of Dhaka Medical College.



The National Committee for Protection of Oil-Gas Resources stages a demonstration at Muktangan yesterday protesting the move to export gas.

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In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division (Original Civil Jurisdiction)
Matter No. 79 of 2003, in the Matter of:
Industrial Promotion and Development Company of Bangladesh Limited, BRAC Centre (8th floor), 75, Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka represented by its Managing Director, Mr Chakrader M. Alam. Petitioner

-Versus-
1. Meghna Condensed Milk Industries Limited, 55, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.
2. M F Kamal, Managing Director, Meghna Condensed Milk Industries Limited. 3. Mahammad Zakaria. 4. Alhaj Md Abdul Hakim. 5. Ambia Khatoun. 6. Mohammad Ollullah. 7. Md Abu Taher. 8. Kabir Ahmad, all Sponsors of Meghna Condensed Milk Industries Limited. 9. Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, 24-26, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000. Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application for the rectification of the share register of 'Meghna Condensed Milk Industries Ltd.' u/s 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 to reflect the shares of the Petitioners was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by Mr. Ajmalul Hossain CC, Senior Advocate and the Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice A B M Khairul Haque was pleased to admit the matter on 27 July 2003 and fix it for hearing on 27 August 2003.

The above mentioned Respondents and anybody interested in this matter may appear in person or through an advocate to oppose the same on the date of hearing. Copy of the application can be obtained on payment of prescribed fees.

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