

# Implement 5-pt demand: PCP

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Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP), an organisation of indigenous students from the hills, has again called for immediate implementation of its five-point demand.

These include introduction of primary education in mother languages of all ethnic communities, inclusion of their real history in text books, and cancellation of the CHT quota in favour of a new quota for ethnic communities.

The PCP leaders reiterated their demand at a press conference at Modhu's Canteen of Dhaka University yesterday.

They said memorandum was submitted to the office of the prime minister and the deputy minister for CHT affairs. But no steps have been taken so far, they added.

They said they would organise rally and demonstration in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khagrachhari on the eve of the national education day tomorrow.

Mithun Chakma read out a statement at the press conference.

## 1527 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1527 people, including eight listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

Suparyoti Chakma, Elira Dewan, Dipankar Tripura, Auongay Marma and Rupan Chakma were present on the occasion.

## Navy ISSB test On Sept 20

The ISSB test and interviews for the officer cadet candidates bearing following roll numbers of 2004-A Batch, Bangladesh Navy, will be held at Inter Service Selection Board, Dhaka Cantonment, on September 20.

BG-0002 BG-0041 BR-0003 BR-0022 CT-0030 CT-0035 CT-0037 CT-0040 CT-0046 CT-0055 CT-0064 CT-0070 CT-0073 CT-0080 CT-0086 CT-0090 CT-0099 CT-0102 CT-0103 DH-0001 DH-0014 DH-0019 DH-0021 DH-0023 DH-0026 DH-0033 DH-0044 DH-0062 DH-0065 DH-0078 DH-0081 DH-0083 DH-0088 DH-0091 DH-0092 DH-0094 SY-0008 SY-0012 KH-0018 KH-0031 KH-0049 KH-0051 KH-0067 RJ-0028 RJ-0034 RJ-0054 RJ-0057 RJ-0061 RN-0036 RN-0053 RN-0059 RN-0066 RN-0069 RN-0071 RN-0072 RN-0077 RN-0095 RN-0097 RN-0098 RN-0101.

The ISSB has already sent call-up letters to the candidates. Those who did not receive the letters have been advised to contact ISSB (Phone No. 9870011 ext.-3862 and 8828735), says a press release.



PHOTO: STAR

A traffic mess prevailed on the roads in several areas of the city, including the busy Paltan area, yesterday.

# Int'l Ozone Day today

BSS, Dhaka

International Ozone Day will be observed in the country today in a befitting manner as elsewhere in the world with a firm commitment to protect the ozone layer of the earth.

This year's theme of the day is "Save our Sky: There is a Hole, Lot More to Do for Our Children."

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in separate messages on the eve of the day expressed firm commitment of Bangladesh to implement Montreal Protocol to phase out production and consumption of all substances responsible for depletion of ozone layer.

In his message, the President said

Bangladesh would continue its effective and bold role in all programme at national and international levels to protect the environment.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said Bangladesh has been working very closely with international community to translate its commitment in light with Montreal Protocol for protecting the earth and atmosphere. She reiterated her commitment to continue Bangladesh's strides to protect the ozone layer.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in a message on the day said "though recent findings show that the rate of ozone layer depletion in the stratosphere has been declining, we cannot be complacent."

Greater political commitment and further actions are required to ensure full compliance with the Montreal Protocol by developed and developing countries, he said.

The Ministry of Environment and Forest and the Environment Directorate have taken different programmes to observe the day.

National dailies will publish special articles and the electronic media will broadcast different programmes highlighting the significance of the day.

Environment Directorate will decorate the roads and road islands of the city with banners

and festoons inscribing the theme of the day.

## One gets life in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

District and Sessions Judge's court, Magura yesterday awarded life term rigorous imprisonment to one person and fined Tk 50 thousand, in default, to suffer two years more RI for killing a man at village Utholi in Mohammadpur Upazila.

District and sessions Judge Mohammad Shafiuddin acquitted 14 others of the charge.

The convict is Saifur Rahman Shikder of village Mondalgati in Mohammadpur Upazila.

According to the prosecution in brief, Bashi Sarder of village Uthali was mercilessly beaten up on July 30 in 2000 at about 11 am and succumbed to his injuries at 10 pm at Magura Sadar Hospital.

Victim's brother Ayub Sardar filed a murder case with Mohammadpur thana accusing 15 people.

Police after investigation submitted charge sheet against all the accused.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over the six divisions in the country till 6pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met office said.

Highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Madaripur and the lowest 24.6 degree at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:01pm today and rises at 5:45am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.2	25.0	92	86
Chittagong	33.2	26.4	76	76
Rajshahi	33.0	25.8	88	80
Khulna	33.5	27.2	--	--
Barisal	32.2	26.5	82	81
Sylhet	32.5	24.6	92	83
Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.2	76	92

# 'Enforce law to end gender discrimination'

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Speakers at a roundtable called for proper enforcement of laws to combat gender discrimination and violence against women.

They also identified political interference as a major obstacle to the enforcement of laws.

"Gender violence is often socially tolerated in silence," said expert on CEDAW Barrister Pramila Patten at the conference jointly organised by the Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) and International Commission of Jurists (ICJ).

The conference was held at the CIRDP auditorium on Sunday on the occasion of three-member ICJ

team's mission to Bangladesh.

"Acid throwing and all forms of domestic violence are two major and most despicable forms of violence against women in Bangladesh," Patten said, adding that gender violence demands a prominent space on the human rights agenda.

Zarizana Abdul Aziz, another member of the mission and expert on the gender injustice and Islam, said, "The existing laws must be enforced effectively to prevent gender injustice and domestic violence against women."

But mere legislation cannot stop violence, she said. "We have to change the people's mindset and perception and break myths."

Underscoring the need for a law to institute a human rights commission, Abdul Mannan MP said, "Hu-

man rights are violated every now and then in the country."

"To emancipate the women in true sense, we must educate them recognising their social and economic rights, and civil and political liberties," he added.

GM Kader MP said, "We have so many laws but not the rule of law. Political interference is the major obstacle to the enforcement of existing laws which stipulates gender equality and human rights."

Ravinder Joshi, another member of the team, said the ICJ is an organisation of judges, lawyers, and legal professionals and it has a network in about 80 countries to uphold the rule of law and human rights.

The conference was presided over by the BHRC Chairman Justice AKM Sadeq.



David Fletcher, CEO of the Standard Chartered Bank, hands over a cheque for Tk 3 lakh to Amna Rahman, president of SAARC Women's Association, recently for child patients.

## Donation for child patients

The Standard Chartered Bank has donated Tk 3 lakh in sponsorship for 10 beds in a children's ward at Dhaka Shishu Hospital, says a press release.

David Fletcher, chief executive officer of the bank, handed over the cheque to Amna Rahman, president of SAARC Women's Association recently.

Dinesha Udagedarah, secretary, Duria Motiwala, fundraising chairperson, and Gazala Hamid, joint fundraising chairperson of the association, were present during the handing over ceremony.

The sponsorship will cover 10 beds in the Emergency, Observation & Referral unit of the hospital.

The child patients, who will be treated in these beds, will get free room and board and medication. The bank has been sponsoring these beds since 2000.

## DHAKA TODAY

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**Film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Subway'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6,30pm.

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**DHAKA TOMORROW**

**Training workshop**  
The inaugural session of a training workshop on Grameen Bitek Technology in load shedding will be held. Venue: Grameen Bitek office, West Panthapath. Time: 4,00pm.

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**Film show**  
Mukherjee will attend the function as special guest. Venue: House-30, Road-42, Gulshan-2. The exhibition will remain open till September 24 from 10,00am to 8,00pm daily.



The Retired Police Officers' Welfare Association and the World Vision organised a seminar on 'Juvenile Delinquency and Justice' in the city on Sunday. From left are World Vision Executive Director E Daniel Selvanayagam, PM's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, association President AM Mesbahuddin and IGP Shahudul Haque.