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Swadhinota Chikitsak Parishad brought out a silent procession yesterday demanding trial of the killers of Dr Sudhir Kumar Mukherjee, founding president of the Khulna division Bangladesh Medical Association. Dr Mukherjee was stabbed to death by a gang of four at his residence in the Jhenidah town on Thursday

Attack on Jubo League confce in Keraniganj: 15 injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jubo Dal yesterday attacked the annual conference of Ruhitpur Union Jubo League at Sonakanda under Keraniganj Upazila injuring around 15 Jubo League workers seriously.

A group of 40 to 50 JCD and Jubo Dal activists attacked the conference venue at Ruhitpur Board Bazar when Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Central Sub-Committee Nasrul Hamid Bipu was speaking as chief guest.

Of the injured, condition of Md Aman, Jubo League president of ward no 9 of Shakta Union, and Md Salahuddin, a candidate for the post of Ruhitpur Union Jubo League

general secretary, is stated to be critical.

The attackers set fire to banners containing photographs of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and damaged the gate of conference venue.

Convenor of Keraniganj Thana Awami League and Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Central Sub-Committee Nasrul Hamid Bipu condemned the attack.

In a statement, he demanded proper inquiry into the incident and punishment to those responsible for the attack.

Duty Officer of Keraniganj thana S I Abdul Huq said no verbal or written complaint was filed in this regard till last night.

Deadline for sanitation coverage refixed

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said the government has refixed a 2010 deadline for countrywide sanitation coverage advancing the earlier one by five years.

"We have rescheduled the deadline being prompted by massive response to our renewed sanitation campaign," he told a workshop on media and information supports for the promotion of sanitation.

Now the government, NGOs and development partners have joined hands to bring the entire country under sanitation coverage, he added.

LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry and the Media Committee on South Asia Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN) jointly organised the workshop, joined by senior journalists, officials, and NGO and donor representatives.

'Construct more hostels for professional women'

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the government to construct more hostels for the professional women and female students in the metropolitan cities.

They said as the number of professional women is increasing gradually, the government and private sectors should come forward to solve their residential problems.

"Government earns huge foreign currency from the garments sector where 80 per cent of workers is women but they suffer a lot due to their residential problems."

Marshia Tashmin Akbar, a BUET student, said this at a seminar while she was presenting a research paper titled 'Housing for working women in Dhaka city: A comparative study between public and private hostels' organised by Green Force at TSC of Dhaka University.

She said the services in the private hostel are comparatively better than that of government ones. Marshia urged the owners of the private hostels to reduce rent considering the income of professional women.

Prof Mir Shahidul Islam, Department of Urban and Regional Planning (URP) of BUET, in his speech said government should give incentive to the private sector to build more hostels for the professional women.

The seminar was also addressed by Dr. Ruksana Hafiz, Associate Professor of the URP of the BUET and Abu Naser Khan of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BAPA).

Death anniversary



The second death anniversary of Hafizuddin Master, father of Advocate Mizanur Rahman, will be observed today,

says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his Dhakhin Khan (Chalabond) residence at Uttara in the city.