

WOMEN'S ACCESS TO EDN Unesco roundtable in Paris on Feb 24

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Representatives from across the globe including Bangladesh will participate in an international roundtable at Unesco headquarters in Paris on February 24 to raise voice about the necessity of women's access to education for sustainable development.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) organised the roundtable titled 'Women's Literacy for Sustainable Development' in partnership with Intervida World Alliance.

The roundtable is designed to stress the necessity of women's access to education in the global context. "About 500 million women are still illiterate. Literacy for all is a basic human right for all individuals. As long as women do not have access to education, no social and economic development will be sustainable," reads a slogan of the programme.

Two Bangladeshis -- Rowshon Ara and Mangura Begum, staff of Intervida, Bangladesh-- will deliver speech and present a video documentary to share their experience and exchange ideas on women literacy for sustainable development and Intervida's effort to empower women in Bangladesh.

Fundacion Intervida, a Spanish NGO that provides support activities for integral development in Asia, Africa and South America, has been working in Bangladesh since 1999 in education, health and capacity building sectors and has over 6,000 beneficiaries.

Car hijacked in city

Muggers hijacked a silver colour Toyota Premio car intercepting the owner of the car at Agargaon area (southern road of Islamic Foundation) in the city at around 11:30pm on Saturday when he was going home from his office at Motijheel, says a press release.

The number of the car is Dhaka Metro- Ga 17- 7472 bearing engine no-INZ- A646639 and chassis N2T-240-0038304.

A case was lodged with Tejgaon Police Station in this regard.



PHOTO: STAR

Krishak Samity lays a siege to REB office at Khilkhet in the city yesterday demanding adequate electricity, fertiliser and diesel for farmers.

Adequate electricity, fertiliser, for farmers demanded

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Speakers at a rally yesterday said the northern part of the country will face famine like situation if the government does not provide adequate electricity, fertiliser and diesel to the farmers immediately.

Bangladesh Krishak Samity and Bangladesh Khetmajur Samity organised the rally.

They demanded adequate and uninterrupted electricity supply all over the country so that the farmers can operate shallow and deep tube-wells for irrigation.

The rally was organised in front of the REB premises at Airport Road in the city as a part of their countrywide Upazila Nirbahi Officer's Office and District Commissioner's office siege programme to realise their 10- point demand.

Krishak Samity Executive President Advocate ASM Sabur demanded compensation for the families of the victims who were killed

and injured in police fire at Kansat in Chapainawabganj and exemplary punishment to the culprits.

He threatened the government of a tougher movement, including siege to all the Pali Bidut Bhabans on February 28 and barricade on highways on March 2.

Krishak Samity General Secretary Morshed Ali said the prices of oil, diesel and agricultural materials are increasing day by day while the price of luxury goods are decreasing.

He said a vested quarter is against the rice production in the country to make a huge profit through its importing, he said, adding that the government is patronising the quarter.

Krishak Samity Vice-President Nurur Rahman Selim, CPB leader Ruhin Hossain Prince, Mahbul Alam, Abdul Jabbar, Khetmajur Samity Vice-President Sayed Ahmed, Bostibashi Union President Mahiuddin also spoke.

Later the leaders submitted a memorandum to the REB chairman.

50 injured in B'baria road accident

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At least 50 passengers were injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch at Bariura in Sadar upazila on Dhaka-Sylhet highway yesterday.

Locals said the Sylhet-bound bus from Gaibandha fell into the ditch at about 6:30am as the driver lost control over steering, leaving the passengers injured.

On information, police and fire fighters rushed to the scene and rescued the passengers. Thirty of the injured were admitted to Sadar hospital.

British HC closed on Feb 21

UNB, Dhaka

British High Commission in Dhaka and its office in Sylhet will remain closed to the public on February 21 on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day.