

Malnutrition in Bangladesh one of highest in world

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Coordination among the government and non-government organisations is crucial to address the issue of nutrition in the country, speakers at a sharing meeting said yesterday.

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They were speaking at the sharing meeting organised by Plan Bangladesh following a mid-term review of its Integrated Nutrition Project (INP).

It is recommended that referral mechanisms be established for severely malnourished children. Community management of severely malnourished children without concomitant illness can also be explored with development of local protocols of management.

The recommendations also cited that vitamins and medicines should be made available to schoolchildren and they should have regular health check-up by trained schoolteachers.

Trader shot dead at Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A trader was gunned down by criminals at Keraniganj near Dhaka yesterday.

Local where the doctors declared him dead. Hospital sources said he received one bullet in his chest.

and demanded arrest and trial of the killers. The local people also took out a procession.

JMB cadres remanded in Prof Yunus killing case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A court here yesterday granted a three-day remand for two more JMB (Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh) cadres in Rajshahi University (RU) Prof Muhammad Yunus murder case.

Ekramur Rasul and Abdul Bari, however, told the court that the JMB men who gave judicial statements referring to the murder did not mention their clients, adding that the remand prayer was only for harassing their clients.

produced before the court. A metropolitan magistrate court on June 8 granted three days remand against another Rajshahi Zonal commander Shafulah alias Tarik in the case.

Germany keen to help in health, energy and market reforms

UNB, Dhaka

Germany wants to help Bangladesh in health, energy and market reforms to boost the country's socio-economic advance.

between the two countries excellent, Frank noted that Germany is the second-largest overseas market of Bangladesh products.

EPZs in Bangladesh, said an official. The Ambassador mentioned that a German business team recently visited Bangladesh and an "investment-friendly atmosphere" prevails here.

Death of Prof Akteruzzaman condoled

Two organisations yesterday condoled the death of Prof Akteruzzaman, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine of Dhaka Medical College, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

CHILDHOOD DISABILITIES Bangladesh team leaves for Ethiopia today

A team of professionals from Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation (BPF) and Shishu Bikash Network (SBN) will leave Dhaka today for Addis Ababa to provide technical assistance to Ethiopian government for conducting survey on childhood disabilities, says a press release.

The door-to-door two-stage survey method has been validated by an international team of experts including Prof Sultana S Zaman, ex-teacher of psychology department of Dhaka University and general secretary of the BPF, Dr Naila Z Khan, professor of Child Neurology at Dhaka Shishu Hospital and chairperson of the SBN, Dr Zena Stein, professor of Epidemiology at Columbia University and Dr Maureen Durkin, professor of Epidemiology at the University of Wisconsin, USA.

50-member Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi body formed

A 50-member committee of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi, a pro-government lawyers' body, was formed at a meeting of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi on Saturday night at the residence of BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, says a press release.

Advocate Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed MP was selected convenor while Barrister Habibul Islam Bhuiyan and former speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali were declared as joint convenors. Shah Khasruzzaman was selected member secretary.

Traffic constable killed in city road accident

A traffic constable was killed when a passenger bus knocked him from behind when he tried to stop the bus as it ignored the traffic signal at Bailey Road point in the city yesterday.

Painting exhibition to raise funds for Najifa Taj

A painting exhibition of reputed painters of the country will be held at Gallery Chittrak at House No 21, Road No 4 at Dhanmondi in the city on June 20-23.



Bangladesh Union Parishad Oikya Jote stages a demonstration at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday to press their nine-point demand, including nationalisation of jobs.

DU statute to streamline financial mismanagement from July 1

KAMRUL HASAN KHAN

Dhaka University (DU) is going to introduce a financial statute to streamline its financial management.

able to give sanction up to Tk 5000, treasurer from Tk 5000 to Tk 50000, pro-vice-chancellor from Tk 50000 to Tk 75000 and VC from Tk 75000 to Tk 100000 in budgetary money, the treasurer said.

approval. Meanwhile, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) has expressed its concern saying that a haphazard introduction of the statute might hamper the economic autonomy of the university.

Parenting programme needed to make children skilled manpower

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop in the city yesterday underscored the necessity of parenting programme in order to make children skilled manpower.

attention as a result of changing global trends and challenges around the world, Bangladesh has responded to the concept late.

in this regard. Abu Yusuf Choudhury, director of Plect-Bangladesh, said "ECD programme should be incorporated with mother care as proper children development will not be possible unless mother nutrition needs are met."

Referring to the first five years of life as crucial for the foundation of every individual's intelligence, personality, and social behaviour, they said parents should be educated first on early childhood development.

Speakers also emphasised that the ECD education be reached at the grassroots level to get the maximum benefit out of it rather than confining it within urban areas.

Speaking as a special guest, Kamaluddin Ahmed, secretary to the ministry of Women and Children Affairs, said the ruling government has initiated the pre-school programmes in the 64 districts assisted by Unicef.

One dies after inhaling poisonous gas in Gazipur

A man died after inhaling poisonous gas in Gazipur municipality area yesterday.

Govt conspires to rig polls: Amu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu has accused the BNP-Jamaat-led coalition government of conspiring to remain in power through vote rigging in next parliamentary election.

compel the alliance government to accept reform proposals. "They (government) know well that people are no more with them, so they are afraid of people's verdict," he added.

Pry Education Week from today

"The Primary Education Week" will be observed across the country from today aiming to create awareness among the people on the necessity of primary education.

DHAKA TODAY. Orientation programme Roundtable. Workshop. Seminar. Discussion. Dialogue.

WORLD CUP FEVER Lawmakers for short session, uninterrupted electricity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Awami League (AL) lawmaker at parliament yesterday demanded uninterrupted supply of electricity during the World Cup football.

He pointed out that thousands of football fans are either holding demonstrations or attacking offices of electricity supply authorities everyday across the country to protest disruption of power that deprives them of the chance to watch "the biggest show on earth."

Haji Selim gets bail in 4 cases

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday granted interim bails to Haji Selim, city committee joint secretary of Awami League (AL), in four cases filed by Lalbagh police.



Obituary

Fatema Ali, wife of late Syed Mohammad Hammad Ali, former CSP officer, passed away after prolonged ailment at Darwin General Hospital in Australia on June 14 at the age of 80, says a press release.

She will be laid to rest at the graveyard in Darwin after Zohr prayers on June 20. Fatema left behind her one daughter, three sons and host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her quikhani will be held at her residence at House No-74, Road No -11/A at Dhanmondi in Dhaka after Maghrib prayers on June 20 for salvation of the departed soul.

Shamsul Islam Rana

Shamsul Islam Rana, a Bangladeshi doctor in USA, passed away on June 13, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at Bashundhara City Seminar Hall (Level-7) on June 22.

Relatives, friends, and admirers are requested to attend the doa mahfil.