

Death threat to woman journo condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) expressed concern over the death threat to Journalist Jahanara Ferdous, Porshuram upazila correspondent of the weekly Jahur published from Feni.

Mahila Parishad President Hena Das and General Secretary Ayesha Khanam in a statement also condemned the misdeed of the vested quarter and urged the authorities concerned to take legal steps against the culprits immediately.

They said threat to Jahanara is a threat to freedom of the press.

The women leaders urged the prime minister and the authorities concerned to ensure security of women in workplaces and create proper work environment for them.

Following publication of a report by Jahanara on 'Drug and Prostitution', a group of people has distributed leaflets with false and obscene words.

Following repeated death threats, Jahanara organised a press conference in Feni on Tuesday and sought cooperation of all concerned.



Family members of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and civil society members form a human chain in front of Bahadur Shah Park yesterday as part of the Blue for Peace programme demanding fair trial of the Kibria murder case. PHOTO: STAR

FIRE SAFETY MEASURES

Drive in garments units from July 16

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The fire service department is going to conduct a massive drive in all garments factories in the country as part of its fire safety measures from July 16, says a press release.

The Ministry of Home Affairs formed 12 teams in this regard.

Brigadier General Rafiqur Rahman, director general of Fire Service and Civil Defence, yesterday asked the officials concerned to complete the preparation and start the visit.

He said this when he was presiding over a briefing session on the subject.

The representatives from Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA), Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BKMEA), Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) and Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA) were present at the briefing.

The meeting was told that there were huge losses of property due to some big fire incidents in the garments

factories in the recent time. The major causes of those incidents were non-compliance of government's fire fighting and extinguishing law 2003. Besides, disasters in many family lives, such fire incidents also tarnished image of the country, the meeting observed.

The meeting sought co-operation from garments industries and other stakeholders during the drives.

President assents to three bills

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday assented to three bills passed in the 22nd session of the 8th Parliament.

The bills are The Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill 2006, The Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006 and The Productive State-owned Industrial Mill Workers (Conditions of Services) Bill 2006.

RU student beaten by JCD cadres

RU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres of Rajshahi University (RU) beat up a student over a trifling matter on the campus.

Sources said, a number of JCD activists including Nayon, Romel and Meraj were sitting on a standing motorbike that belonged to Khokon, a first year student of Physics department, at central library premises.

Khokon requested them to get down from the bike, as he needed to leave the campus. The JCD men refused to do so. At a stage they got engaged in a heated argument and JCD cadres beat Khokon up indiscriminately.