

HOSPITAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

'Formulate policy to avoid serious health hazards'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Formulate a national policy for the management of hospital wastes which are putting public health at high risk, urged the speakers at a press conference yesterday.

taminated easily with HIV or Hepatitis B virus and other infectious diseases, they said, adding the germs could also spread to their family members.

Dr Mahmudur Rahman, president of Greens, said medical organisations like hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres are constantly polluting the environment and endangering public health with a wide range of medical waste but the hospital authorities do not have any initiative regarding the waste management.

ence demonstrating how various diseases are caused by hospital wastes. He also pointed out that around 3350 metric tons of wastes including 670 metric tons of hospital wastes are being produced in the city everyday.



Bangladesh Sarkari Unnayan Prakalpa Karmakarta Karmachari Kalyan Parishad continue fast-unto-death for the third day in the city yesterday.



US Ambassador to Bangladesh Patricia A Butenis visits the residence of slain Awami League leader Ahsan Ullah Master at Tongi yesterday. She conveyed sympathy to his wife Farida Ahsan and his sons Zahid Ahsan Rasel MP and Zabeed Ahsan Sohel.

B Chowdhury to contest from Dhaka-7

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President Badruddoza Chowdhury and Secretary General Abdul Mannan will contest the next parliamentary election from Dhaka-7 and Dhaka-10 constituencies respectively, Organising Secretary Mahi B Chowdhury told a workers' conference in the city yesterday.

Indoor air pollution main cause of infant deaths

WB proposes pilot project

Bss, Dhaka

The World Bank has proposed a pilot project to reduce indoor air pollution which is now one of the leading causes of the infant deaths after waterborne and sanitation-

related diseases. WB sources said they proposed the "Indoor Air Pollution (IAP) Reduction" project recently as it is an environmental hazard, which needs to be addressed to reach the health-related millennium development goal (MDG) by 2015.

Police can't work efficiently due to govt control

Says senior cop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A senior police official of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday said the police cannot work efficiently as they are controlled by the government.

Saifur for life-oriented research works

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman advised researchers to do life-oriented researches instead of doing researches that have little attachment to reality.

place in the rural areas in terms of women development and empowerment' said Saifur. Dr Rushidan Islam Rahman, research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), reviewed the book at the occasion while Japp Vander Zeeuw, Charge d Affairs of Netherlands Embassy in Dhaka, Kristian Jervell, first secretary of Royal Norwegian Embassy and Dr Mohammad Tareque, additional secretary (Budget) of the Ministry of Finance spoke at the occasion chaired by Dr Hafiz GA Siddique, vice-chancellor of NSU.

the preview of the topic is very wide. He also opined that researches should be specifically narrated. He also mentioned that women get a great part of national budget as education, health and communication ministries allocate a great deal of money to increase women activities.

Bulu gets bail in cheque bounce case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to industrialist MNH Bulu in a cheque bounce case. With this, he got bail in all four cases filed against him. The cheque bounce case was filed by Noor Hossain, a businessman, on July 17.

Asian University students withdraw agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Asian University students of Uttara campus yesterday withdrew their agitation after the authorities concerned assured them of meeting most of their demands. It was decided at a meeting with the vice-chancellor. Classes will resume on the campus tomorrow.

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The students began agitation on Sunday demanding appointment of a permanent vice chancellor, removal of two teachers, appointment of quality teachers and a decrease in fees like semester 'late fees' and 'retake' fees.

Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Khulna, Barisal, and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.



KARNAPHULI THIRD BRIDGE Tougher agitation if govt goes ahead with pillar-based one

Ctg mayor threatens at rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury has warned the government of waging tougher agitation if it does not refrain from its move to construct a pillar-based bridge instead of a suspension bridge on the river Karnaphuli.

vehicular movement on both sides of the bridge from 10.00am to 2.00pm. The organisers, however, gave passages to vehicles carrying women, children and patients on humanitarian ground.

it will waste the fund and cause heavy siltation in the river. Sounding a note of warning to communication minister, Mohiuddin said, "We would definitely resist him (Nazmul Huda) if he comes on August 7 in Chittagong to inaugurate the construction of a pillar-based bridge. But we will greet him heartily if he comes here for a suspension bridge."

Four arms dealers held at Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested four and recovered eight arms at Cox's Bazar. Acting on a tip off, a team of Police raided Kohelija River at Moheshkhali Upazila and arrested Abdul Gafur, 25, Noorul Hakim, 22, Rokeya Begum, 35 and Abdul Hakim, 35.

Qualkhwani

Bss, Dhaka

Qualkhwani of Lutfunnesa Begum, mother of AKM Muhit Uddin, chairman of Khan Sons' Group, will be held at House # 45, Road # 7, Block-G, Banani after Asr prayers on Friday.

Quake shakes Pak-Iran border

AP, Islamabad

A moderate earthquake jolted an area along Pakistan's border with neighbouring Iran yesterday, but there were no reports of injuries or any damage, an official said. The magnitude 5.1 quake - at 4:27am (2327 GMT) - was centered somewhere on the Pakistan-Iran border, about 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) west of the northwestern city of Peshawar, said Nasir Mahmood, assistant meteorologist at the state-run Seismological Centre in Peshawar.



Bangladesh Mahila Parishad General Secretary Ayesha Khanam speaks at a view exchange meeting at the Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. On her left are Hena Das and Justice K M Sobhan and on her right is Advocate Masuma Rehana Begum.