



Karmojibi Nari stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday marking the Yasmin Murder Day.

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YASMIN MURDER DAY OBSERVED Vow to resist violence against women

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Women's rights activists yesterday called on all to unite to resist repression on women in families and workplaces, state-sponsored violence and fanaticism.

The call came from a rally organised by Karmojibi Nari at Muktangan in the city, marking the Day of Resistance to Violence against Women. The day is also observed as 'Yasmin Murder Day'.

Eleven years have passed since Yasmin was killed by some policemen and the Beijing Platform for Action was created to protect the rights of women, but no qualitative changes in women's lives have taken place during this period, said Shirin Akhter, president of Karmojibi Nari.

Rather, women are more vulnerable today than before, she said, adding that they should be made free repression and slavery.

She also expressed concern over last year's serial bomb blasts across the country, amendment to the National Woman Development Policy and the lack of initiative to introduce direct election to parliamentary seats reserved for women.

It is time to unite to resist violence against women and ensure their empowerment, she added.

Nagorik Udyog, Acid Survivors Foundation and Jukto also jointly organised a programme at Rabindra Sarobar Mancha at Dhanmondi to

mark the day.

Women from different sectors attended the programme and described the socio-cultural and economic situation of women in the country.

Empowerment of women could not be achieved yet as they are not incorporated into the mainstream of society, they said.

They urged all men and women to work together to create a gender-sensitive environment.

UNFPA poster contest today

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) organises a poster contest for five-age categories today at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University as part of its advocacy role, says a press release.

This year the theme of the contest is 'Young People' and the objective of the theme is to promote and protect young people's rights, provide opportunities to develop their potentials, welcome and respect their voice and views and living without poverty, discrimination and violence.

UNFPA organises poster contests every year all over the world with a view to raising awareness among the children or adolescents on population development related issues.



Awami League leaders receive former Dhaka City Corporation mayor Mohammad Hanif at Zia International Airport on his arrival from Bangkok yesterday.

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Hanif returns home after treatment in Bangkok

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Mohammad Hanif, president of Dhaka City Awami League, returned home yesterday after seven months' treatment at Bumrungrad Hospital in Bangkok.

The city AL organised a reception welcoming Hanif at Zia International Airport. Thousands of party leaders and workers welcomed him.

The AL leader has been admitted to Apollo Hospitals in the city.

Hanif suffered a cardiac arrest while he was addressing an anti-government rally at Muktangan in the city on February 8. He was sent to Bumrungrad Hospital on February 10 for better treatment.

AL leaders Amir Hossain Amu, Abdur Razzak, Obaidul Kader, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Advocate Shara Khatun, Kamal Ahmed Majumder and Haji Mohammad Selim and family members of Hanif were present at the airport.