Make district committee functional to ensure rights

SEID demands STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Society for Education and Inclusion of the Disabled (SEID) yesterday claimed that people with disabilities in Dhaka have been deprived of their rights, as the district committee, which was supposed to resolve this issue, is yet to be functional.

The non-government organisation, serving underprivileged people with neuro-developmental disabilities, demanded a functional district committee immediately to prevent all forms of violence, exploitation and discrimination against people with disabilities.

The organisation's



This white-rumped vulture is still unable to fly, but it's now in good care at Sylhet Wildlife Conservation Centre, where it was handed over yesterday after being rescued from Chhatak upazila. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Critically endangered white-rumped vulture rescued

Our Correspondent, Sylhet

A critically endangered white-rumped vulture, locally known as "Bangla Shokun", was rescued from Nurallahpur of Chhatak upazila in Sunamganj yesterday.

Pradhikar, an animal rights and wildlife conservation organisation of Sylhet Agriculture University, rescued the vulture and handed over to Sylhet Wildlife Conservation

Tajul Islam, treasurer of the organisation, said, "The vulture was rescued from local Rakib Uddin Bablu's house, who was taking care of the sick bird for a week."

Rakib Uddin Bablu said, "Some local children found the vulture lying on the ground of a nearby forest and started playing with the bird. Some youths rescued it from the kids and I started taking care of it last week.

Tajul Islam said, "Seeing a post in a Facebook group, we contacted the person who posted it, and rescued the bird from Bablu's house and handed it over to the wildlife conservation centre."

"It was sick due to food crisis and is not able to fly. It is being provided food and care at the centre and will be released soon," he added.

White-rumped vulture (Gyps bengalensis) is critically endangered, according to the IUCN Red List. At present, fewer than one thousand birds of this species remain in the country, and the number is declining rapidly.

Man held with cocaine worth Tk 15cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a man with 820 grammes of cocaine worth around Tk 15 crore in port city early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the elite force arrested Md Bakhtiar Hossain (32) in Tigerpass area around 1:30am and seized the cocaine from his possession, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Tarique Aziz of Rab-7.

During interrogation, the arrestee admitted that he collected the cocaine from the city's Agrabad area, claimed the Rab official.

Rab came to know the names of the supplier and the person who was supposed to receive the drug from Bakhtiar, he added.

A case was later filed with Kotwali Police Station.

2nd phase of Biswa Ijtema begins today

Thousands of Muslim devotees have started gathering on the bank of river Turag in Tongi to attend the second phase of Biswa Ijtema set to begin today.

Followers of Maulana Saad Kandhalvi will the join the second phase of Biswa Ijtema, the largest Islamic congregation after Hajj.

Organisers hope that over one lakh devotees will join the second phase which will end on January 19 with Akheri Monajat (concluding prayers). The first phase was held from January 10-12.

Local administration and Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) in association with devotees have taken all-out preparation to make the congregation successful.

Numerous tinned-roof houses were set up at Ijtema premises, while several small bridges and culverts were also constructed for swift commuting in the area. Sanitation and cleaning measures have also been taken.

Law enforcers have taken five-layer security measures to avert any unwanted situation. Around 8,000 members of law enforcement agencies will be deployed in and around Ijtema premises. CCTV, watch tower and metal detectors have been installed surrounding the ground, said Anwar Hossain, commissioner of Gazipur Metropolitan Police.

Talking to journalists, GCC mayor Jahangir Alam said 800 drums of bleaching powder have been provided and 400 cleaners have been deployed to keep the premises clean. Around 3 crore gallons of water will be provided for the devotees daily.

The district's deputy commissioner SM Tariqul Islam said the government would provide uninterrupted electricity and water supply to the area during the congregation.

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GREEN LINE'S COMPENSATION TO RUSSEL

HC asks parties to settle outside court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday advised Green Line Paribahan and Russel Sarker, who lost his leg after a bus of the company ran him over in April 2018, to settle the issue outside the court by providing compensation to Russel.

The court asked lawyers for Green Line and the writ petitioner, who sought compensation for Russel, to go forth with the settlement and inform the outcome before February 2.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader passed the order during hearing of the writ petition.

Earlier in the day, Advocate Shah Monjurul Hoque, the lawyer for Green Line, sought a two-week adjournment of the hearing from the HC bench, saying his client had agreed to come to a compromise.

In April 2018, Russel (26), a chauffeur working for a power company, and a Green Line bus driver locked into an altercation after the bus rear-ended his car. At one point, vhile Russel was chasing the bus, it ran him over.

Russel was first taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later transferred to Apollo Hospitals. Advocate Umme Kulsum Smrity, on May 13, 2018, filed

writ petition with the HC, seeking necessary order to compensate Russel and stop reckless driving.

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A 24-year wait ends in death

Expat dies in road crash on his way home from airport

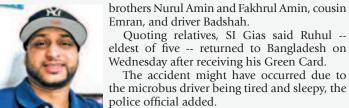
"I'm so excited to see my family after 24 years," read the Facebook status of Bangladeshi expatriate living in the US Ruhul Amin. However, before he could reach his home in Sylhet's Beanibazar, he died in a road accident on the Dhaka-Sylhet Highway in Brahmanbaria on Wednesday night. The accident also injured four more members of the family.

Deceased Ruhul Amin (38) was a US Green Card holder who went to the country as a boy and lived there for the last 24 years, reports our Brahmanbaria

Awaiting his return, his parents rented a microbus for him at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The tragic accident occurred when the microbus collided with a stone-laden truck coming from the opposite direction, sais Md Gias Uddin, sub-inspector (SI) of Khatihata Biswaroad Highway Police Outpost.

The collision killed Ruhul on the spot and injured five others. They are: Ruhul's father Alim Uddin, younger



Among the injured, Nurul Amin and Badshah are in critical condition. The injured were rushed to Brahmanbaria General Hospital and later shifted to Sylhet MAG Osmani

Medical College Hospital. In another accident in Jamalpur, a man was killed at Sarmara area of Baksiganj upazila on Wednesday night, reports our Jamalpur correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Hajrat Ali (20). He died after the bike carrying him threw him off to avoid collision with an incoming tractor. Skidding off the vehicle, he sustained severe head injuries. He succumbed to his injuries while being taken to a local hospital, Baksiganj police said.

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