



A conservancy worker throws debris on an open truck of Dhaka South City Corporation, kicking up dust and dirt in the air. Amid such disregard for regulations to prevent air pollution, Dhaka ranked second worst in the world in the Air Quality Index yesterday yet again. The photo was taken from Malibagh, in front of Ayesha Shopping Complex.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL

DNCC launches crash programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) authorities yesterday launched a two-week crash programme for mosquito control, amid a rise in mosquito population in the capital partly due to subdued activities of city corporations because of the recently-concluded city polls.

"All 54 wards of DNCC will come under the crash programme," said panel mayor of DNCC Jamal Mostafa, while inaugurating the programme at Police Staff College in Mirpur-13.

"We hope city dwellers will get its benefit," he said, adding that the programme will continue till February 28.

Jamal said they will use fogger machines, wheel-barrow machines and vehicle-mounted foggers to kill mosquitoes.

Jamal said 10 workers -- who will be outsourced -- will join regular workers in every ward. Five of them will help spray adulticide and larvicide through fogger machines and hand spray, while five others will identify hotspots of Aedes and culex mosquitoes, he said.

The waste management division will also remain active, Jamal said.

The move comes at a time when residents of different parts of the city have been suffering from mosquito menace over the last one month, as no significant efforts were seen on the city corporations' part in recent weeks.

Residents of areas including Pallabi, Mirpur, Basabo, Gendaria,

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Surveillance of Rohingya not weak: home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday expressed hope that Myanmar will take back their nationals as discussion is still underway regarding Rohingya repatriation.

He came up with the statement in reply to a journalist's query after attending the 25th anniversary of Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) at its headquarters in the capital's Agargaon.

In replay to another query on surveillance of Rohingyas, the minister said, "The surveillance is not weak at all. You know there are 1,100,000 Rohingyas [living in Cox's Bazar], which is three times the population of Teknaf."

"They have been placed under the supervision of our law enforcement agencies including police, Rapid Action Battalion, Border Guard Bangladesh and Ansar," he said.

In addition, watchtowers and CCTV cameras are also being installed to further strengthen surveillance of the Rohingya camps, said Asaduzzaman.

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Bangabandhu was a friend of the world

Says Prof Haider at lecture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The activities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the international arena after the liberation of Bangladesh show he was a friend of whole world,

"He fought not for just one nation but for all of humankind. In his death, his life shines more brightly than ever," said Haider A Khan, professor of Economics of University of Denver, while delivering a lecture at Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) yesterday.

BEA organised the public lecture titled "From Bangabandhu to Viswabandhu: Towards Global Liberation Through Public Reasoning" at National Planning and Development Academy.

Highlighting Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's political acumen and stance for repressed people, Haider said, "It is up to us and the succeeding generations to apply the principles that he left behind flexibly, wisely and cooperatively to avert the third global crisis and move towards a brighter future for generations to come."

Haider's lecture was based on a book written by him, scheduled to be published in March.

The book will contain three of Bangabandhu's most important speeches between 1970 and 1974.

"Looking back and reading all three speeches carefully in historical context, we can see why Bangabandhu was unique, a true friend and leader of his own people."

Bangabandhu was an emotionally mature, thoughtful

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'The noblest of professions'

Ethics Club Bangladesh honours six teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teaching is the noblest of all professions, as teachers are the ones who help develop mind and character of students and thus help in building a nation, said eminent personalities at a programme yesterday.

Ethics Club Bangladesh organised the programme titled "Adarsha Sikkhok Sammanana-2019" at a auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum, honouring six teachers for helping create a better country through their teachings.

National Professor Rafiqul Islam, National Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, Prof MM Akash and Khorshed Alam, a former head teacher of a high school from Feni, were recognised for their work at the ceremony.

However, Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury and Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal could not attend the programme.

Prof Rafiqul Islam said, "My teaching profession exceeded the timeline of six decades. Teaching is not



Education Minister Dipu Moni hands a certificate to National Prof Rafiqul Islam at the event.

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just my profession, it is my passion too. Without the teaching profession, I don't have any life."

"I feel fortunate enough that I have a long teaching career, and have been able to teach at different educational institutions in the country and abroad as well. I do believe, teaching is the noblest of all professions," he added.

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Agents of change

Amader Pathshala marks 12 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amader Pathshala, a non-government primary school for underprivileged children, yesterday celebrated its 12th anniversary amid enthusiasm and festivity.

On the occasion, the school organised a discussion and cultural programme at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro in the capital, where its teachers, students, management, donors and civil society representatives took part.

Speaking at the event, Abul Hussain Ahmed Kamal, a former professor of Dhaka University and adviser of the school, said the school and people involved with it are working for social change.

"The dedication and sacrifice they have shown, to ensure education for underprivileged children, is exemplary. If we

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WE ARE SADDENED

Renowned industrialist and social worker and Chairman of Standard Ceramic Industries Ltd. Mr. A.K.M Jahangir Khan breathed his last at 10:30 a.m. on 15th February 2020 (Inna-Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Razeun). He was 81.

All employees and directors of the company pray for the salvation of the departed soul and sympathize with the bereaved family.

All Employees and Directors of Standard Ceramic Industries Ltd.

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