

Metropolitan

Call to introduce
'Bangabandhu
Int'l Peace Prize'

The United States branch of the Bangabandhu Parishad has appealed to the Bangladesh government to introduce a 'Bangabandhu International Peace Prize,' according to a press release received in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The parishad, at a meeting on Monday, also urged the Bangladesh government to expedite the trial of the accused in the Bangabandhu murder case.

Housewife allegedly
commits suicide

A newly-married housewife allegedly committed suicide at her residence at Crescent Road of Dhanmondi thana in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

She was identified as Kamrunnaha Nipa, 18, a resident of 101/3 Crescent Road.

Police said Nipa reportedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the door frame of a room of her residence at 2 am.

Opinion poll on city traffic jam reveals

Enforcement of traffic laws
favoured to ease congestion

Nine out of ten respondents of a survey on traffic jam in Dhaka city said that there is no need to increase the number of traffic police in order to solve the problem of traffic congestion. The opinion poll was conducted by the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD), from May 9 to 11, says a press release.

Considering the fact that only a limited number of police are available to control the traffic system of the capital city, 58.7 per cent of the respondents stated enforcement of traffic laws as a pre-condition for increasing the number of traffic police in the city. Also, 30.1 per cent approved increasing the number of traffic police and applying traffic rules in a bid to reducing congestion in

the city.

A total of 593 citizens of Dhaka city, aged 18 and above, expressed their opinions in the poll. The sample includes people from all occupational classes with varied educational background and of both sexes. Of the respondents, 58.2 per cent were male and 41.8 per cent female.

Prof Ainun Nishat of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Dr AK Enamul Haque, Associate Professor of the North South University, supervised the poll.

Expressing their opinion on the large fleets of rickshaws usually blamed for creating jams on the roads, 80 per cent of the respondents did not approve banning plying of rickshaws altogether, but said their move-

ment should be restricted to certain lanes and by-lanes.

Undisciplined stoppage by buses and movement of scooters and tempos were also held responsible for creating jams. About 75 per cent of those surveyed felt that a reduction in the number of scooters and tempos was not a solution to the problem. Rather, their movements should be restricted to certain roads and buses should be disciplined while making stoppages, they opined.

Operations by WASA, PDB, DESA, T&T, R&H and gas authorities were also held responsible for creating traffic jams. Activities of these organisations are now coordinated by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development. On this issue, about two thirds of the respondents (67.5 per cent) said that this responsibility of coordination should lie with the City Corporation.

Expressing opinion on the lack of proper parking lots in the city, about 52.8 per cent said motorised access to some city roads should be withdrawn from 10 am to 6 pm to allow pedestrians only while 53 per cent said concept of vehicle free roads for some hours of the day should be implemented after solving the problem of parking lot in the city.

On the question of evicting hawkers from sidewalks, 81.9 per cent said the City Corporation should designate some roads as 'day-light trading places' on certain days of the week and hawkers should be allowed to trade in these areas only. About 18.1 per cent of the respondents said hawkers should be evicted from their illegal occupation of the sidewalks.

Quader visits
training centre

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader yesterday paid a surprise visit to the block, batik and dress-making training centre of the Department of Youth Development at Mohammadpur in the city, reports BSS.

During the visit, the State Minister talked to officials and trainees and enquired about the activities of the centre.

The state minister was informed that the centre, since its inception in 1986, has imparted training to more than five thousand youths, mostly women.

The state minister also visited the Kingshuk Cooperative Society office at Mirpur.

Workshop on
Narcotics
Control Act
held in Khulna

KHULNA, May 14: A day-long workshop on 'Narcotics Control Act 1990 and its implementation' was held at the local Public Hall today, reports UNB.

Organised by Narcotics Control Department and UNDP, the workshop was attended by 34 judges, magistrates, public prosecutors, police officials and narcotics officials.

Narcotics Control Department DG Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury conducted the workshop with the DC Khulna, Iftekher Ahmed, in the chair.

Khulna divisional commissioner Shamsul Alam and UNDP programmer Khondaker A Hafiz also spoke.



Prizes were distributed among the winners of 'Mitsubishi Impression Gallery Asian Children's Art Festival,' held in Japan last year, at the Shilpakala Academy seminar room yesterday.

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