

Need for reforms in existing laws to curb crime stressed

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam has called for creating greater awareness among the people to ensure their participation in the anti-smuggling drive, reports UNB.

He was addressing a discussion in 'law and order and curbing smuggling', organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) in the city yesterday.

Emphasising the need for adequate reforms in the existing laws to curb crime and maintain law and order situation, the Home Minister said, "We'll soon bring about some reforms in the present laws," he added.

Rafiq sought cooperation from all concerned, particularly the businessmen, to curb crime, mainly smuggling, which he said, is affecting the national economy.

He said a hotline will be established between the Home Ministry and the FBCCI so that the ministry can instantly be informed about the problems relating to law and order.

Besides, the minister said a cell with eminent lawyers will be set up at his ministry to scrutinise cases and identify the loopholes in case preparation.

He said a task force will be formed in the Home Ministry to monitor the activities of police stations to make those more accountable and stronger.

The Home Minister said the government has plan to increase manpower of police and BDR to curb smuggling and other crimes.

In this regard, he mentioned that the process of recruiting 4,000 policemen has already started.

The Minister assured the businessmen to include their representatives in the district law and order and smuggling prevention committees throughout the country.

He sought information from all concerned about smuggling, extortion and terrorism in the business sector to take stern and necessary actions against the culprits.

Presided over by FBCCI President Yusuf Abdullah Harun, the meeting was also addressed by Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP, Capt (ret'd) Tajul Islam MP and Haji Mohammad Selim MP.

Inspector General of Police M Azizul Huq, senior officials of BDR, and representatives from different ministries and chamber leaders from all over the country were present.



Home Minister Rafiqul Islam addressing a discussion on 'law and order and curbing smuggling' at the FBCCI auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

65 pc under-5 children malnourished

Some 65 per cent for under-5 children in Bangladesh are severely or moderately malnourished, according to an official handout, reports UNB.

It said 35 to 50 per cent of new-born babies are below normal weight (less than 2500 grams), about 70 per cent of mothers and children in the country suffer from iron-deficiency anaemia.

Prevalence of night blindness due to vitamin-A deficiency is 1.7 per cent and iodine deficiency disorders affect 47 per cent of the population.

Malnutrition, caused by inadequate food intake, poor health and feeding and eating practices, adversely affects physical and mental growth, learning capacity and productivity of people.

The handout said the government is implementing a Bangladesh Integrated

Nutrition Project (BINP) in the country at an estimated cost of Tk 2631.6 million for reducing chronic malnutrition.

The six-year project, jointly funded by the government and the IDA of World Bank, will continue till 2001.

The project, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with sub-projects under other related ministries, is expected to contribute significantly towards reduction of infant and maternal mortality.

It is also aimed at bringing about a sustainable behavioural change in food intake pattern and caring practices.

Strategies have been adopted to accelerate formulation of a national nutrition programme, developing national expertise and capacity to control malnutrition and establishing community-based nutrition interventions in phases.

Arms recovered, 4 arrested

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered two firearms with live bullets and arrested four persons in this connection from a residential hotel at Ramna in the city yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a DB team cordoned off a residential hotel under Ramna thana and arrested Malekul Islam alias Sakil, Bipul Chandra, Muktar Hossain alias Rakesh and Sohail Ahmed alias Masud at about 11 am, police said.

Police seized two firearms, and ten rounds of live bullets, from the arrested four. They also recovered 51 cans of beer and five bottles of wine from in front of the hotel.

A case was lodged with Ramna thana.

Housewife allegedly commits suicide

By Staff Correspondent

A housewife allegedly committed suicide at Rampura area under Shabujbagh thana in the city early yesterday.

Police said the deceased, identified as Mukta, 20, wife of Samvhu Biswas of east Rampura, swallowed poison following an altercation with her husband at about 1 am.

Ratna was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) immediately where the on-duty doctors declared her dead.

The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed with Shabujbagh thana in this connection.

IIT convocation today

The eleventh convocation ceremony of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), a subsidiary organ of the organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), will be held today at 10 am at the campus of the institute at Board Bazar, Gazipur, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is expected to grace the occasion as chief guest and distribute degrees and diplomas among the graduating students.

Dr. Azeddine Laraki, Secretary General of the OIC, who is already in the capital, will preside over the ceremony.

President of IIB Dr Ahmed Mohamed Ali will be a guest of honour and special congregation speaker.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria, Education Minister, A S H K Sadek, State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan, will be guests of honour.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate the 22nd meeting of the governing board of IIT. The governing board will formally meet at Hotel Sonargaon tomorrow to consider various agendas, including budget of the institute for 1997-98.

DU VC to unveil anti-terrorism sculpture today

A sculpture named after a student who was killed during an anti-terrorism campaign in 1992 will be inaugurated on Dhaka University campus today, reports UNB.

The monument, "Anti-terrorism Raju Sculpture", erected at Dhaka University TSC crossing, will be unveiled by DU Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury at 4 pm.

Former Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman will attend the function as chief guest while renowned poet Shamsur Rahman as special guest.

Moin Hossain Raju, a Bangladesh Chhatra Union leader, was killed during an anti-terrorism procession in the campus on March 13, 1992.

Shyamol Chowdhury, a promising young sculptor, took about two-and-a-half-years to finish the sculpture, made at a cost of Taka 10.44 lakh.

Govt to set up information centre for journalists

The government would establish an information centre for the working journalists, reports BSS.

The centre will provide necessary data on various development projects, government policies and programmes, State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed said yesterday.

Prof Sayeed directed the public relations and information officials attached to different ministries to provide latest data to the centre so that it can help the journalists in getting easy access to the development endeavours of the government.

The state minister was addressing public relations and information officers of different ministries at the conference room of the Ministry of information in the city yesterday.

Information Secretary M Akmal Hussain and Principal Information Officer (PIO) Mohammad Mokbul Ahmed were present.

6 extortionists arrested

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested six alleged extortionists from Mohakhali area in the city on Sunday evening.

During a raid, the DB team arrested Nasir Sardar, Uttam Kumar, Mokbul Hossain, Ismail, Mainul and Sohail while they were demanding tolls from a businessman at Amtali area.

Police said the group had been involved in extorting money for a long time. Among them, Uttam is an accused in several cases, including a murder case.

Malaysian HC calls on Mannan

The Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Dato Zulkifly Ibrahim Bin Abdur Rahman, called on State Minister for Labour and Manpower MA Mannan at the latter's office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters related to mutual interest, mainly the problems and facilities of Bangladeshi workers employed in Malaysia, said an official announcement.

25th BCU confce today

The 25th central conference of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will be held today on the Dhaka University campus, reports BSS.

Eminent Economist Prof Anisur Rahman will inaugurate the conference at a function at the foot of the Aparajita Bangla at 11 am. A colourful rally will also be brought out.

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What's on today....

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting will be held. Guest speaker: Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, will talk on 'Democracy and new generation in Bangladesh'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Painting Exhibition: Goutam Chakraborty's 3rd solo painting exhibition will begin. Venue: Shilpakala Academy gallery. Time: 5:30 pm. Chief guest: Prof Anisuzzaman. Till Sept 23.

Roundtable: A roundtable discussion on 'Politics and Corruption' will be held. Organisers: Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad and the Daily Sangbad. Venue: BUP, House: 33, Rd: 4, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Freedom of press and judiciary' will be held. Organiser: Commonwealth Press Union, Bangladesh Section. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 5 pm. Chief guest: Chief advisor of former caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman.

BCPS lecture programme: Prof Md Nazrul Islam, Deptt of Virology, ICGMR, will talk on 'HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh', and Dr Md Abdul Faiz, Associate Professor of Medicine, Chittagong, will speak on 'Severe and complicated malaria in Chittagong'. Time: 11 am and 12:10 pm respectively. Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali.

Zahir Raihan Film Society: Oscar winning films, 'Z. Anatomy of a political assassination' by Constantin Costa-Gavras; and 'Belle Epoque' by Fernando Trueba will be screened. Time: 5 pm and 7:15 pm respectively. Venue: German Cultural Centre.

Theatre: 'Janotar Rangshala', a play based on Bertold Brecht's 'Three-penny Opera' produced by Nagorik Natyangan, will be staged. Venue: Ganga House auditorium, Barish Road. Time: 7 pm.

Launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of a video cassette, 'Bangabandhu: Mrituuhin Pran', will be held. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4:30 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed.

Cultural function: In observance of the 9th founding anniversary of Tarango Lalitakala Kendro, a cultural function will be held. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader.

Inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of a deluxe coach service for tourists, a joint venture of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation and Nitel Motors Ltd. will be held. Venue: Rent-a-Car premises, Parjatan Head Office. Time: 5:30 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Tourism MK Alamgir.

IDPAA function: A function will be held in connection with the publication of 'Discourse: A Journal of Policy Studies'. Organiser: Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA) at Proshika. Venue: Proshika Bhaban, 1/1-Ga, Section-2, Mirpur. Time: 3:30 pm.



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