

## UPDF's protest

By Staff Correspondent  
United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) yesterday condemned the authorities for not permitting them to use public address system at their proposed rally scheduled to be held at Lalidighi Maidan in Chittagong tomorrow.

Prost B Khisha, Convenor of UPDF, in a statement said the administration has violated the constitutional rights of the citizen by not allowing UPDF use of a public address system.

Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hi Students' Council also protested the refusal of permission to use public address system.

Combing operation  
1040 arrested  
on 246th day

Members of the law enforcing agencies arrested 1040 persons on the 246th day of the combing operation across the country, reports BSS.

Police Headquarters sources said the law enforcers from police, BDR and Ansars jointly conducted the operations across the country including the four metropolis during the last 24 hours which ended yesterday morning.

A total of 12 illegal firearms, six bullets and nine explosives were also recovered during the period.

One crushed to  
death at  
Ctg Port

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Dec 24: A member of Ansars bhabini posted at Chittagong port for security, was crushed to death under the wheel of a straddle carrier at MPB container jetty yard today, police and port sources said.

The Ansar was identified as Rafiqul Islam, 25.

The operator of the straddle carrier immediately fled the scene, police sources said.

A case was filed with Chittagong Port thana.

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A prospective buyer goes through a collection of silk dresses at an exhibition of Kay Kraft's Eid collection that opened at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on Thursday. —Star photo

**Clinical waste management project in Khulna next yr**

KHULNA, Dec 24: Khulna City Corporation (KCC) is going to play a pioneering role by introducing clinical waste management system in the port city next year, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a joint meeting of the representatives of pathological laboratories, physicians, environmental activists, social workers, journalists and NGO leaders of the city on Thursday.

The meeting, chaired by KCC Mayor Sheikh Taiyubul Rahman, decided that wastes of all clinics of the city would be collected and dumped at a specific point from early next year.

"If things go well as per our plan, KCC will play the pioneering role in clinical waste management in the country," said an official of Pradipan, a local NGO.

Pradipan is implementing a Solid Waste Management project, jointly funded by UNDP and Swiss Development Corporation (SDC), in collaboration with the KCC.

Under the project, Pradipan is currently disposing of domestic wastes from seven wards of the city.

Apart from Khulna Medical College Hospital and Khulna General Hospital, there are five private Hospitals, 31 clinics, including 14 registered ones, and 25 pathological laboratories in the city.

Sources said several tons of clinical wastes from these hospitals are haphazardly dumped in open places of the city everyday, polluting the environment and spreading bad odour.

As per the decision, initially wastes of at least 20 hospitals, clinics and laboratories will be collected and dumped at a place at Rajbandh, alongside the Khulna-Satkhira road.

The meeting was told that an amount of Tk 15,000 would be needed every month for the new waste management. And KCC, Pradipan and the establishments concerned will jointly bear the cost.

A preparatory meeting will be held soon so that the new system can be introduced at the beginning of the new century.

KCC Executive Officer Fazal Abu Mansur, BMA vice-president Dr Mohammad Solaiman, Dr M A Hannan, Dr Mahfuzul Haq, Dr Mahmuda Begum, KCC Health Officer Dr A K M Abdulrahman and Pradipan Coordinator Monir Alam Chowdhury, among others, attended the meeting.

**KOICA alumni  
get-together  
December 28**

The Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) shall sponsor a "KOICA alumni get-together," the first of its kind, on December 28, to share the experiences and memories of those persons who participated in KOICA sponsored programmes from 1991 to 1999 in Korea, says a press release.

The get-together will be held in Young Bin Kwan, a Korean restaurant at SE (B)2, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan Circle-1 from 4.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

The gathering will be hosted by the Resident Representative of KOICA Bangladesh Office where Jung Young-Jo, Korean Ambassador in Bangladesh will attend as the chief guest.

The events include a Korean simple cultural programme, an iftar party, Taekwondo (Korean martial art) presentation, participants' free speech, this will be followed by dinner.

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**'6000 village  
community clinics  
by this fiscal'**

DUMURIA, Khulna, Dec 24: A total of 13,000 village community clinics would be set up in the country at a cost of Taka 15,000 crore under the fifth-five year plan, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf told this at a function organised to lay the foundation stone of the Joardarpura-Bamundia Community Clinic here today.

He said out of the total number, six thousand would be set up by this financial year. Every 6,000 people will be provided with the facilities of a community clinic, he added.

Yusuf said the government has attached top priority to the development of the rural areas compared to the urban areas. He asked all to keep the family size small so that the facilities of the clinics could be provided to everyone.

Earlier, the minister laid the foundation stone of an under-construction 15-metre bridge in Mirzapur village and inaugurated a cyclone shelter-cum-primary school at Khutkhali.

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