

PIB Officers' Assoc hails govt decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The PIB Officers' Welfare Association at a meeting yesterday welcomed the government decision to ensure congenial atmosphere and discipline in the government offices, says a press release.

The government in a circular said stern action will be taken against the troublemakers. The association termed the decision as timely and an effective measure.

The association hoped that congenial atmosphere would be restored in offices with the proper implementation of this decision.



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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offering munajat at an iftar party hosted by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

10th NIDs on Jan 27 and Mar 10

BSS, Dhaka

All children of the country aged under five years will be administered polio vaccine on January 27 and March 10 next year aimed at eradicating polio virus.

This will be the 10th Immunisation Day under which every child will be given two drops of vaccine each on the immunisation days even if any of them had been vaccinated earlier, an official source said yesterday.

Besides, the children aged between 12 and 59 months will be administered vitamin A on the first round (January 27).

"The special aim of the 10th intensified NID is to administer polio vaccine to the homeless children," Dr. Mahubur Rahman, Programme Manager of Expanded Programme for Immunisation (EPI), said.

On the first round of the NID on January 27 campaign would be carried out at the fixed sites while child-to-child search programme would be conducted from January 28 to 31, he said.

About six lakh volunteers and 70 thousand permanent employees of Health and Family Planning Ministry would be involved to conduct the 10th NIDs, Dr Rahman said.

He said Bangladesh must continue the NIDs as wild polio virus continues to spread in northern India, which could spread to Bangladesh.

Besides, more than 10 lakh children who born every year remain unprotected against polio virus, the EPI Programme Manager said.

Arrest of Shahriar Citizens' rally in Ctg today

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The Sachetan Nagorik Samaj of Chittagong, a platform for conscious citizens, will bring out a silent procession and hold a rally today at the local press club, protesting the arrest and prosecution of Shahriar Kabir, a noted writer and columnist.

In a press release issued here yesterday, the Nagorik Samaj demanded of the government to immediately drop all charges against him and his unconditional release.

Shahriar Kabir was arrested on charge of "anti-state activities" on November 22 after he returned home from India. Later, he had been given a one-month detention.

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