

'Strengthen family planning programme'

UNB, Dhaka
Speakers at a workshop yesterday underscored the need for strengthening the country's family planning programme to attain its demographic objectives.

They observed that lack of supervision, coordination and delay in integration of Health and Family Planning Directorate might adversely affect the FP programme.

The workshop on Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and

Threat to the United Behaviour Change Communication Unit/UNFPA was held at IDB Bhaban in the city.

Organised by UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the workshop was addressed, among others, by Acting Representative of UNFPA Nurul Ameen and other high officials.

The speakers apprehended that due to discontinuation of contraceptive service delivery, country's contraceptive prevalence rate might go down.



The BCL took out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the attack on opposition leader Sheikh Hasina's motorcade in Naogaon on Monday.

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Prof Hannan made VC of Patuakhali University

Prof Dr AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan, an eminent educationist and agricultural expert, has been appointed vice-chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University recently, says a press release.

Prior to joining the university Dr Hannan was the Dean of Faculty of agriculture and head of dept of agricultural extension and rural development, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University.

He is also the Country Coordinator of South-Asian Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development Project of Japan, co-sponsored by the Faculty of Economics, Saga University and Toyota Foundation, Tokyo.

Nationalised jute mills incur Tk 1591.23cr loss

Minister tells JS

UNB, Dhaka
The country's nationalised jute mills incurred a loss of Tk 1591.23 crore during the last five years of Awami League regime.

Giving a breakup of losses State Minister for Industries Prof Rezaul Karim told Parliament yesterday that BMC incurred a loss of Tk 243.27 crore in 1996-97, Tk 368.93 crore in 1997-98, Tk 365.95 crore in 1998-99, Tk 346.70 crore in 1999-2000 and Tk 366.58 crore in 2000-01.

Replying to a supplementary question the minister said jute mills in the neighbouring India were earning profit despite jute is imported from Bangladesh.

He said the government has taken various measures including diversification of products to reduce the loss.

Projects have been taken up to produce doors, furniture, shopping bags etc from jute, which the minister hoped would help improve the situation.

The minister attributed to widespread corruption and aged-out machinery for the loss in state owned jute mills.

He told the House that the

government has already decided to sell loss-making mills to run in the private sector.

Replying to Khurram Khan Chowdhury (BNP), he said five of 33 nationalised jute mills remained closed. These are Bawa Jute Mills, Monwar Jute Mills, Mymensingh Jute Mills, Nabarun Jute Mills, and Itafiz Mills.

Dhaka Bar polls March 6-7

UNB, Dhaka

Election to the Dhaka Bar Association will be held on March 6-7 when about 4,000 members are expected to vote for 25 office bearers for 2002-03.

Fazlur Rahman Khan will contest for the post of President and Sanaullah Mia for Secretary from the Blue Panel supported by Awami League.

SM Alif Hossain will contest for President and Mohammad Matur Rahman for Secretary from the White Panel supported by the ruling 4-party alliance.

A total of 51 candidates are in the field for 25 posts on the executive committee.

China keen on infrastructural dev of Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

China is very much interested to infra-structural development of Bangladesh, and import jute and jute goods from the country.

This was disclosed by Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh HU Qianwen when he made a courtesy call on President AQM Badruddoja Chowdhury at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Qianwen recalled the recent visit of Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji to Bangladesh and said that his visit has widened the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and China.

President Chowdhury appreciated the Chinese help and cooperation in the infra-structural development of Bangladesh including construction of bridges and hoped that the initiative for entry of duty-free goods to China would be effective soon.

Secretary to the President Mohd Abdul Huq was present on the occasion.

USTC convocation today

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The second convocation of the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) will be held on its campus in Chittagong today.

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, the chancellor of the university, will attend the convocation ceremony as chief guest.

Dr MSI Dhama, scientific advisor to the President of Pakistan and chairman of Fund collection and International Relations Department of Science Academy of Pakistan, will present a paper on 'Science and Technology: Key to Development of Bangladesh'.

Chancellor of Science and Technology University of Nepal Dr Nita Thapa will also be present at the ceremony.

Degrees will be conferred on 166 students from various disciplines at the ceremony.

BTTB requests subscribers to pay bills

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) yesterday requested its subscribers to immediately pay the telephone and telex bills for January this year along with arrears to avoid disconnection of phone.

The authorities also asked those who have not yet received their bills to collect their duplicate copies from BTTB revenue office and pay the bills accordingly.

11 firearms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 11 firearms, four other weapons and 24 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1362 people, including seven alleged listed terrorists, during the period.

Of the arrested, 652 were wanted by police and 674 involved in cases under investigation.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police recovered 14 explosives, arrested five people from the city and lodged three cases in this connection.

The arrested listed terrorists are Mohammad Harun of Khulna city, Mohammad Abdul Hannan of Kushtia, Khokon of Meherpur, Mohammad Swapan of Narsingdi and Faysal, Kajor Miah and Mohammad Zakir Hossain of Dhaka city.

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