

Concern over law & order situation

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Seventy-five teachers of Dhaka University yesterday expressed concern over the law and order situation in the country.

In a joint statement they said murder, rape, snatching, toll collection and other criminal activities increased in an alarming rate after the BNP-led four-party coalition came to power.

The people of the country are now passing their days in insecurity and uncertainty, the statement added.

Besides, the economic activities have come to a standstill, said the DU teachers adding that the government has suspended fresh recruitment aggravating the unemployment problem of the country.

A large number of government officials have also been sacked creating shortage of skilled manpower in the administration, they said.

The statement also condemned attack on the motorcade of the opposition leader Sheikh Hasina during her visit to Naogaon.

They called upon the government to take necessary steps to stop all types of criminal activities across the country and bring dy-

namism in the economic sector.

The signatories to the statement are: Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof. Mohammad Shahadat Ali, Prof. Mohammad Mostafa Chowdhury, Prof. AZM Nowsheer Ali Khan, Prof. Syed Gias Uddin Ahmed, Prof. Durga Das Bhattacharya, Prof. SM Imamul Haque, Prof. Sultana Shafi, Prof. M Enamul Haque, Prof. Kazi Shahidullah, Sharif Ullah Bhuian, Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof. Harun-or-Rashid, Prof. Mezbah Uddin Ahmed, Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Prof. Sheikh Abdus Salam and Dr. Muhammad Samad.

UAP discussion on Women's Day

The University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organised a discussion meeting yesterday to mark the International Women's Day, says a press release.

Presided over by its Vice-Chancellor A S M Shahjahan, the meeting was addressed by Prof M A Sattar of Mathematics, Prof H J Alam of English, Shahriar Anam of Business Administration and Nafisa Sultana of English.

The meeting expressed dissatisfaction over present state of women in the country and adopted some resolutions for safeguarding the women's rights.

Discussion on press freedom

Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF) Network and Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) jointly organised a discussion on 'Press Freedom Now' in cooperation with Bangladesh Press Watchdog Network yesterday, says a press release.

Newsmen, government officials, press freedom and human rights watchdog groups attended the discussion held at the BCDJC office in the city.

Speaking on the occasion, Nayeemul Islam Khan, president of BCDJC and the Advisory Editor of Daily Aker Kagoj, expressed concern over the attack on the journalists and the press as a whole.

The discussion was moderated by Hasan Shahriar, Executive Editor of the Dainik Ittefaq, while Vincent Brosel, RSF Asia Pacific desk-in-charge, made a brief outline of the RSF Mission.

Among others who took part in the discussion were Matiur Rahman Chowdhury, Chief Editor, Dainik Manav Zamin; Anwarul Haq, special correspondent of The Daily Star; Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Chief News Editor, ETV; Sohrab Hassan, Assistant Editor, Dainik Sangbad; Saleem Samad, Correspondent of RSF; Ahsan Chowdhury, Sr Assistant Editor of The Daily Star; Moazzem Hossain, Correspondent, BBC; Motaher Hossain Masum, General Secretary, Dhaka Reporters Unity; and Mukhtesur Rahman Chowdhury, General Secretary, OCAB.



Vincent Brosel, Head of the Asia Pacific Desk, RSF Network, speaking at a discussion on 'Press Freedom Now' at the BCDJC seminar room in the city yesterday. Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF) Network and the BCDJC jointly organised the discussion.

Second round of 10th NID 2cr children to be vaccinated today

UNB, Dhaka

Nearly two crore under-5 children will be vaccinated across the country today in the 2nd round of 10th National Immunization Day.

Volunteers from UNICEF, WHO, IOCH, JAICA and Rotary International as well as health workers, teachers, students, NGO

activists, Boy Scouts and Girls Guide will work in 1.20 lakh vaccination centers across the country. As part of the worldwide programme to eradicate polio the National Immunization Day is being observed in the country since 1995.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain formally inaugurated the programme administering two drops of vaccine to some children at the head office of EPI here yesterday, said an official release.

Health Secretary M Fazlur Rahman, DG of the Health Directorate Prof ABM Ahsanullah, DG of Family Planning Fazlur Rahman and WHO representative Sunitee Acharya were present on the occasion.

Representatives from donor countries and agencies including Japan, Rotary International, USAID, IOCH and UNICEF were also present.

DU Islamic History dept Golden Jubilee

Department of Islamic History and Culture of Dhaka University will celebrate its Golden Jubilee on March 29, says a press release.

Former students of the department have been requested to register their names along with Tk. 300 per person at the department by March 15.

JU drama festival begins

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A five-day drama festival 'Natyaparban-2002' began at Jahangirnagar University yesterday.

'Jahangirnagar Theatre (JT)' has organised the festival. JT activists brought out a colourful procession in the morning from the university central cafeteria after inauguration of the festival.

'Prachyanat', a city-based theatre group staged 'koinya' at the university amphitheatre 'Muktamancha' in the evening. Earlier, a discussion was also held on the occasion.

Chitra theatre of Narail will stage 'Tradition and Some Questions' on March 11 while Desh Natak will stage 'Birsha Kabaya' on March 12.

JT will organise a cultural function on the concluding day on March 13 where Pagla Bablu will render songs of Lalon Fakir.

The dramas and other functions will be held at Muktamancha in the evening daily.

Stop cruelty against women

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Speakers at a rally urged the government and the political parties to take necessary steps to stop cruelty against women.

The Civil Society Movement for Women's Empowerment organised the rally in front of the National Press Club on March 8 to mark the International Women's Day.

The speakers also placed a list of demands to pave the way for

women's empowerment.

The demands include an increase in the number of seats reserved for women in the parliament and direct election to these seats, uniform family code for all irrespective of religion, quick trial of repression on women, and participation of women in the decision-making process at all levels.

Hosne Ara Khan, Foujia Khondaker, Shirin Akhter and Laila Arjumand Banu spoke at the rally.

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