

Seminar on 'Media and democracy' held

Speakers at a seminar in Rajshahi yesterday said despite various obstacles, mass media and journalists are playing significant role for the development of quality of democracy in the country, says a press release.

They said due to positive role of media, democracy is getting firm footing in the country. As a result, transparency and accountability will be ensured in all spheres of public life, they added.

The seminar on "Media and Democracy" was organised by the Department of Mass Communication of Rajshahi University and the Centre for Communication and Development (CCD).

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, attended the seminar as chief guest.

Dulal Chandra Biswas, chairman of the Department of Mass Communication, presided over the seminar while the keynote paper was presented by Shah Nisar, lecturer of the same department.

Moazzem Hossain, executive editor of the daily Sonali Sangbad, Dr. Najib Wadud, chief editor of the daily Prothom Protat, Prof. Abdul Jabbar, reporter of the daily Independent and Abdullah Al Mamun, lecturer of the Mass Communication department took part in the discussion.

Earlier, Golam Mortuza, executive director of the CCD delivered the welcome address.

Obituary

Dr. Maliha Khatun, former principal of Dhaka Teachers' Training College, died at Shamarita Hospital in the city on Thursday.

night at the age of 75, says a press release.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter.

She was laid to rest at Banani graveyard after her namaj-e-janaza at Gulshan Central Mosque, after Juma prayers yesterday.

Her gulkhwan will be held at her residence at House-7, Road-74, Gulshan on May 27 after Asr prayers.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend it.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina consoles the mother of Naushin at her residence in the city yesterday. Twenty-month-old Naushin died when a stray bullet fired by fleeing snatchers hit her in the head at Uttar Badda on May 9.

Use of jute bags for packaging can help save jute industry

Nitol Group, Ali Jan Jute Mills sign deal

UNB, Dhaka

Use of jute bags as packaging materials by the cement, fertiliser and other sectors can not only save the country's moribund jute industry, but also help the reopening of the closed mills.

Two leading industrialists of the country expressed the hopes yesterday while signing deals for one crore pieces of jute bags to be used for packing locally produced cement.

Nitol Group, a leading business house of the country, came forward to save the diminishing jute industry of the country as a government ban on environment-

7 arms seized

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তফসিল

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New committee of AL UK unit

UNB, London

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina has endorsed a new committee of her party's England chapter just before leaving for home.

A full-fledged body of the new committee will be formally announced on Sunday at a press conference, UK unit leaders of the street children.

Sheikh Hasina on the first leg of her trip to London on April 22 formed a nine-member working committee to form a new committee. "But the caucus failed to work up into a committee due to infighting," one of those involved in the process said.

The party chief, on her way back from America, had one-to-one parleys with AL leaders and announced her approval for the new committee with Alhaj Sham-suddin Khan as its president and Prof Abul Hashem as general secretary.

NBJF seminar on budget

BSS, Dhaka

The North Bengal Journalists' Forum (NBJF) will hold a seminar on "National Budget and Regional Development" at 10 am on May 27 at the VIP lounge of the National Press Club.

Minister for Post and Telecommunications Barister Aminul Haque will attend the seminar as chief guest.

Death anniversary

The 2nd death anniversary of Jahan Ara Rabbie, wife of Shaheed Dr. Md. Fazle Rabbie, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, Khame Quran and special prayers will be held for the salvation of the departed soul.

Besides, foods will be distributed among the inmates of Salimullah Muslim Orphanage.

The first death anniversary of AQ Bhuiyan, ex-deputy secretary and former chairman of Kadamtola High School and College, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held on the Kadamtola High School premises in the city's Basabo area after Asr prayers.

Prof Nurul Islam takes oath as PSC member

BSS, Dhaka

Chairman of pediatrics at Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University Professor Dr. M. Nurul Islam took oath as a member of the Public Service Commission (PSC) on Thursday.

Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury administered the oath.

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Services for street children

Study finds lack of coordination between govt and NGOs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A good number of NGOs along with the government have taken up various programmes for improving the conditions of the street children.

But there has been no comprehensive study till date on various kinds of services that are available for them.

Taking this point into account, Tahera Jabeen, a freelance researcher, has conducted an extensive study titled "GO-NGO Interventions and Services for Street Children in Dhaka City".

The study was funded by the Grameen Trust to determine whether the existing programmes are actually coming to the aid of the target group and to point out the constraints and barriers against their effective implementation.

Jamil H. Chowdhury, general manager of Grameen Trust, said his organisation provides funds for development research. Interested researchers send their proposals to the trust which provides fund after examining the topics and the merit of the researchers.

A seminar was held at the Grameen Bhaban auditorium in Mirpur on Thursday to discuss the research findings of Tahera Jabeen.

A total of 25 organisations and some donor agencies that have specific programmes for street children were selected for in-depth interviews. It took about 10 months from November 2000 to September 2001 to complete the study.

Some important points were

revealed in the report. The team comprising a research associate and two assistants who worked with Tahera Jabeen found that there was a gap between planning and implementation of the programme. There is also a lack of effective coordination between the NGOs and the government in implementing the programme. For instance, several NGOs while carrying out their programmes for street children don't have coordination with each other. As a result, they often end up offering the same services in same areas.

The study also pointed out that fund crisis, lack of support from law enforcing agencies,

community resistance and delays in government approval of the programmes were other major obstacles that prevent effective implementation of the programme.

The presentation was followed by an open discussion during which representatives from different NGOs voiced their opinions about the report. Some of them belonged to UCEP, Aparajeo Bangladesh, ARISE Project, Terre Des Hommes, Bangladesh and Nari Pragati Sangha.

The study report is due to be published next month.



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LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addresses the seventh National Conference of Lions Club International (District-315A-2) at Hotel Sonargon in the city yesterday.

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