

No place for non-students in JCD: Aman

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Student Affairs Secretary and State Minister for Health Amanullah Aman MP yesterday lauded the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for its role during anti-autocracy movement. He said the nation would always remember the great role of this popular student front of BNP.

He said JCD is committed to establish a violence-free and self-reliant Bangladesh foiling all conspiracies of the vested quarters. The JCD leadership would be handed over to the meritorious students, he added.

Aman was addressing a meeting of JCD Jagannath University unit at JCD central office at Naya Paltan here. JCD Jagannath University unit president Kazi Rownakul Islam Tipu presided while general secretary Abdus Sattar spoke.

"There will be no place for non-students in JCD, extortionists and criminals. JCD leaders and workers have to help create academic atmosphere on the campus side by side devote them for building a prosperous Bangladesh, he said.

He called upon all JCD leaders and workers to be ready for making supreme sacrifice to foil conspiracies of the 'Awami-BAKSALI evil force.'

Aman asked them to guard against all evil designs of the anti-state elements and said JCD workers and leaders would strengthen the hands of Khaleda Zia in her bid to institutionalise democracy, achieve development and root out terrorism.

MBA admission test Friday

UNB, Dhaka

The admission test of evening MBA programme under the Business Studies Faculty of Dhaka University will be held at 10am on Friday.

The candidates have been advised to take their seat at the Academic Building of the Faculty of Business Studies by 9:30 am, said a press release.



Mohila Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting police action on Awami League procession.

300 more CNG-run buses, 2000 4-stroke autorickshaws soon

BSS, Dhaka

A new fleet of CNG driven buses and four-stroke autorickshaws is going to slowly take over the city streets as part of the government plan to increase the use of gas as clean fuel in the transport sector.

State Minister for Energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said a project to this effect has been taken up with 80 million dollars ADB loan to be available to the government in a couple of months.

Outlining the project, he said, government will procure 300 buses and 2000 four-stroke autorickshaws besides implementing other work components, with this fund.

It will be an important step in modernising the city transport system, in addition to strengthening public efforts to save environment, he said.

Under this project, named clean fuel project, Mosharraf said, the Asian Development Bank will

also support efforts to build 100 km CNG (compressed natural gas) pipeline network, besides setting up 26 CNG stations on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highways.

Gas Transmission Company will implement this part of the project linking the CNG stations with nearby supply depots. The CNG project is a thrust action plan of the government for quick implementation. Under it, several fueling stations have already been set up while many more are on the plan, side by side setting up CNG conversion centres.

Official sources said the conversion centres will change motor engines from oil run to CNG run. Some of these centres are being operated now in the city by both in the public and private sectors. While the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) is

running some of these facilities for the government. Some private business firms have also opened similar installations to facilitate conversion.

Mosharraf said, out of the 300 buses, the BRTC will be allotted 100 to run in the city streets. The rest will be available to private sector through tenders.

The autorickshaws will also be allotted to private operators for which they will have to take part in public bidding. The interested parties will have to arrange bank loans to pay for the vehicles.

The state minister said, BRTC has already lined up its back up funding from banks for the project. The project will come under implementation in two to three months for which working arrangement is being finalised at this stage, he said.

13 arms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 13 firearms, four other weapons and 39 bullets from across the country during their ongoing drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1,331 people including three identified criminals, during the period, a police headquarters press release said.

Of the arrested, 657 were wanted by police and 660 accused in under-investigation cases.

Eight people were arrested in connection with the recovery of firearms and seven cases were filed against them under the Arms Act.

Of the firearms, two were seized by DMP, four by CMP while seven others by different districts police.

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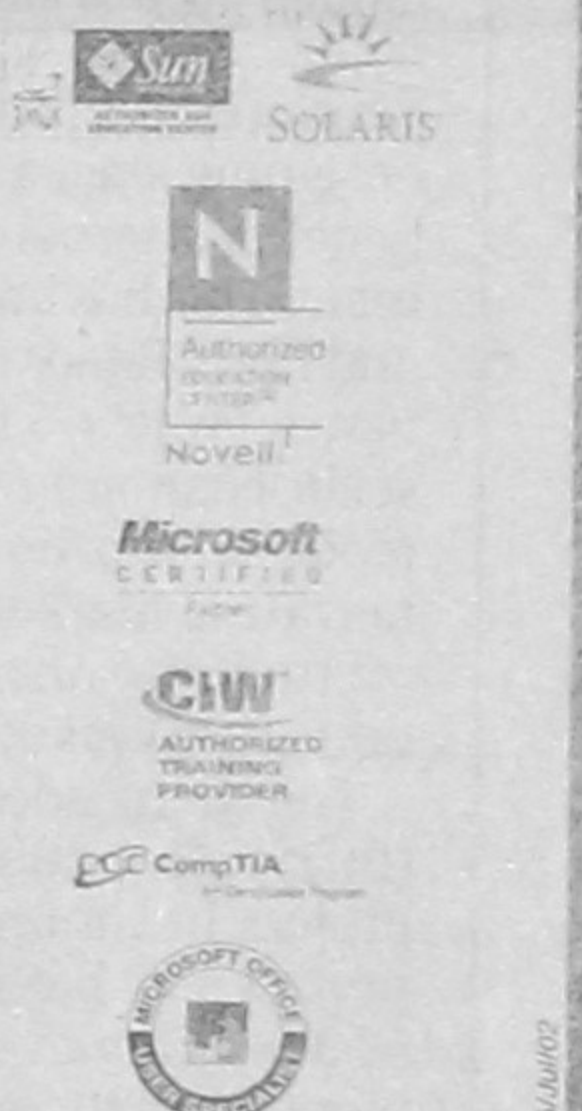
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'Raise awareness about dengue fever'

BSS, Dhaka

An emergency meeting of the Bangladesh Scouts yesterday emphasised the need for creating public awareness about dengue fever.

The meeting also stressed that low-cost treatment for dengue should be developed for common people.

Speakers at the meeting urged the people to keep their houses, premises and gardens clean to prevent the breeding of Aedes mosquito, the carrier of dengue virus. Stagnant water is the breeding place of Aedes mosquito.

The speakers observed that dengue had proliferated in Dhaka city and other parts of the country with the advent of monsoon.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry and chief national commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Mohammed Fazlur Rahman.

It was addressed, among others, by Prof. A B M Ahsanullah,

Director General of Health Directorate, Afzal Hossain, national commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts, Major General Dr A S M Matiar Rahman of Dhaka Cantonment, Brigadier General M Nazmul Huda, Director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dr M Lutfur Rahman, Civil Surgeon of Dhaka, and academic Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed.

Some 55 representatives from different government and non-government organisations, policy-makers, doctors, scout leaders and journalists attended the meeting.

The meeting decided to start immediate programmes like rallies in different localities, distribution of leaflets and posters among the people, publicity in print and electronic media, and cleanliness drive in every locality.

It also decided to create awareness among the doctors and nurses about the treatment and nursing of the patients. A list of blood donors will also be prepared to provide blood to the patients.

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