

Int'l Day for Elderly Persons today

BSS, Dhaka

International Day for Elderly Persons will be observed in the country as elsewhere in the world today.

Different social and philanthropic organisations have taken various programmes in observance of the day which include rally, procession, discussion, distribution of cloths and foods and exchange of greetings.

Prabin Hitayshi Sangha (Elderly Welfare Association), the pioneering organisation for their welfare in the country, in observance of the day will bring out a procession from its Agargaon office at 10 am today and hold a discussion titled 'Coordinated Efforts for Safe Elderly Life'.

Ageing Resource Centre will distribute cloths and food among the elderly people. Besides, Children and Elderly Rehabilitation Centre, Elderly Welfare Samity, Elderly Committee, Lalmaiya and Bangladesh Retired Police Officers Association will observe the day through different programmes.

President Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan gave separate messages to mark the day.

In a message President Iajuddin said problems of the elderly people are being increased day by day due to change of traditional family patterns. He said by tradition people of Bangladesh are respectful to elderly persons. Older people have wisdom and experience which can give right direction to new generation, he said adding, every people of society have social responsibility for the elderly people.

He said the government has undertaken different programmes to provide allowances for the old and pension for government employees apart from compensatory pension, family pension and gratuity. He hoped that different private organisations and conscious people of the country would come forward for the wellbeing of the old people in the country.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, in her message, said in our constitution there are explicit pledges for the old people to ensure their social security and welfare. She said Bangladesh is actively working for implementation of the recommendations taken on Old Age and Elderly People in the eighth SAARC conference in New Delhi in 1995.

Kofi Annan, in his message, said the past year has seen groundbreaking developments on issues affecting the lives of older persons. The Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid adopted an International Plan of Action that called on the international community to address fully the link between older persons and development, and challenged society's conventional perceptions of ageing.

Extortion case against 2 cops in city

COURT CORRESPONDENT

An extortion case was filed against two police personnel of Shyampruthana, with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka on Sunday.

The accused are Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Sultan and constable Akkas Ali.

In the case 20 people were shown as prosecution witnesses.

In the plaint, Haji Abdur Rahim of 397, West Juran Khondaker Road under Shyampruthana in the city alleged that his younger son Monzur Hossain alias Shimul was chopped to death by some miscreants on August 21 this year and a murder case was filed with Shyampruthana in this connection.

Abdur Rahim used to go to thana at times to know about the development of investigation into the murder case. But one day the accused ASI Sultan asked me why I had gone there. In reply I said I went to SI Mohsin, the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case to know about the investigation into the case, the complainant alleged.

In the meantime, the accused on September 26 went to the complainant's house and demanded Tk 20,000 for quick submission of the charge sheet in the case. But he refused to give the money. The accused again went to his another son's Haji Enterprise Cement shop and threatened him of arrest if the demand was not met, the complainant added.

After hearing the magistrate Iajuddin Haque, the plaint was accepted and directed the police commissioner to take necessary steps regarding investigation into the matter by the neutral agency.

3 CU syndicate members nominated

CU CORRESPONDENT

President and Chancellor of the university nominated three teachers of Chittagong University (CU) as the syndicate members for the next two years.

The teachers are Prof Siddique Ahmed Chowdhury of political science department, Prof Abdun Nur of public administration department and Prof Mahbub Ullah of sociology department of the university.

IMS students submit memo

CU CORRESPONDENT

The students of Institute of Marine Science (IMS) of Chittagong University (CU) submitted a memorandum to the Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury demanding immediate withdrawal of announcement of the Public Service Commission (PSC) in which the institution students will not be allowed to appear in the upcoming BCS examinations.

The 20-member team met the minister at his residence at Mehabag in the port city of Chittagong yesterday and submitted the memorandum.

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