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The Lions Club of Dhaka Shyamoli formed a human chain in the city yesterday to raise awareness about bad effects of drugs.

Book fair begins in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi
An eight-day book fair began at Rajshahi Collegiate High School on Thursday as part of the National Book Year.
Post and Telecommunications Minister Barrister Aminul Haq inaugurated the fair.
A total of 41 bookstalls have

been set up at the fair.
State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman, city mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu MP, Divisional Commissioner Azir Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner Aziz Hasan and Director of National Book Centre Mahmud Shafiq were present at the in-

augural function.
The telecommunications minister also inaugurated a newly constructed community clinic building at Bhatopara in Godagari upazila.
The building was constructed at a cost of over Tk 2.5 lakh, said a PID handout.

Ban on polypropylene net bags soon

UNB, Dhaka

The government will soon take steps to impose a ban on polypropylene net bags that now flooded the city market replacing polythene bags.

"We will also ban its use. It is not biodegradable," Department of Environment Director General Hedayetul Islam Chowdhury told UNB yesterday.

Earlier, the government had banned polythene bags from January 1 this year in a bid to free the environment from pollution by polythene, which is harmful to life and nature.

As no alternative could yet come up to the users' option and cost of producing jute bag is also high, these net bags are getting vast market for their longevity.

During the reign of polythene, about 9.3 million polybags were dumped in Dhaka city everyday, choking its drains and polluting soil in open spaces.

Only 10-15 per cent polybags were thrown into dustbins while the rest into drains and others littered open places. Much the same scenario reemerged following mushroom growth of nylon-made 'mosquito net bags'.

The polypropylene net bags are also causing major environmental degradation due to its non-degradable nature. It remains intact in nature for hundreds of years, environmentalists said.

After the banishment of polythene, jute-made bags could not catch the market -- the 'mosquito net bags' grabbed it instead.

On April 3, 2002, a complete ban on all types of polythene shopping bags became a permanent amendment to the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Law 1995.

The new law provides strict penalties for violators. The polythene shopping bag ban applies to the production, import, marketing, sale, display, storage, distribution and carrying of these bags. Maximum penalty applies to those who import or market polythene bags.

Those who sell, display, store, distribute or carry plastic bags will face a maximum punishment of a 6-month sentence and a fine of Tk 10,000.

"We are aware about the new threat and we will take steps after clearing all polythene bags from the market," Hedayetul Islam Chowdhury said.

4 cr children fall victim to repression a year: Study

BSS, Dhaka

About four crore children fall victim to repression annually throughout the world, a recent study of the World Health Organisation (WHO) revealed.

Repression like physical and mental assaults as well as sexual harassment are committed on children irrespective of caste, creed and religion in almost all countries of the world, the study said.

The findings were mentioned in the key-note paper presented by Head of the Community Psychiatric Department of National Mental Health Institute Dr. A.H.M. Mostafizur Rahman at a workshop on "Influence of repression and violence on Children" on Thursday.

Held at the Conference room of the Institute, the inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by noted psychiatrist Prof. AKM Nazimuddin Chowdhury while Prof. Dr. Kazi Din Mohammad was the co-chairperson.

The workshop was organised by the National Mental Health Institute in observance of the "World Mental Health Day-2002" at the call of The World Federation for Mental Health which also selected the theme of this year's observance of the day as "Influence of repression and violence on children".

DR. Mostafizur Rahman, quoting a study conducted by DR. Fiklore of the USA on reports of sexual abuse on children in 19 countries, said that among the oppressed children, 7.36 per cent female and 3.29 per cent male fall victims of various sexual harassment. At least one children fall victim of sexual violence out of 6 children under 16 years.

The workshop was told that repression and violence exert mental effects on the children which is alarmingly increasing globally. The moral strength and social accountability of the people could help curb child abuse, they observed.

Complaint against union leaders Administrative activities at PDB hampered

UNB, Dhaka

A section of union leaders have allegedly put a stranglehold on senior officials at the Power Development Board (PDB) which the sufferers said impeded official function.

The group's interference in the administrative activities forces the senior officials to act at their dictate, according to a complaint lodged with the PDB chairman.

"Despite being Class III and Class IV employees, they never hesitate to threaten and hurl abuses at the senior officials and even collect toll from them," said one senior official of PDB requesting anonymity.

A number of power-wielding CBA leaders have been named in the complaint. "They have turned PDB offices into safe havens for their misdeeds while the higher authorities seem held hostage by them," the official said.

In the name of functions, they collect huge amounts of money from the officials and any refusal earns them insults. On behalf of contractors, they allegedly force the officials to sign documents and enjoy various other facilities using the names of different ministers.

"In most of the departments, there are four to five CBA representatives and 60 per cent of the employees do not perform their duties," another official told UNB.

Having been threatened by the CBA group, Zafar Ahmed, Director, Public Works, of PDB filed a written complaint with the power board chairman and other senior officials seeking security.

According to the complaint, a group recently entered his chamber and asked him for toll. They hurled abuses that also irked some other senior officials present.

"They also threatened him and asked him not to come to the office from October 1," an official said quoting Zafar's complaint.

Earlier, he added, the same group had demanded Tk 100,000 as toll from an engineer of the Chief Engineer's office whose refusal was rewarded with transfer.

12,000 Chinese torches seized

UNB, Dhaka

A patrol team of coastguards seized 12,000 rechargeable Chinese torches worth about Tk 12 lakh from an engine boat at Sitakunda coast on Thursday.

The team also seized foreign cigarettes worth Tk 3.36 lakh and current net worth Tk 6 lakh from Aslam point during the drive.

The goods were handed over to local customs office, said an official release.

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