

'Ctg dumping ground of 2-stroke polluters'

CU CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a dialogue have said Chittagong has turned into a city of garbage and dumping ground of banned two-stroke three-wheelers.

They said after the government's ban on the plying of those vehicles in the capital city of Dhaka, those polluters have started arriving here creating serious health hazard for the people of the port city.

The speakers were participating in a dialogue on the 'Government's efforts to prevent environment pollution in Dhaka: Distressed port city of Chittagong' held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium here on Sunday.

The Development of Resource Centre (DRC) organised the dialogue which was participated by cross section people and representatives of different NGOs.

Moderated by Shishir Dutta, executive director of Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Art, the dialogue was addressed by Mohammad Idris, former president of Chittagong Union of Journalist (CUJ), Shaiful Islam, country director of Action Aid, Mohammad Jahangir, general secretary of Bangladesh College University Teachers Association (BCUTA)

and Afroza Kalam, ward commissioner of Chittagong City Corporation.

Mohammad Idris said the government has no headache to prevent the environment pollution in other cities of the country including Chittagong.

He urged the government to ban the two-stroke three-wheelers in the port city immediately to prevent its environment pollution.

Mohammad Jahangir said no steps have been taken to save the city from pollution.

Polythene is still sold here in open market but the authorities concerned did not take any action.

He said the greenery of the port city has been disappearing quickly following the cutting of hills by a section of people in the name of housing estate. But no action was taken against them.

Afroza Kalam called upon the people of the port city to build up movement against the pollution of the city immediately.

Khoka visits puja mandaps

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday said all out measures were taken to ensure a congenial atmosphere for the celebration of the Durga Puja amid due religious solemnity and fervour in the city.

He said the highest number of puja mandaps were erected in the country, especially in the city, this year amid the highest security under the direct supervision of the home ministry.

The mayor said this while visiting puja mandaps in the city's Tanti Bazar, Shakhari Bazar, Banglabazar, Sutrapur and Kotwali thana areas.

The mandaps gatherings were also addressed by Home Minister Air-Vice Marshal (Retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury.

"The Hindus and Muslims are brothers in the country, there are nothing as minorities," Chowdhury said.

Truck kills cop in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police constable was killed and another injured when a speeding truck hit a tempo in front of Bangladesh Television Station at Rampura in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

Police said they were patrolling there aboard the ill-fated tempo.

Mohammad Sawhin Mia, 50, was crushed under the wheels of the truck numbering Dhaka Metro NO-6249. Havilder Ataur Rahman was injured in the accident.

Sawhin was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead.



Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed speaks at a seminar on 'Good governance and accountability', organised by News Network at CIRDP auditorium in the city yesterday.

Supply pry textbooks on time

Prof Jahanara tells NCTBB officials

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister's Adviser for Primary and Mass Education Prof Jahanara Begum yesterday asked the concerned officials to hand over the textbooks to the students on time to expedite the primary education.

She was speaking at a coordination meeting on distribution of textbooks at primary level for the academic year 2003 at the National Curriculum and Text Book Board (NCTBB).

She asked the concerned officials of the board and representatives of printing industry to work relentlessly so that the books can be handed over to the students on time at any cost.

Prof Jahanara said the standard of primary education has now come under question. The teachers should come forward to protect the standard of primary education, she added.

Presided over by NCTBB Chairman Prof Kabir Uddin Ahmed, the meeting was addressed by State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoq Milan. Secre-

tary of the Primary and Mass Education Division Prof Tahmina Hossain and Director General of Mass Education Department Moaddequl Islam.

Hasina begins Rajshahi tour today

UNB, Dhaka

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina embarks on a three-day organisational tour of Rajshahi division today on the occasion of divisional conference of her party to be held on Wednesday.

On her way to Rajshahi, Hasina will address a wayside meeting at Singra and a public meeting at Bonpara in Natore. She will stay at Rajshahi Circuit House.

The Awami League chief will attend Rajshahi divisional conference in the city tomorrow. This will be a second divisional conference her party. The first one was held in Sylhet.

She will address a protest meeting at Shimabari in Bogra on October 18 and return to the capital in the afternoon.

"We lack commitment. We are thinking for ourselves only, not for the country and the nation," adviser said and called upon the teachers to be more sincere and attentive in a bid to build an educated nation.

Milan said the primary textbooks for the year 2003 must reach the schools by November 30.

Milan said he would take necessary steps so that the presses, which have been engaged in printing the primary textbooks do not face power problem.

He said a good number of primary schools are in bad shape and many teachers don't take classes. The primary teachers should be more careful about it, he added.

The government has given the highest priority on education, and despite that if the rate of literacy is not increased, it will be painful, he said.

The state minister advised the teachers to concentrate on increasing literacy rate as well as to monitor the statistics of drop out.

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Division among pro-govt teachers at JU further widens

SHAMIM ASHRAF

Division among the pro-BNP teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) has further widened.

The campus is already heated up due to prolonged agitation by the JU Teachers' Association (JUTA) to realise their various demands.

The hardliner pro-BNP teachers led by Vice Chancellor Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmad excluded their rival group from the celebration of the first anniversary of alliance government on the campus on Thursday.

Earlier, the pro-BNP teachers of both factions welcomed the removal of the elected former VC Prof Abdul Bayes by a party-man Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmad on November 12 last year.

But the liberal faction changed their stance as the authorities ignored their opinion in different crucial decisions in favour of pro-Jamaat teachers.

At a meeting on September 2, they made a statement alleging that the activities of the hardliner-dominated university authorities had tarnished the image of the government.

Sources said the VC-led group created the division by joining hands with the pro-Jamaat teachers and ignoring the mainstream

pro-BNP teachers.

The JUTA began a non-cooperation movement against the authorities from September 16 to realise their 11-point demand which was supported by the liberal group along with pro-Awami League teachers.

Knowing about the squabble, Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk, urged the both factions to patch up their differences on September 21.

Hasina visits injured BCL leader at DMCH

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited the injured BCL leader Habibur Rahman Habib at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) to see his condition.

Habib has been undergoing treatment at DMCH after being injured in an attack at Keraniganj on October 5.

Sheikh Hasina talking to reporters after the visit said that leaders and workers of her party were being tortured across the country. People are being killed everyday, she said.

But the attitude of the hardliners remained same and in the face of JUTA movement, the VC removed Proctor Enamullah Parvez and appointed Prof Mojibar Rahman unilaterally.

Despite JUTA's long-standing demand for holding VC panel election, Prof Jasim Uddin did not announce its schedule saying that he would not do it before getting the approval of the Chancellor.

The VC also dilly-dallied to hold overdue polls to Senate, Syndicate, Deans, Finance Committee, Academic Council without showing any logical ground.

Meanwhile, the authorities dissolved the existing teachers' selection committees before their terms were expired and formed new committees of their own choice.

Besides, the authorities hurriedly appointed some 22 teachers, sources said.

Some senior pro-BNP teachers said the authorities' Jamaat ally has managed to appoint some nine Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists as lecturers.

The pro-Jamaat teachers are very active to appoint teachers hurriedly so that they can win the polls.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Mustahidur Rahman said the authorities are continuing the selection process for new teachers during the vacation.

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