

'Introduce Braille education'

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National Forum of Organisation Working with the Disabled (NFOWD)

yesterday urged the government to introduce special computer for visually impaired and cerebral palsy affected people so that they can receive general education like normal people.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club, the NFOWD leaders urged the government to initiate Braille Education by which a handicapped person can enter text in Braille with audio support through six keys of normal keyboard.

Braille is a software in Bangla which is especially designed for visually impaired and cerebral palsy affected persons. The software was invented by WEBEL Mediatronics Ltd of Kolkata.

"The disabled of India are receiving general education like normal people with the help of Braille system," said Khandaker Monirul Alam, president of NFOWD.

He suggested IT related education for disabled people and called upon the government to provide cluster allocation for them.

At present there are nearly 16 lakh disabled people in Bangladesh but only 15,000 of them are getting

education in selective subjects, said the speakers.

They said disabled people could be turned into human asset if proper training is provided to them.

People with disabilities require appropriate education and training followed by proper employment for their rehabilitation, NFOWD leaders noted.

The press conference was also addressed by NFOWD Secretary General AHM Noman Khan and Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury.

Attack on journalist in Rangamati

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A journalist was injured in an attack by some miscreants at Rangamati town on Thursday night.

Monirul Alam, correspondent of The Daily Star, came under attack when he was returning home.

He was rushed to Rangamati Sadar Hospital. He needed several stitches in his face.

A case has been filed against two youths - Tinku and Bachchu.



Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon forms a human chain on the 2nd Buriganga Bridge yesterday demanding steps to prevent encroachment on the Buriganga.

Bill to appoint PPs thru' PSC in next JS session: Moudud

BSS, Dhaka

The government has undertaken a plan to appoint public prosecutors (PPs) in different courts through Public Service Commission (PSC), said Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed.

"A bill to this effect will be placed in the next session of the Jatiya Sangsad," he said, adding that the new cadre service has been named 'Permanent Legal Service.'

Explaining the objectives of such a plan, Moudud Ahmed said

public prosecutors were still being appointed on an ad-hoc basis.

"They lose their jobs with the change of government," he said, adding that such trend was, in fact, hampering the normal course of activities in the field of legal affairs.

"That is why the government is very keen to finalise the process of their appointment through the Public Service Commission," he said while addressing a workshop on 'Violence against women: Procedural barriers to justice' yesterday.

Khan Foundation organised the workshop, with Minister for Science

and ICT and its Advisor Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan in the chair, Justice Mohammad Fazlul Karim, Australian Deputy High Commissioner Dr Michele Forster and secretary of the ministry Asaduzzaman also spoke.

The participants underscored the need for waging a countryside movement to resist violence against women.

They lauded the role of the government in protecting the women from violence but stressed enforcement of relevant laws for speedy trial of pending cases relating to violence against women.



Khan Foundation organised a workshop on 'Violence against women: Procedural barriers to justice' in the city yesterday. From left are Secretary Asaduzzaman, Advocate Rokhsana Khandaker, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed, Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, Justice Md Fazlul Karim, Australian Deputy High Commissioner Dr Michele Forster, and Additional Attorney General Abdur Razzak Khan.

Rare snake found in Srimongal forest

BSS, Dhaka

Experts of the ICUN, the World Conservation Union, have detected a rare and smallest snake known as slender coral in Lauachhara forest of Srimongal upazila in Sylhet.

A team of ICUN found the venomous snake during a bio-diversity observation mission in the forest on May 21 this year, a press release of ICUN said yesterday.

The snake is locally known as 'Sundari Prabal'. Its scientific name is Callophis Melanurus, ICUN sources said.

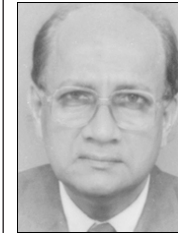
The snake is very small in size but a little fat-bodied than earthworm. Its tail is deep red and its back is dark brown with brown stripe on every scalp.

The head and shoulder of the snake are black and there are two tiny yellow marks on its head. There are black and white rings around the middle part of its body and a pair of bands near the tail are clearly visible.

When the snake gets alarmed, it raises its tail in the air but keep its head hidden, experts said.

Earlier, Dr Reza Khan, an eminent zoologist, also found a similar

Death anniversary



The eighth death anniversary of Justice Md Ansar Ali will be observed today, says a press release.

In his student life, Justice Ali was imprisoned in Rajshahi for his participation in the language movement.

Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his graveyard at Banani and at his village home in Naoagan district.

Noor Mohammad

Today is the second death anniversary of journalist Noor Mohammad, a former president of Narayanganj Press Club, says a press release.

A special correspondent of the Janakantha, he won award and accolades for his contribution to journalism.

He died of a cardiac arrest at his residence in Narayanganj in 2001.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Prof Md Abdul Kader, founder of Monthly Computer Jagat and deputy director (Training) of Directorate of Education, will be held today, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Basati Legacy, House-29, Road-6, Flat F-4, Dhanmondi, after Asr prayers.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qul.

species of coral snake in the Hazarikhil forest in Chittagong. But the snake again accidentally disappeared in the forest.

The slender coral usually lives

under the shedding leaves of trees in the damp land and rarely they come out during heavy rainfall. The snake lives on earthworm and other smaller snakes.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Courage Under Fire'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Discussion

A focussed group discussion on the 'State of Arsenic contamination in Bangladesh and exploring practical alternative solutions for safe drinking water', organised by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), will be held. Venue: FEJB conference room. Time: 11.00am.

Workshop

The opening ceremony of a workshop on Planning and organising NFE for poverty alleviation, organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, will be held. Venue: Mission auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.

Seminar

The inaugural session of a seminar on Professional health and security of farm labour, organised by Bangladesh Krishi Farm Sramik Federation, will be held. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.

Rotary Central

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary North West

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Convention

The leaders' convention of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) will be held with eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: IDEB seminar room, Kakrail. Time: 4.30pm.

Premiere show

The premiere show of a VCD on the Liberation War of Bangladesh and the inauguration of a Web Page, organised by Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research, will be held with Shah AMS Kibria, former finance minister, as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. Time: 4.00pm.

Meeting

The first general meeting and election of Bangladesh-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCCI) will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5.00pm.

Certificate giving ceremony

Bangla Academy will award certificate among the participants of a computer training course, organised by its technical training division. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 3.00pm.

Meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Karate Referee Association will be held. Venue: 5/2, Block-A, Lalmeta.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Triple X'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

REB conference

The inaugural ceremony of an international conference on the Socio-economic impact of Rural Electrification Programme will be held with Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10.00am.

Seminar

A seminar on Trends in development of Information Technology and opportunities for Bangladesh, organised by BRAC University, will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the university, Mohakhali. Time: 4.00pm.

Workshop

The inaugural session of a workshop on the 'Use of medicinal plants: Potentials and problems', organised by Drug Administration Directorate, will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Shaheed Zia auditorium, National Museum. Time: 10.30am.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 24.6 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:16am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	25.0	98	66
Chittagong	32.5	25.8	75	74
Rajshahi	33.6	26.8	86	77
Khulna	33.2	27.0	78	71
Barisal	31.6	26.7	84	86
Sylhet	32.0	26.0	82	73
Cox's Bazar	32.2	25.5	78	78