

# 'Publish probe body reports'

## Police atrocities on DU female students

DU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday demanded immediate publication of the judicial probe body report on the police atrocities on female students of Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University (DU) on the night of July 23 last year.

The discussion was organised by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Battala on the campus to press their demands for punishment to those responsible for the incident.

Blaming the ruling BNP-Jamaat government for shelving the report, the BCL leaders said the government had been trying to dodge with the sentiment of the general students.

Presided over by the BCL DU unit President Delwar Hossain, the discussion was participated by AL leaders Sultan Mohammad Monsur, Mukul Bosh, Segupta, Yeasmin Emily, Prof Hossain Monsur, Prof Anwar Hossain, BCL leaders Liakat

Sikder, Nazrul Islam Babu and Hemayet Uddin Khan Himu.

Bangladesh Chhatra Federation held an exhibition of photos and newspaper reports on the incident.

Cultural platform Against Torture also held a discussion to express solidarity with the demands of the students.

Dr Akmol Hossain, Abdul Motin and Amirun Nuzhat Monisha took part in the discussion.

## 1992 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,992 people, including 15 listed criminals, from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered 12 firearms, seven other weapons and 14 bullets.



Family members of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, including Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana, pay tribute to the martyrs of the War of Liberation at the National Memorial in Savar yesterday.

# Call for regional cooperation to check trafficking in women, children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an international conference yesterday called for regional cooperation to check trafficking in women and children in order to prevent spread of HIV/AIDS.

Expressing concern over the alarming rate of trafficking in women and children, they said this growing trend would push the country towards more vulnerable position in terms of AIDS contamination.

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Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain inaugurated the two-day conference on 'Interrelation between Trafficking in Women and Children and HIV/AIDS: South Asian Perspective', organised by the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA).

The minister said a large number of women and children are being trafficked to India, Pakistan and the Middle East countries.

And most of them got affected

## BRAC relief operation in flood-hit areas

BSS, Dhaka

BRAC is now carrying out its relief operation in the flood affected areas of Madaripur, Tangail, Manikganj, Narsingdi and part of Rajbari and Dhaka Sadar.

Home-baked roti, chira-molasses, saline, water purification tablets and medicines are being distributed regularly among the flood affected people in these districts, a BRAC press release said.

Besides, a BRAC medical team is monitoring diarrhoeal situation for providing immediate treatment in the affected areas, the press release said.

## Death anniversary



The eighth death anniversary of Anisul Islam, a litterateur and social worker, will be observed today, says a press release.

Milad mahfils will be held at his

Rayer Bazaar residence in the city and at his family mosque at Radhanagar in Pabna after Asr prayers today.

Another milad mahfil will be held at the Bangladesh Survey Organisation Limited at House # 34/A, Road # 4, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

## Md Azizur Rahman



The second death anniversary of Mohammad Azizur Rahman, former DGM of Janata Bank, will be observed today, says a press release.

A qurankhwani and feeding of destitute people will be held at his Lalmatia residence.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

## Mustafa Haroon



The first death anniversary of Mustafa Haroon, a noted journalist and writer, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a discussion will be held at the Bhola Zila Parishad auditorium at 7.00 pm, with Deputy Commissioner of Bhola Kabir Md Ashraf Alam in the chair.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the discussion.

by HIV/AIDS as they are forced to prostitution, slavery and sex slavery, he added.

The minister emphasised the need for raising awareness about the deadly disease to check its spread as Bangladesh has been identified as 'high-risk country'.

The government has set up 98 centres for blood screening to prevent the spread of AIDS, he added.

Major General Dr. ASM Matiur Rahman said the women and children become more vulnerable to HIV/AIDS after being trafficked to another country as they do not have control over their profession and working environment.

Several socio-economic factors like poverty, low-level of literacy, gender inequality, high density of population, and increased mobility made the South Asian region more vulnerable to AIDS epidemic, he said.

He called for proper law enforcement, gender equality and empowerment of women to reduce the vulnerability of women and children to HIV/AIDS.

In his keynote paper, Prof.

Nazrul Islam of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University said that Bogra, Brahmanbaria, Chapainawabganj, Cox's Bazar, Dhaka, Dinajpur, Gopalganj, Jessore, Lalmonirhat, Mymensingh, Narayanganj and Satkhira have been identified as areas from where the women and children are picked up.

He said India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan are also facing the trafficking problem and organised crime syndicates are involved in this crime.

Ashok K Rao of Freedom Foundation, India, emphasised the need for proper rehabilitation of the trafficking survivors.

He said that HIV-positive people face stigma, discrimination and exploitation in the society and they are deprived of human rights.

He called for showing more sympathetic attitude towards them.

Representatives from India and Pakistan and national and international NGOs took part in the conference.



## Fall in day temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls may occur at places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions. Day temperature may fall slightly over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 37.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Syedpur and Bogra and lowest 25.4 degree at Faridpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:45pm today and rises at 5:25am 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	34.5	34.5	25.8	95	62
Chittagong	33.4	33.4	26.5	81	80
Rajshahi	34.6	34.6	27.5	72	73
Khulna	34.5	34.5	27.8	83	97
Barisal	33.5	33.5	27.8	89	91
Sylhet	36.3	36.3	27.7	74	69
Cox's Bazar	33.0	33.0	27.0	82	70



ORCA Blood for Life organised a voluntary blood donation camp at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) on Wednesday. UAP Vice-Chancellor Prof. MR Kabir was present as chief guest.