

# City generates 3,000 tons of solid waste a day

### Jica study says

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The Dhaka city generates 3,000 tons of household and commercial waste daily, according to a survey by Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica).

Of the total waste, household waste accounts for 2000 tons.

The Dhaka City Corporation dumps around 1380 tons of waste at its lone dumping site at Matuail in Demra while 1260 tons are dumped illegally at unidentified sites and 360 tons are recycled.

A Jica study team that conducted the survey revealed the findings yesterday at a meeting to review the progress of pilot projects on sustainable management of solid wastes of the city.

A three-member advisory committee of Jica, now in Dhaka, expressed dissatisfaction with the working system.

At the meeting, the members observed that it would not be possible for Jica to work alone on the solid waste issue without strengthening the institutional part of the DCC.

On a suggestion from the Jica study team, the DCC recently formed a separate Solid Waste Division for effective management of solid waste, but it is yet to deploy manpower in the division.

Dr K Nagayama, team leader, Jica study team, hoped that the DCC, with its highest management and technical efforts, would be able to dispose of 60 percent of daily waste by 2015, the target year of the study.

Currently, the DCC disposes of 31 percent of the total waste.

Murata Takuya, a member of the advisory committee, said community support and its active cooperation is a must to manage solid wastes properly.

Dr A Sato of Jica study team presented a report on a pilot project on

community-based solid waste management and K Urushibata presented another report on a pilot project on management information system of DCC on solid waste management.

Dr Mitsuo Yoshida, chairman of the advisory committee, DCC Chief Executive Officer Dr MAMomen, Chief Conservancy Officer Commander Sohel Faouque and DCC's Solid Waste Management Cell Coordinator Anwar Hossan Patwary were also present at the meeting held at the mayor's conference room at the DCC.

The study on solid waste, involving Tk 13 crore and 30 lakh, will be completed in March next year.

It will mainly focus on municipal waste that includes households and commercial waste.

The study will also provide a guideline for the management of hospital and industrial waste of the capital, according to sources.



PHOTO: STAR  
Jatiya Oikya Mancha chief Dr Kamal Hossain speaks at a seminar on "National Unity for National Security" at Mahanagar Natya Mancha in the city yesterday. On his left is Rashed Khan Menon and on his right are Haji Abdus Samad and Mujahidul Islam Selim.

## Free accommodation for cancer patients

BSS, Dhaka

Mosabbir Cancer Care Centre, a project of the Mosabbir Memorial Foundation, yesterday said they would offer free accommodation facilities for cancer patients coming from outside Dhaka during their stay in the capital for treatment purpose.

The Centre said it would also offer medicines and carry out medical tests at a reduced cost and urged the patients to contact "Proshanti," Mosabbir Cancer Care Centre at House No. 37/1, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi or Phone No. 9669917, 9676502.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Workshop on acid violence

Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastabayan Sangstha organises a workshop on 'Role of the government and people in preventing acid violence'. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

### Debate competition

The inaugural ceremony of the Tibet-Prothom Alo Viqarunnisa Noon Debating Club 11th Inter-school, 9th Inter-club and 1st Child Debate Competition will be held. Venue: Viqarunnisa Noon auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 3.30pm.

### Workshop on debating

The Debating Club of IUB in association with the Multimedia University organises a three-day workshop on debating. Venue: IUB campus at Baridhara. Time: Inauguration at 9.30am.

### Film show

Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Hum Tum' (2004) and 'Kill Bill Volume-2' (2004). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

### Indian film

The High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Devdas'. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House-25, Road-96, Gulshan-2.

### Seminar on microfinance

Credit and Development Forum and Plan Bangladesh jointly organise a National Dissemination Seminar on 'Microfinance innovation for the poor and extreme poor'. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 9.00am.

### Memorial meeting

Bangalee Sangskriti Kendra will hold a meeting in memory of Prof Humayun Azad, an eminent writer and teacher of Dhaka University. Venue: R C Majumder Hall, Arts Building. Time: 11.00am.

### Mourning procession

Students, teachers and employees of marketing department, Dhaka University, will take out a mourning procession in memory of two students who died in a road accident on Monday. Venue: Business Studies faculty. Time: 11.30am.

### Rally

The Alliance Against World Bank Immunity will hold a rally to protest the government decision to enact a law giving the World Bank immunity. Venue: In front of the National Museum, Shaheed. Time: 2.30pm.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

### Milad mahfil

Barisal Bibhag Sangbadik Samity will hold a milad mahfil in memory of its vice-president Khandaker Quamrul Huda, a photojournalist, columnist and writer. Venue: National Press Club. Time: After

# AL trying to portray Bangladesh as 'fundamentalist country': Bhuiyan

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LGRD and Cooperative Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday accused the Awami League of carrying out a propaganda campaign in a bid to portray Bangladesh as a 'fundamentalist country'.

The AL is actually tainting the country's image abroad while trying to undermine the BNP for its political gains, he said.

Bhuiyan, also the general secretary of BNP, was addressing a discussion organised by the Hindu Buddhist Christian Welfare Trust at the Engineers' Institute auditorium on the occasion of Janmastami, a Hindu religious festival marking the birth of Lord Krishna.

The minister alleged that the AL did not want a fair investigation into the August 21 grenade attack on its rally as it was trying to project Bangladesh as a 'terrorist country'.

"A democratic country like Bangladesh cannot be identified as a terrorist country if it witnesses only a handful of terrorist activities," he added.

"Some incidents of bomb blasts took place in the country during our rule and we could not track down the criminals. It may be our failure, but what about the



PHOTO: STAR  
BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan speaks at a discussion organised by the Hindu Buddhist Christian Welfare Trust at the Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city yesterday on the occasion of Janmastami.

bomb blasts that took place during the AL rule," Bhuiyan said.

The LGRD minister also said the negative propaganda of the opposition parties was scaring off the foreign investors.

BNP Joint Secretary Goyeshwar Chandra Roy said political parties in Bangladesh sometimes use religion to

go to power.

Presided over by State Minister for Water Resources Goutam Chakraborty, the meeting was also addressed by joint secretaries of Hindu Buddhist Christian Welfare Front Prof Sukamal Barua, Prof Paresh Chandra Mandal and Pramath Ranjan Biswas.

## Obituary

Anwara Jalal, wife of late Molla Jalaluddin Ahmed, a former minister, died of a cardiac arrest on Tuesday, says a press release.

She is survived by her only son Zahid Ahmed.

She was buried at Banani graveyard.

Her qulkhwani will be held at her home at 23/5 Jigatola (near Sonali Bank) after Asr prayers on September 10.

## Death anniversary

Today is the second death anniversary of Bazul Karim, former managing director of Bangladesh Gas Fields and Company and general manager of PetroBangla, says a press release.

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