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Leaders of six youth organisations exchange views on current political situation with the leaders of Workers Party of Bangladesh at its office yesterday.

Watch team to stop torture on rural women

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Village Watch Team will be set up to help prevent torture on women in rural areas.

This was stated at a meeting organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad at Sufia Kamal Bhaban yesterday to share the experiences and obstacles of its district representatives while resisting violence against women.

The speakers said team members will be given training for smooth discharge of their duties.

They will also be provided adequate support if they face any problem from any quarters, the speakers added.

They said attack on women is increasing at an alarming rate while the nature of violence is also changing to escape the arrest.

'The criminals are inventing more ferocious and brutal ways to unleash torture on women', said Ayesha Khanam, general secretary of the parishad.

She attributed the repression on women to the limitation of existing laws and lack of interest on the part of the authorities concerned.

A new way of torture on women has emerged with police atrocities on women activists during political procession and rally, said Advocate Masuda Rehana Begum, legal aid secretary of the parishad.

Most of the district representatives complained that they had to face serious pressure from higher quarters.

Tribute paid to freedom fighter Abdul Wahab

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Freedom fighters at a discussion yesterday paid glowing tribute to their fellow fighter Subedar Abdul Wahab whose success in every operation during the Liberation War inspired many.

Wahab was a man of great courage and profound wisdom, they said and recalled his successes in the battlefield.

The Liberation War Museum organised the discussion in his memory on its premises in the city.

Wahab, son of a schoolteacher of a rural family in Comilla, was awarded Bir Bikram and made honorary captain for his courageous role in the battlefield.

Although he was known as a man smaller than his weapon, Light Machine Gun (LMG), his wisdom and fortitude were instrumental in the success of every operation, the speakers said.

Sahadat Chowdhury, a freedom fighter and editor of Saptahik 2000, said Wahab's success stories always inspired the fighters during the war.

"When I met Wahab during the war, my courage got a boost," he recalled.

The battle that Wahab fought would be known as "Wahab's war", he said.

Major (Rtd) Qamrul Hasan Bhuiyan said Wahab was not only a courageous fighter, but also veteran soldier.

The officers could also depend on him because of his talent and honesty, Qamrul said.

Major General (Rtd) Amin Ahmed Chowdhury Bir Bikram and Mofidul Haque, a member of the museum trustee board, also spoke.

A model of war field map covering Kosba, Salda river and Companyganj areas was put on display at the programme. Wahab carried out his operations in these areas.