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Rafiqul Islam and Mir Mohammed Swaki Kaosar were elected president and general secretary of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association (Cuetta).

The election to the Association was held on Wednesday. The other office-bearers are Ibrahim Khan, Quamrul Hasan, Quamruzzaman, Shah Ashidur Rahman, Ashrafuzzaman, Abdul Wazed and Dr Badius Salam.



Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding steps to free rivers and canals from pollution and encroachment.

Save Mongla Port: CPB

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) President Manzurul Ahsan Khan at a rally demanded that the government immediately take steps to develop and rejuvenate the Mongla Port for the survival of about 50,000 employees and labourers of the area.

'Save the Mongla Port Implementation Committee', an action group working to protect the port from ruination, organised the rally on the Shaheed Minar premises in Mongla yesterday.

The CPB chief also called for formation of special cells at the port in order to get rid of corruption and mismanagement and to set up a deep-sea port at Akram point, if necessary.

Manzurul urged the prime minister to visit the port and take necessary steps after consulting the local leaders. He also called for a greater unity of the people to protect their rights.

Presided over by Mongla Port Municipality Chairman Mollah Abdul Jalil, the rally was addressed, among others, by Sheikh Moniruzzaman, HM Shahadat Hossain, Julfiker Ali, Abdur Rahman and Mohammad Nur Alam.

Meanwhile, women wing of the CPB Dhaka committee organised a discussion at the party office in the capital yesterday to mark the International Women's Day.

Speakers at the discussion spoke on the existing disparity, torture and exploitation of women in our society and called on all to get united against such heinous acts.

Presided over by Umme Hani Khanam, the seminar was also addressed by CPB General Secretary Muzahidul Islam Selim.

Muzahidul said building a new communist society could help overcome such problems.

'Ensure maternity care for working women'

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for ensuring maternity care for working women.

The protection of this right will provide equal opportunities and facilities for women in their workplace, they added.

The seminar titled 'Working women's rights to maternity care' was organised jointly by Karmojibi Nari and Agrajatra at the Chittagong Press Club auditorium.

Speaking as chief guest at the seminar, City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury stressed the need for creating awareness among the people to protect the rights of working women.

He said women workers are harassed both at home and workplace due to lack of maternity leave.

President of Karmojibi Nari Shirin Akhter said maternity care is very important in protecting the rights of women workers.

She demanded four-month maternity leave with 20 percent maternity allowance for working mothers.

Unicef Representative Alamgir Bhuyian, President of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal Nazim Uddin Chowdhury, and Advocate Mesbah Uddin also spoke.