

'Raise public awareness for safe migration'

Experts tell workshop

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Raise public awareness to facilitate safe migration, said the migrant experts at a workshop in the city yesterday.

They also called for identifying the ways to create awareness of the potential pitfalls of irregular migration.

Organised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the workshop was attended by the

representatives of different migrants' associations, ministries, UN agencies, NGOs, and airlines.

AKM Shamsuddin, secretary-in-charge of expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry, was the chief guest while Md Shahidul Haque, regional representative of IOM for South Asia, chaired the inaugural session.

The participants discussed the civil society's role in raising aware-

ness at the community level to help the potential migrants know the risks and realities of irregular migration as well as the safer ways of migration, said a press release of the IOM.

They also discussed a draft manual, being developed by the IOM, to assist the grassroots level workers of various civil society organisations to raise awareness among the potential migrants.



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Winners of a painting and handwriting competition pose for photograph at the Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium yesterday. The National Museum organised the competition to mark the Independence Day.

'Set up national public relations institution'

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Speakers at a reunion yesterday urged the government to set up a national public relations institution well equipped with Information Communication and Technology (ICT) for advanced training purposes of the public relations officers (PROs) in the country.

The reunion of Bangladesh Public Relations Association (BPRA) was held at Biam auditorium to mark its silver jubilee.

PROs from different government and non-government sectors

emphasised on elevating the position of PROs and said the position should be included as a member of management.

"It is urgent to set up a national PRO institution and recognise the PRO as specialised profession for an improved information flow," said Mostafa-e-Jamil, president of BPRA.

The reunion was attended, among others, by Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest, BPRA founder Nurul Islam and Public Relations Society of India President Samir Goshami.

DCC renames road after MA Rabb

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The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday renamed another road from Science Laboratory to Peelkhana BDR gate as Bir Uttam MA Rabb Road after late major general (retd.) MA Rabb.

In a bid to introduce great freedom fighters to the new generation, the DCC had recently taken the initiative of renaming five city roads after five sector commanders of the Liberation War.

As part of that drive, the DCC on Monday renamed the road from Panthapath-Sonargaon crossing to Russell Square as Bir Uttam Quazi Nuruzzaman Road, and on Sunday it renamed the link road from Mohakhali crossing at Jal Khabar to Gulshan Circle-1 as Bir Uttam AK Khandaker Road after the sector commanders.

On behalf of the late Rabb, City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday unveiled the name plaque of the Bir Uttam MA Rabb Road at Peelkhana BDR gate No. 1 in presence of the State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Md Rezaul

Karim, among others.

Renaming of two other roads are on the cards, the DCC sources said.

On Thursday the road from Tejgaon Nabisco to Gulshan Circle-2 will be renamed after Bir Uttam Mir Shawkat Ali, commander of Sector 5.

The date to rename the road from the Kantaban crossing to the Sonargaon crossing via Hatirpool will be fixed later after the arrival of major general (retd.) Bir Uttam CR Datta from abroad, according to sources.

1,762 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,762 people on various charges from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours as of 6.00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers recovered seven firearms, 16 other weapons, 35 bullets and two explosives and filed 10 cases against 23 people under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.