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Review meet on Aids prevention project

An annual review meeting on the project 'Prevention of HIV/Aids among young people in Bangladesh' was held in the city on Sunday, says a press release.

The Save the Children-USA and implementing partners of the project organised the meeting to mark the end of Year-1, with AFM Sarwar Kamal, secretary of the health ministry, as the Chief Guest.

Additional director general of Health Services, line director of National Aids/STD programme (NASP), joint secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, chief of planning, Ministry of Education, CCM members and representatives from USAID, DFID, UNAIDS, Unicef and implementing partners attend the meeting.

Sarwar Kamal expressed his satisfaction about the progress of the project achieved so far.

The health & family welfare ministry received a fund from the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis & Malaria (GFATM) to implement the project.

The project aims to ensure that young people have the knowledge, skills and services that they need to protect themselves from HIV/Aids.

The Save the Children-USA, a management agency, is working with NGO/private sector partners to implement the project.

FFs' human chain from Kushtia to Mujibnagar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

About 30,000 freedom fighters formed a 71-kilometre human chain from Kushtia town to Mujibnagar in Meherpur yesterday to press for their 11-point demand.

Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Oikya Parishad organised the programme. The freedom fighters came from different southwestern districts, including Kushtia, Jhenidah, Magura, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Rajbari, Faridpur, Pabna and other districts across the country.

The freedom fighters formed the chain displaying placards, festoons and banners to voice their demands.

They demanded the government to declare freedom fighters as 'national pride forces' and VIP-honoured; to pay Tk three lakh as a one time allowance as well as a regular allowance; to ensure strict accountability at every section of state; and their representation at the government development coordination and district law and order committee. The demands also included the formation of an impartial Muktiyoddha Sangsad, five percent of seats in parliament for freedom fighters, a 30 percent quota in jobs and educational institutions for their children and at least 3-katha of government land for each of them.

The freedom fighters asked for an immediate fulfillment of their demands. They also sent letters to the president, prime minister, leader of the opposition, speaker and minister for freedom fighters affairs.

HABIGANJ BY-ELECTION All Nominations valid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet.

Nomination papers of all five candidates contesting for Habiganj-3 constituency were found valid after scrutiny yesterday. The Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer for the by-election, scheduled for 25 April scrutinized the nomination papers, official sources informed.

The candidates are Abu Lais Mohammad Mubin Chowdhury of BNP, Abdul Muktedir Chowdhury Oku of Jatiya Party (Ershad), Krishak Mohammad Sadeque (Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan), Syed Mamun Miah (independent) and Mokbul Hossain (independent).

Muktadir is the former district joint secretary of JP (Ershad). Last date for the withdrawal of nominations is April 7.



Dr Kit V Arom, director and chief cardiac surgeon of Bangkok Heart Hospital, speaks at a discussion on Advancement in Cardiac Surgery at the VIP lounge of National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Discussion on cardiac diseases

Speakers discussed various aspects of cardiac diseases at a discussion meeting on Advancement in Cardiac Surgery, held in the city yesterday.

Organized by the National Press Club, the meeting was held at its VIP lounge at 10:00am.

Press Club President Reazuddin Ahmed presided it over while General Secretary Shaikat Mahmood delivered the welcome address.

The main speaker in the discussion, Dr Kit V Arom, director and chief cardiac surgeon of Bangkok Heart Hospital, pointed out various important aspects regarding prevention, treatments and other areas of cardiac diseases.

Dr Asit Baran Adhikary, director and chief cardiac surgeon of Khawja Yunus Ali Medical College Hospital of Sirajganj gave a presentation on various cardiac diseases and their treatments.

International Marketing Executive of Bangkok Hospital Jane Bailey was present at the discussion, which was conducted by Saiful Alam, convener of Seminar Sub-committee and Farid Hossain, senior vice president of the Press Club.

Prisoner dies in Sylhet jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An under-trial prisoner died in the Sylhet Central Jail on Tuesday.

Shahabul, 27, son of Abdul Haque of village Kala Sripur under Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj district, had been in the jail for the last few weeks in a police-case.

He died at 2:45am and the jail authority handed him over to Kotwali police. He was sent to the Osmani Medical College morgue on the same day.

His body was handed over to his family yesterday. The reason behind the death could not be ascertained immediately.

1,684 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,684 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 nine firearms, one other weapon, 338 bullets and two bombs and filed one case under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.