



Road named after CR Dutta

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The road stretching from Sonargaon Hotel intersection to Katabon intersection in the city has been named after Sector Commander CR Dutta Bir Uttam as a recognition of his great contribution to the liberation war.

CR Dutta himself unveiled the name plaque of the road yesterday in presence of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Prof Rezauul Karim.

"I feel really proud and thank the government for paying honour to the freedom fighters by naming different city roads after their names," said CR Dutta after unveiling the plaque at Sonargaon Hotel intersection.

"To keep the memories of the freedom fighters alive to the next generation, the government has taken the initiative," said Mayor Sadeque Hossain.

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Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka offers munajat after CR Dutta Bir Uttam, a sector commander during the War of Liberation, unveiled the name plaque of a road named after him by the Dhaka City Corporation yesterday.

Evict encroachers from DND area: Badruddoza

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Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday demanded a permanent solution to the problem of waterlogging inside the Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) embank-

ment and eviction of the illegal encroachers from the embankment.

The government has been creating suffering for the people, instead of bringing welfare to them, he said at a discussion organised by the Bikalpa Jubodhara in the city.

The BDB chief alleged that rela-

tives of many ministers have illegally grabbed lands in the DND area and set up mills and factories. Although eviction drives have been conducted several times, these mills and factories have been spared, he added.

He also called for army's direct role in the efforts to remove the

waterlogging problem facing the residents of DND area.

BDB Joint Secretary General Feroz M Hasan and Organising Secretary Mahi B Chowdhury MP also spoke at the discussion chaired by Jubodhara Convenor ATM Kamal.

50pc deliveries of adolescent mothers end in fatality

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Around 50 percent deliveries of infant born to young or adolescent mothers end in fatality, revealed an official document at a seminar yesterday.

The document said mortality rate, when compared with the deliveries taking place among the mothers in the age group 20-29, is lesser largely due to better nutritional status and physical growth.

The seminar on 'Reproductive Health Initiative for Youth in Asia (RHIYA)', a project of European Union/Unfpa, was held at a city hotel.

Sharing lessons learnt from the project, the speakers said establishment of adolescent resource centres and their management by youth and adolescents with the help of adults have proven to be more

effective.

They said establishment of adolescent resource centres at the community level with the active participation of the community also resulted in a feeling of ownership among the adolescents and youth.

They pointed out that peer training as well as life-skill training help adolescents take proper decision in the vulnerable situation and develop interpersonal communications.

The seminar, participated by a large number of adolescents from various districts, discussed performance of RHIYA project being implemented in collaboration with national and international non-government organisations in 24 urban sites in 17 districts with Unfpa support.

RHIYA is focussing on six main components- Umbrella project and support units, promoting healthy

lifestyles, empowering adolescents with reproductive health and sexual health decisions, widen services for the poor and most vulnerable societies and strengthening community linkages.

Health Secretary A F M Sarwar Kamal chaired the seminar attended by Unfpa Representative to Bangladesh Suneeta Mukherjee.

President okays Tax Ombudsman Bill, 2005

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday assented to the 'Tax Ombudsman Bill, 2005' passed in the 17th session of the 8th Parliament, said an official release.

YOUTH FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMME

30 schoolteachers leave for Japan

BSS, Dhaka

Thirty schoolteachers at primary and secondary levels left for Japan yesterday to see the teaching method there.

The teachers will stay three weeks in Japan and be acquainted with its culture, people, heritage, language, teaching method, food and hospitality, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) sources said.

JICA, a major technical assistance provider, has trained 354 teachers, doctors, nurses and medical staffs, civil servants, journalists and small entrepreneurs under the Youth Friendship Programme since 1991.

Youth Friendship is a programme that originally started in mid eighties with six southeast Asian countries, but south Asia was included in early nineties to foster peace and stability in Asia and beyond through mutual exchange.

So far it has taken 21,507 youths from 120 countries under different programmes, including the Youth Friendship between 1984 and 2002 including 4,450 from Bangladesh.

Resident Representative of JICA Akio Arai told the teachers at a pre-departure ceremony on Monday that JICA has been giving inputs to improve the quality of education not only through Bangladeshi teachers' training in Japan, but also dispatching Japanese volunteers to Bangladesh.

At present 13 Japanese volunteers, known as JOCV, have been providing training to primary and high school teachers on science and mathematics at different institutes, he said adding, quality education is key to Bangladesh's future.