

Protect archaeological sites of Panamnagar

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Save Panam Citizens' Committee formed a human chain yesterday in front of Narayangonj Press Club demanding protection of three hundred year-old archaeological sites of Panamnagar at Sonargaon in Narayangonj.

The programme was organised as a reaction to the recent collapse of a building of archaeological importance.

Local political leaders from all parties and members of civil society attended the programme spontaneously and demanded effective and pragmatic government measures to protect the site.

They will hold a rally on October 24 at Panamnagar.



Taraman Bibi Bir Pratik inaugurates People's Caravan for Justice and Sovereignty 2005 at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

BNP has failed to meet its election pledges: AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Obaidul Quader, acting general secretary of the main opposition Awami League (AL), yesterday said failures of the BNP-Jamaat-led coalition to run the country are so grave that even the grassroots level leaders of the BNP have been criticising the government.

In a statement Quader said the ruling alliance did not meet any of the pledges it made before the last general election including curbing of corruption and improvement of law and order.

"Instead, the alliance men are

involved in unabated corruption and terrorism," he said adding, "Some of the ministers are accused of giving protection to the Islamic militants."

The AL leader also blamed the soaring prices of essentials every hour on the profit motive of the BNP-Jamaat government that aggravated the plight of the commoners.

"A famine like situation (Monga) is prevailing in country's northern region, but the government is totally indifferent to it and busy to make brisk money through corruption," the statement said.



Supreme Court Bar Association President Mahubey Alam speaks at a press conference at the Bar Association office in the city yesterday.

WTO MEETING IN HONG KONG

Caravan for Justice starts journey

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People's Caravan for Justice and Sovereignty 2005 started its journey for Hong Kong yesterday as elsewhere in Asia with an aim to establishing justice and people's sovereignty and protesting the WTO Ministerial meeting.

The journey started to mark the International Day for Poverty Eradication and will meet other countries of Asia in December on the WTO Hong Kong ministerial premises.

Speakers at the inaugural session at the National Press Club in the city said the WTO and TNC (Trans-National Companies) aimed at de-industrialise the developing countries by plundering the resources and making them captive markets.

They expressed concern over globalisation in the name of 'Free Trade' disenfranchising the people of Less Developed Countries (LDCs) in decision-making and displacing them of their culture, indigenous knowledge system and dignity.

They urged the civil society to take part in the movement against the WTO regime to save the oppressed nations of the world.

Khadda Sharbovoumo Network, Khadda Sharbovoumo Gono Alliance and Noyakrishi Andalon jointly organised the programme.

Taraman Bibi Bir Pratik inaugurated the movement and Professor Abdur Razzak, MP was present as chief guest.

Suranjit Sengupta MP and Professor Alauddin MP addressed the programme as special guests.

Bus robbery in city

UNB, Dhaka

Armed robbers looted cash and valuables worth Tk 1.63 lakh from the passengers of a Pirojpur-bound bus at Dholaijar in the city yesterday morning.

Police said, the bandits, in the guise of passengers, got into the bus, from near Kafiluddin Filling Station at 9:20am and snatched cash and valuables, including gold ornaments and mobile phone sets, from the passengers at gunpoint.

After completing their mission, the robbers got down from the bus and fled safely with the booty.

The bus left Sayedabad bus terminal for Bhandaria.

Meanwhile, passengers caught the driver and the supervisor of the bus, informed a police patrol team and handed them over to the law enforcers suspecting their involvement with the gangsters.

Police quoting the passengers said the robbers embarked on the bus as driver Mizanur Rahman stopped the bus near the filling station and supervisor Md Aslam opened the gate despite their protest.

Both the driver and supervisor could not give any satisfactory answer of the passengers' questions that why they stopped the bus on that place, as it was not the stoppage, police added.

A case has been filed with police.