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Members of the Rapid Action Battalion make a youth squat on a footpath repeatedly while holding his ears as punishment, after he beat a rickshawpuller in a dispute over fare at Madhya Badda in the city yesterday.

35,000 women die of breast cancer a year

AMCH launches special poster

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a bid to create awareness about breast cancer, Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) yesterday released a special poster as part of its month-long awareness programme.

National Professor Dr M R Khan released the four-colour attractive poster containing a slogan 'Breast cancer can be completely cured' along with some simple awareness messages at a function at the auditorium of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) Bhaban in the city.

Speaking as chief guest, Dr M R Khan said 35 thousand women die of breast cancer every year in the country and around 1.20 lakh women have been suffering from breast cancer but the tendency to keep the disease a secret allows the cancer to spread where it is curable if detected at early stage.

He said there should be elaborate arrangements to create awareness as well as facilities for early detection and primary treatment of the disease.

Pointing to the problem of rural women's shyness in visiting male physicians, Dr Khan suggested appointment of more female physicians in rural areas.

Presiding over the function, DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said AMCH has been observing the month through

various activities such as press conference, human chain, roundtable, awareness campaigns in girls' schools, colleges and university halls as well as at its own mass centres at grassroots level.

Rafiqul Alam said a 7-member team of AMCH led by him will meet the health minister today to submit a representation urging the government to create special facilities for breast cancer detection and treatment in the

country.

AMCH Director Prof Md Abdul Hye said awareness is very crucial as most of the breast cancer patients come to the doctors very late.

Ex-health secretary and Managing Director of the mission M Fazlur Rahman and Public Relations Director Prof Nurul Islam also spoke at the function.



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'Govt has no right to stay in power'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said the BNP-led four-party alliance government has no right to stay in power even for a moment as it has failed to meet the basic needs of the people like food, clothing, water, electricity and security.

"Alliance government could not meet any demands of the countrymen because the prime minister herself does not know who run the administration. In her address to the nation a few days ago, she herself admitted that her government is failing to capture the offenders as administrators and

law enforcers do not obey her orders," said the former president at an Iftar party.

He said the prime minister, other ministers, legislators and workers of the alliance government are involved in huge corruption pushing the country to the top of the 'corruption' list for the fifth time in a row.

"The nation now needs honest, patriotic and competent leaders to save the country from the misrule of the BNP-Jamaat alliance government," said Badruddoza.

He said only a national government comprising honest and patriotic leaders can save the country and countrymen from the clinch of what he termed 'tyrant' BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government.

Seeking divine blessings, Badruddoza said, "O Allah, please save our country and countrymen from the misrule of the 'tyrant' alliance government and give us ability to oust it from the power and make the country free from all kinds of torture, repression and discrimination."

Bikalpa Jubo Dhara organised the party at BDB central office in the city.

BDB Secretary General Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan, Dr Nurul Amin Bepari, Moral Amjad Hossain, ATM Kamal, Sheikh Shahiduzzaman, Lion Wazed Ali Chowdhury, Asaduzzamn Bachchu, Jahangir Alam Nisi, Advocate Shah Ahmed Badal and Advocate Sabera Begum also spoke on the occasion.

JU ADMISSION

Distribution of forms postponed over protest

JU CORRESPONDENT

The distribution of admission forms under 2005-2006 academic sessions at Jahangirnagar University (JU) remained suspended yesterday, on the first day of form distribution, due to a protest by Progotisheel Chhatra Jote (PSJ) against the price hike of admission forms.

The activists of PSJ, a conglomerate of left-leaning student bodies, laid a siege to the Agrani bank branches at Fargate, Shahbag and JU. They launched the programme at 9:00am simultaneously on campus and in the capital and prevented the concerned officials from selling the forms while the applicants thronged there to collect forms were baffled and uncertain about admission test at JU.

The agitators vowed to continue their protest until the increased price is reduced. The price of each admission form was Tk 250 last year while this year it is fixed at Tk 300.

JU VC Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman said, "the forms will be distributed in alternative way if the agitators continue the movement." He, however, did not specify the nature of alternative way.

The distribution of admission forms is scheduled to continue till November 17. The university authorities are yet to set any fresh schedule to resume the distribution of admission form.

The written admission test is set to begin from November 30 and finish on December 13. The result of the written admission test will be published in deferent national dailies on January 25, 2006 while the viva-voce examination will be held from February 6 to 8 according to the schedule of the concerned departments. The distribution and submission of admission forms under different quotas will begin on February 6 and continue till February 13. The final result will be put up at the notice board of respective departments on February 13.

Admission of successful candidates from merit list will be held from February 14 to 20 while students, who will be in the waiting list, will get admission from March 5 to 12. The classes of the freshers will begin on April 6.