

Remove dust to protect environment

Bhuiyan tells roundtable

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LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called upon all concerned to discharge their responsibilities, including spraying water in the streets, to remove dust that causes severe health hazards and environment pollution.

The dust pollution in the capital and other places in the country can be minimised if organisations concerned that have been constructing roads and buildings follow good environmental practice, he said.

He was inaugurating a roundtable on "Dust control and urban environmental improvement" organised by the Asian Institute of Millennium Environment and Development (AIMED) at the CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

State Minister for Forest and Environment Jafrul Islam Choudhury, UNDP Deputy Resident

Representative Larry Maramis and AIMED Vice-Chairperson Syed Mohammed Hussein and FEJB Chairman Qamrul Islam Chowdhury also spoke at the roundtable with Mahatab Uddin Ahmed in the chair.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Prof Dr Mujibur Rahman presented a keynote paper on the urban environment issues and Dr Rezaul Karim on the concept of dust control project for Dhaka City.

Referring to the role of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and other local government authorities in controlling dust, Bhuiyan said they could apply various measures available in their hands. If those are not sufficient, only then new laws can be enacted, he added.

Injunction on BFUJ election

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A court here yesterday stayed the biennial election of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) scheduled to be held on March 5.

After hearing a petition filed by Mohammad Badiul Alam, unit chief of Daily Ajkaler Khabar, the 4th senior assistant judge of Dhaka judgeship Muhammad Mojibur Rahman in a temporary injunction order stayed the holding of BFUJ election.

The petitioner submitted a prayer on January 30 alleging that his name was not mentioned in the final councillors' list published by the BFUJ, although he was elected a councillor from the daily Ajkaler Khabar.

The court issued a notice (saman) on the President and the Secretary General of BFUJ Gias Kamal Chowdhury and Ruhul Amin Gazi to show cause why the prayer for granting temporary injunction on holding the election would not be granted.

However, the respondents did not submit any objection against the petitioner's allegation.

After hearing the petitioner, the court today issued the order of temporary injunction.



Rangs Properties Ltd and land owners of Dhanmondi residential area hold a land signing ceremony in the city on February 28. Rangs Properties Ltd Managing Director Romo Rouf Chowdhury and the land owners are also seen in the picture.



Janata Bank (JB) Managing Director S M Aminur Rahman hands over a cheque for Tk 20 lakh to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the JB head office at Motijheel Commercial Area in the city for Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) on Tuesday.