

Do not recognise registration board

Diploma engineers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Diploma engineers yesterday urged the government not to give recognition to Bangladesh Professional Engineers Registration Board (BPERB) for the sake of their existence.

They also called on the government to establish training centres under the National Training Council (NTC) for all technical professionals instead of giving recognition to the engineering staff college.

They placed a three-point demand in this regard at a press conference under the banner of Bangladesh Diploma Engineering Student-Teacher-Professional Action Council.

The demands include 50 percent quota for the promotion of diploma engineers, restoration of previous timescale, selection grade and improvement of the polytechnic education system.

The diploma engineers said the national engineering activities will be limited to only some degree engineers if the government approves the BPERB, as its rules will require everybody to obtain registration from the board before taking part in the engineering activities.

They also said the BPERB would not be accountable to anybody for its activities and nobody could take any legal action even if their activities go against public interest.

They urged the government not to give recognition to BPERB, Engineering Staff College, Ethical Review Board and Accreditation Board for the sake of national interest.

MD Mahfuzur Rahman, member secretary of the Action Council, read out a written statement at the press conference held at the IDEB Bhaban in the city.

He urged the prime minister not to inaugurate any building of the engineering staff college.

The diploma engineers also announced a month-long agitation programmes to press their demands – forming human chains in all the districts on September 13, one-hour work abstention after office time on September 17 and submitting a memorandum to the prime minister on September 21.

Action Council leaders Fazlul Haque, Pradip Kumar Ghoshal and Shamsur Rahman and IDEB General Secretary Kazi Nazrul Islam were also present.

Petroleum dealers threaten strike in Dhaka from Sept 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Petroleum dealers, tank-lorry owners and tank-lorry workers yesterday threatened the government that they would go for indefinite strike in Dhaka division from September 5 if the government does not cancel quota system in fuel supply.

The decision was taken at an urgent joint meeting of the leaders of Bangladesh Petroleum Dealers Association (BPDA), Bangladesh Tank-lorry Owners' Association (BTOA) and Bangladesh Tank-lorry Workers' Union (BTWU).

The government as part of its rationing policy provides only 3000 litres of petroleum to a petrol pump and allows a tank-lorry to carry 3000 litres of petroleum.

When the capacity of a tank-lorry is 9000 litres, carrying only 3000 litres does not even cover the transport cost, they said.

Leaders said the petrol pumps are provided only 50 per cent of their demand from the petroleum depots and agents were verbally directed to stop diesel supply resulting in serious diesel crisis in the country.

Due to increased generator dependency in the country's factories, shopping malls, offices and houses, as a consequence of frequent load sheddings, demand for diesel has risen threefold, they added.

They alleged that diesel is supplied to Fatulla and Godnail depots

Alleged mugger lynched in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Angry mob lynched a man who was allegedly trying to mug in the city's Dhanmondi area yesterday.

The identity of the man, aged around 30, could not be known immediately.

Abul Hashem, the investigation officer of the case, told the daily star that when police reached the spot at around 12:30pm, they found the body lying dead in the road.

The body has been sent to Dhaka medical college morgue for autopsy.

in Dhaka and other depots in Khulna, Barisal, Chandpur, Sylhet and Chittagong districts through rationing system.

Diesel crisis is worsening in the country's northern and southern regions too, they added.

President of BPDA Dhaka unit Mahabubur Rahman Chowdhury, Organising Secretary AKM Azizul Huq, BPDA General Secretary of Rajshahi Division Tofazzal Hossain Bhutto, Khulna Division General Secretary Gazi Hafizur Rahman, BTOA President Delwar Hossain Pradhan and General Secretary Hafizur Rahman, BTWU President Abdul Matin and General Secretary Akhter Hossain were present at the meeting.

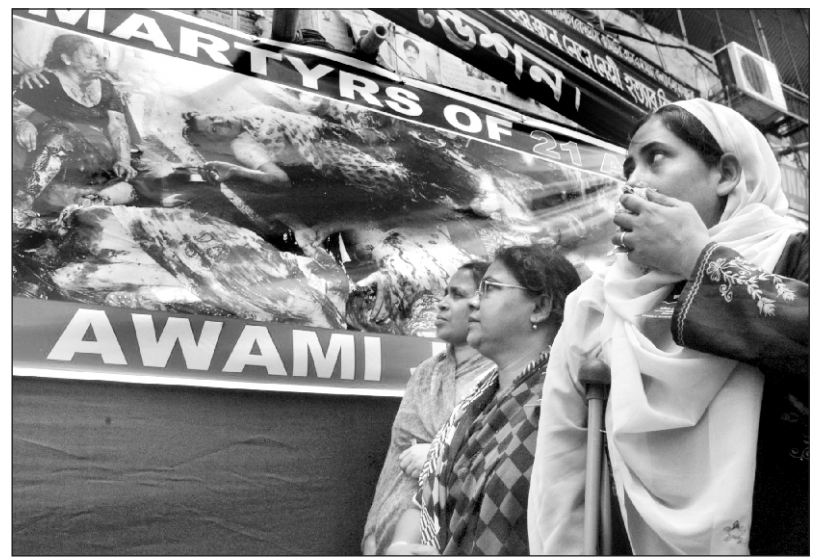
58 teachers go to Delhi tomorrow for IT training

A total of 58 teachers from different schools and colleges of Bangladesh will leave for New Delhi tomorrow to attend a six-week long "Train the Trainer in IT course run by Tata Consultancy Services", says a press release.

The course has been tailored specially for teachers from Bangladesh and the training module has been designed keeping in view the diverse background of participants with the ultimate objective of catering to individual needs. The course contents include computer fundamentals, fundamentals of an operating system, Windows 98, Microsoft Office 2000, networking fundamentals, Internets and electronic mail, and introduction to e-Commerce.

This would be the third batch of teachers from Bangladesh to be trained under the scheme during 2006. The first batch comprising 63 teachers attended the course from March 20 to April 30, and the second batch comprising 88 teachers attended the course from July 6 to August 16. A total of 250 teachers from Bangladesh were trained under the scheme in the year 2004.

REMEMBERING THE GRISLY GRENADE ATTACK



(Clockwise from top left) Leaders and activists of the 14-party opposition combine and people observe a two-minute silence at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday in commemoration of the second anniversary of the August 21 grenade attack on an AL rally; AL President Sheikh Hasina, on behalf of the 14-party, places wreaths at a memorial to the victims of the attack; a candlelight vigil in memory of the victims; a victim of the grenade attack looks at a large poster displayed in an exhibition; a mother shows the picture of her only son killed in the grenade attack; a victim who became disabled in the attack attends the programme; AL chief Sheikh Hasina stands in solemn silence after placing wreaths at the memorial to the victims.

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Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places. Met Office said, predicting that day temperature may fall 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Country's highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:26pm today and rises at 5:36am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	25.4	76	68
Chittagong	30.6	25.5	81	78
Rajshahi	33.5	25.8	84	83
Khulna	32.3	25.5	89	90
Barisal	31.5	25.8	84	92
Sylhet	34.7	26.2	86	98
Cox's Bazar	27.8	25.0	100	97

Illegal juice, ice cream factory unearthed in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A mobile court here yesterday unearthed an illegal juice and ice cream factory that has long been manufacturing and marketing adulterated ice creams and juice in the city markets posing risks of health hazards.

The court sealed off the Milupa Ice-cream Factory at Nimtala Residential Area near Port Connection Road in Bandar Police Station, seized one-and-half maund of adulterated ice-cream and juice and arrested factory owner Aminul Haq Talukder, 50, and

supervisor Jahangir Alam, 32. The court handed down six months of imprisonment to Aminul and one month in jail to Jahangir and fined each of them Tk 30 thousand.

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) magistrate Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, who conducted the drive, found that the factory owner had long been using substandard chemicals, powder, milk, sugar and other ingredients to manufacture ice cream and juice with different brand names such as Eagle Coolfi, Lolly Orange, Chalk Bar, Banana Ice-cream and Special Mango Centre.

Magistrate Munir in separate

drives yesterday fined Tk one lakh to M/S MM Corporation, a contractor firm of Chittagong Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) for supplying substandard aluminium sulphate to Was Mohra Water Treatment Plant.

The court in another drive at Saltgola Crossing in Bandar PS fined a total of Tk 1,10,000 to New Cafe Shukkur, BSC Marine Workshop Canteen and New Karim Hotel and Restaurant for their unhygienic interiors and keeping food items in open space without any covers.

Separate cases were filed in these connections.

Obituary

Helal Uddin Talukder, a retired superintendent of customs, excise and VAT department, passed away on August 16, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Death anniversary



Today is the 6th death anniversary of Abdur Rob Mridha, a social worker and educationist, says a press release.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Rice trader gunned down in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Outlaws gunned down a rice trader at his house at Burhiardanga village under Phultala upazila of Khulna district yesterday.

He was identified as Yunus Shaikh, 45), son of late Nabuar Rahman.

According to police, a gang of seven stormed into Yunus' house at 3:00am and shot him point blank in the chest. He died instantly.

The outlaws left the scene, raising slogans in the name of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Jangajuddho).

According to family sources, the slain rice trader got several death

threats from the PBCP cadres as he refused give them Tk 15 in toll.

Chehlum



Chehlum of Ohider Nessa, mother of the Bhorer Kagoj Chief Reporter Ayub Bhuiyan, will be held at her village home Noorpur in Feni today, says a

press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at her village home.

Ohider passed away on July 11 at her village home at the age of 90.