

## 2 brickfields fined in Ctg

OUR CORESPONDENT, Chittagong

A mobile court here yesterday fined two brickfields Tk 2 lakh for illegally producing and selling bricks without required licenses.

The court in a drive fined two brickfields, LRB Bricks and KBM Bricks and awarded the forfeitures.

The court also seized two trucks loaded with 15 tonnes of bricks in this connection.

The two brickfields have been producing and selling around 40 lakh pieces of bricks per year for long without Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI) licenses and without paying taxes.

The court ordered the brickfields to collect licenses from BSTI and pay all the arrears within a week.

## Call not to use children in politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a view exchange meeting urged the political leaders not to use children in political

activities.

Expressing concern over violation of child rights in the recent political violence, they also asked for media campaign to create

awareness among people in this regard.

CRC Shishu Sangathan, a platform of 15 child rights organisations, arranged a meeting on 'Our responsibilities to save the children in present situation' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday in association with Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA).

Presenting the keynote paper on the occasion, Kulsum Aktar Liza, a member of CRC, said a total of 1858 incidents of violation of child rights took place in 51 different types of violence from January to June 2006 reported by the child journalists of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum and Plan Bangladesh.

She also pointed out that the political parties use children in processions, meetings, and in carrying banner and bomb, and breaking vehicles.

CRC Publicity Secretary Jibon pointed out that children, particularly street children, are allured of money, food, power by the political party men for joining political processions and meetings.

He urged the media to launch a strong campaign against the misuse of children in political activities to raise awareness among people.

CRC Member Ripon asked for follow-up reports and monitoring to check the misuse of children.

CRC President Fatema-tuz-Zohra, Executive Committee Member Hasina Rashid and Legal Cell Head of BNWLA Rebeka Sultana also spoke at the meeting.

## Withdraw cases against 10 female activists PCJ urges RU authorities

RU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally on Rajshahi University campus yesterday blamed the police for harassing activists of Pragatisheel Chhatra Jote (PCJ) in connection with October 30, 2004 violence and demanded immediate withdrawal of cases against them.

Rajshahi University unit of PCJ organised the rally protesting harassment to its 10 female activists.

The violence ensued when Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists and several pro-BNP and Jamaat teachers along with police and BDR swooped on the agitating students who were protesting the intrusion of three youths at Tapashi Rabeya Hall the previous night.

They threatened to enforce an indefinite strike if their demands are not met by seven days.

The rally was addressed by Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Sushanta Sinha, General Secretary Sayed Akhter and Chhatra Federation Convener Biplob.

## One killed in road accident

UNB, Rajbari

A bicyclist was killed in a road accident in front of a school in the town yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Jabber, 45, an assistant of a lawyer.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at about 12:00 noon when a sand-laden truck hit his vehicle from behind, leaving him dead on the spot.

Following the accident angry people set fire to the truck.

## 11 shops gutted in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Eleven shops were gutted in a fire at Potoi Bazar under Kalihati upazila in the district on Tuesday night.

A candle at a quilt shop sparked off the fire at about 8:30pm, causing an estimated loss of Tk 20 lakh.

On information, fire service personnel from Tangail station rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire after a two-hour long struggle.

High officials from district administration visited the spot yesterday morning.