

Try war criminals, collaborators
Speakers tell
BBC Sanglap

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War criminals and collaborators of the liberation war should be brought to trial, said the audiences and panelists of Bangladesh Sanglap, a discussion organised by BBC Bangla Service yesterday.

The Sanglap was held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre auditorium in the city.

While answering a question regarding the trial of the war criminals, Organising Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League (AL) Mahmudur Rahman Manna said, "We (AL) started the process during our tenure and we pledge to conclude it if we are voted to power again".

On the issue of the trial of the war criminals, Information and Research Secretary of BNP Zahir Uddin Swapon stressed the need for a broad consensus among the major political parties about how the issue should be settled.

He, however, said that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman himself had pardoned the collaborators and BNP is only maintaining the status quo on the issue.

Blaming the political parties for forming alliances with the anti-liberation forces, noted musician Apel Mahmud said that major political parties joined hands with these 'anti-liberation forces' at different times.

Issues like the resignation of four advisers, deployment of the armed forces and their going to rest, uncertainty over the holding of elections within 90 days and AL's participation in it were also discussed in the Sanglap.



Anita Chowdhury inaugurates SQUARE Hospital at a simple ceremony at Panthapath in the city on December 16.

SQUARE Hospital starts journey

Commits to ensure international standard healthcare services

SQUARE Hospital was formally inaugurated on December 16, the historic Victory Day, with commitment to ensure international standard healthcare services in the country, says a press release.

Anita Chowdhury, wife of Samson H Chowdhury, the founder of SQUARE Group, inaugurated the hospital at a simple ceremony on its premises at Panthapath in the city.

In her inaugural speech, Anita said the SQUARE Hospital with its latest technology, skilled manpower and passion for maintaining the highest quality in everything has emerged as the beacon of hope for the nation in the area of healthcare services.

She expressed her confidence that the hospital will ensure true international standard healthcare services in Bangladesh which many Bangladeshis try to find in hospitals abroad.

Highlighting the growth of the SQUARE Group over the last 50 years, Anita said the group today is a big family of 15000 members who have made her the proud mother of 15000 children.

In his address of welcome, Samson H Chowdhury, chairman of the Group, said the SQUARE Hospital is a token of gratitude from the group to the people of Bangladesh who have put their confidence in SQUARE Group turning it into one of the leading conglomerates of the country.

The event also featured an introduction to the hospital by Professor Sanawar Hossain, director of Medical Services, while Joe Davis-Fleming, CEO of the hospital, shared his views on the immense possibilities of SQUARE

Hospital.

Samuel S Chowdhury, vice-chairman, and Anjan Chowdhury, director, of SQUARE Group, eminent dignitaries, representatives from different news media and high officials of other enterprises of the group were present on the occasion.

The 300-bed 18-storied tertiary-care hospital has over 1000 members, including more than 100 medical and 300 nursing staff who have a bright track record of working at home and abroad.

To ensure the best healthcare services, SQUARE Hospital has obtained affiliate partnership of (i) The Methodist La Bonheur Healthcare, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, (ii) Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, India, and (iii) Care IVF Centre, Singapore.

With the objective of setting up newer heights in Bangladesh healthcare sector, SQUARE Hospital houses individually structured and equipped departments for all the major medical disciplines with respective subspecialties.

Some unprecedented-in-Bangladesh features like (i) all-under-one-roof diagnostic service with the provision of emailing the report to the patient and doctor concerned within four hours, (ii) trained nurses all-over and no ayahs, (iii) in-house catering in pursuit of the best bespoke diet for individual patients and (iv) laundry services have been introduced.



Zonta Club VI held a seminar on 'Child protection, water, sanitation and environment and adolescent behaviour of girls in slums' at a city hotel recently. Sitting from left are: Zonta Club VI President Salma Masud, Unicef Programme Officer Arthur Khuanda, Unicef Child Protection Section Chief Ghassan Khalil and Zonta International Area Director Nahid Moyeen.

Newborn found dead in city

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Police recovered the body of a newborn from a dustbin in Jatrabari area in the city yesterday.

The body, wrapped in polythene, was found at around 11:30am in a dustbin near Dhoolaipar High School area, sources said.

Seeing the body, locals informed the police who sent it to Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police suspect relatives of the baby might have thrown him for being an illegal child. The baby was more than a day old, they alleged.

BCCW executives

Shah Alamgir and Nurul Karim Zinnah has been elected as president and general secretary of the newly formed executive committee of Bangladesh Council for Child Welfare (BCCW) for 2007-2008 year, says a press release.

A bi-annual meeting and election of BCCW were held on December 15 where councillors of 40 organisations, affiliated by BCCW, participated.