

CMCH employee found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A body of an employee of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) was recovered from the hospital area yesterday afternoon.

The victim identified as Uttam Kumar Das, 28, son of Lalit Mohan Das, hailing from Noakhali was a fourth class employee and working in the Mental ward of the hospital.

Sources said some local boys while playing in the CMCH ground found the body hanging from a tree in the hilly area behind the hospital at around 4:45pm.

Uttam worked last at the ward on Monday and has been missing since then.

CMCH Fourth Class Employers' Association General Secretary (GS) Samir Kanti Dev told The Daily Star that Uttam had been suffering from mental disorder for long.

Ensure rights, dignity of persons with disability

NADPO proposals to BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Alliance of Disabled People's Organisations (NADPO) has submitted a five-point proposal to BNP for ensuring the rights and dignity of the persons with disability.

A team of the National Alliance led by its President Abdus Sattar Dulal met BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and submitted the proposals at Hawa Bhaban in the city on Tuesday as part of its efforts to sensitise the political parties to physically challenged people's issues, including their right to vote.

The proposals call for fulfilment of all pledges regarding the rights of people with disabilities, implementation of national, regional and international agreements signed by the government, establishment of a coordination ministry and induction of a minister (technical) in consultation with the organisations working for the persons with disability.

The team also proposed reserved seats at all levels of local government and 15 reserved seats in parliament for the people with disabilities.

BNP Joint Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan and NADPO Secretary general Md Jahangir Alam were present at the meeting.

'Demolish illegal structures from all river banks around capital'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Save Environment Movement yesterday staged a sit-in in front of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) building in the city demanding demolition of all illegal structures from the bank of the rivers Buriganga, Turag and Shitalakkha.

The leaders of the movement also demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in illegal constructions.

Led by Convener Abu Nasser Khan, a delegation of Save Environment Movement also submitted a memorandum to the BIWTA chairman to press home their demands.

The demands included formation of a committee to design the embankments before their construction.

The delegation comprising Managing Director General of Haor Development Board Enamul Haq, cultural activist Tariq Ali, Professor Dr Shafiqul Islam of Dhaka University and Advocate Abul Kalam Azad also took part in the sit-in that continued from 3:00 to 3:30pm.



Bangladesh Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Save the Environment Movement) forms a human chain in front of the BIWTA Bhaban in the city yesterday demanding demolition of illegal structures on the banks of rivers Buriganga, Turag and Shitalakkha.



Newly appointed Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty calls on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

BLUE FOR PEACE Programme postponed

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Blue for Peace programme protesting the killings of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and other political leaders and demanding the trial of those killings has been postponed due to countrywide state of emergency, said a press release.

The programme, that drew politicians, teachers, civil society members and people from all walks of life together to city streets with blue dresses on every Thursday, will resume when normalcy returns.

President lauded for his recent decision

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday asked the authorities concerned to create skilled human resources to face the challenges of globalisation.

"There is no alternative to building skilled human resources," he said when a five-member delegation of Bangladesh Students' Welfare Trust, led by its chairman Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, met him at Bangabhaban.

Appreciating the President for

his latest role, the delegation members said the country's people expressed gratitude to him for his recent decision that brought back relief to public life.

The President praised the trust for its various welfare activities and assured the delegation of all possible cooperation.

Secretary to the President M Sirajul Islam, trust director Prof Sharifuddin Ahmed, Prof Hosn-e-Ara Begum, Dr MA Halim Patwari and HM Noor-e-Alam Talukder were present on the occasion.

100 shanties burnt, property worth Tk 25 lakh damaged in Ctg

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Some 100 tin-shed houses and a godown of Abul Khaer Group were gutted in a devastating fire damaging property worth around Tk 25 lakh at the city's Double Mooring area here in the port city in the early hours of yesterday.

Sources said the fire broke out at a slum of IW Colony at Zharnapara Dhebarparr at around 12:00midnight.

The fire spread fast engulfing the whole slum and reduced around 100 tin-shed houses to ashes.

It also spread to an adjoining godown of Abul Biri Company of Abul Khaer Group destroying a huge stock of raw materials used for making Bidi, a garage and a printing press housed in the tin-shed godown.

Eight fire fighting units from different fire stations of the city rushed to the spot and managed to bring the fire under control at around 5:00am.

Police said the fire originated from electric short-circuits while the loss of property in the fire was estimated at around Tk 25 lakh.