

Portray women's glorious role in liberation war

Speakers urge media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the mass media to highlight direct participation of women in the War of Liberation instead of portraying them as vulnerable object.

They said the media can play a significant role in upholding the glorious role of women in the liberation war before the new generation.

The seminar titled 'Women in the Liberation War and Mass Media' was organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) at the National Press Club in the city.

In her introductory speech, BMP General Secretary Ayesha Khanam said the role of women in the liberation war was not presented with due respect in the mass media.

She said the women are often portrayed as commodity in media.

16 brokers held on charge of making fake BRTA licenses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested 16 brokers on charge of making fake BRTA licenses from Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) compound at Mirpur in the city.

Rab members also recovered 22 fake licences from their possession, sources said.

Acting on a tip off Rab-4 members conducted the raid at BRTA office at 3:00pm. They were told that a group of brokers are harassing people in the name of providing them with Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) license.

The brokers are allegedly involved in making fake licences.

Rehab denies allegations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab) yesterday denied the allegations raised by environmental groups and human rights activists, says a Rehab press release.

On Wednesday, the environmental groups and human rights activists urged the government not to be confused by the advertisement and appeal of Rehab published in a section of newspapers recently.

They also called on the government to take legal actions against the developers who grabbed land illegally for their housing projects.

The Rehab in the release said the organisation submitted a memorandum to the chief adviser for resolving the problems and developing the housing sector.

But the press conference of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon and some other organisations showed that a misunderstanding has been created between the developers and environment and human rights activists.

The Rehab does not support any activity which is against people's interest, rather it is supporting the government's efforts to solve the housing problems, the release added.

The Rehab also supports the government's ongoing drive against illegal activities and corruption.

If there is any factual mistake in the memorandum, it could be amended through discussion, the Rehab added.

PROF YUNUS KILLING JMB leader sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Arrested Shahidullah alias Mahbub, one of the key accused in Rajshahi University Prof Yunus murder case and a Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leader, was sent to Rajshahi central jail yesterday.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) produced Shahidullah before a metropolitan magistrate court yesterday seeking a ten-day remand.

The court did not hear the CID's remand petition and sent him to jail, fixing May 6 the date for the next hearing.

Shahidullah, also husband of executed JMB kingpin Bangla Bhai's niece, was held in Bogra on Wednesday.

Death anniversary

Today is the first death anniversary of Begum Salma Amin, wife of engineer Md Nurul Amin, executive director of Development Construction Ltd (DCL), says a press release.

On the occasion, a Qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held at her residence at Kapasia in Gazipur. And foods will be distributed at madrasas and orphanages in Kapasia after Juma prayers.

A mild mahfil will also be held at the DCL office at House-11, Road-19A, Uttara Sector-4 after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Call to name 2 city streets after Indira, Aurora

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the authorities to name two city streets after former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi and commander of Bangladesh-India joint forces during the Liberation War Lt Gen Jagjit Singh Aurora in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Liberation War.

Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad Central Committee in a statement said the two streets will be named after Indira Gandhi and Jagjit Singh Aurora.

Speaking on the occasion, writer and journalist Shahriar Kabir said distorting history is the

number one corruption and that those who tried to distort the history of the country should be brought to book.

Convenor of the Foundation Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafullah chaired the programme addressed by Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khondaker, Maj Gen (retd) CR Dutta, Col (retd) Shawkat Ali, President of Mukti Joddha Sangsad Central Committee and Ahd Chowdhury and Prof Nim Chandra Bhoumik.

BU film festival begins in city

BSS, Dhaka

A two-day film festival of Bangladesh University (BU) began on its campus in the city yesterday with a call for waging a movement against the trend of making unhealthy films.

Inaugurating the festival, eminent film director Chashi Nazrul Islam said cinema making has now become backtracked due to the production of unhealthy films detrimental to our long tradition and culture.

"This trend in film making reflects moral degradation," he said adding that the number of cine goers had drastically reduced due to this undesired practice in the country's film industry.

Chief Adviser of ATN Bangla Shaiful Bari was the special guest on the occasion with BU Vice-Chancellor Kazi Azahar Ali in the chair.

1 held for JMB connection

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Police yesterday arrested a man for his alleged connection with JMB from Kochua upazila of the district.

He was identified as Majedul Islam, 40, who haled from Davidwar upazila of Comilla.

Majedul was arrested from Akania Nasirpur village.

Kochua police said, "We are investigating whether he is connected with JMB."

It is recalled that four people were arrested from Akania-Nasirpur village for their alleged connection with August 17 bomb attacks.

They are now in jail hajot.

DHAKA TODAY

Conference

The annual conference of Bangladesh Physical Society will begin. Venue: Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet). Time: 10:00am.

Workshop

Independent University, Bangladesh organises a workshop on 'An introduction to systemic reviews and meta-analysis: The Cochrane Collaboration and evidence based healthcare'. Venue: University campus, Baridhara. Time: 9:00am.

Reception

Chittagong University Ex-Economics Students Association (CUEESA) will accord a reception to Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus. Venue: BDR Darbar Hall. Time: 6:30pm.

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Bangladesh Cardiac Society will be held. Venue: Radisson Water Garden Hotel. Time: 9:00am.

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