

Female worker dies falling from height

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female construction worker died at Tejgaon Industrial Area in the city yesterday after falling from an under-construction building.

Banu Begum, 33, wife of Milon Ali, suddenly slipped off the building while she was working on the 6th floor of an under-construction garment factory at about 9:30am.

Her fellow workers rushed her to a local clinic. Later, she was shifted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) but the on duty doctors declared her dead.

Saleha Begum, a fellow worker of Banu, said that Banu lived at Tejgaon railway slum and came to her workplace at about 8:00am.

BBC Bangladesh Sanglap today

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The 10th edition of BBC Bangladesh Sanglap will be held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city at 1:45pm today.

Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain, Adviser to the BNP chairperson Brig Gen (retd) ASM Hannan Shah, Awami League Organising Secretary Mahmudur Rahman Manna and economist Dr Mahbub Ullah will feature in today's Sanglap.



People in a large number throng the city markets for Eid shopping yesterday, as it was a public holiday. The picture was taken from Gausia Market area.



2 electrocuted in Ctg

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Two people were electrocuted at Bakalia in the port city yesterday while another person was injured critically in the same incident.

The dead are Gias Uddin, son of Akkas Ali, and Russell, 13, a student. Injured Abdullah, 22, is now undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College

Hospital.

According to sources, when Russell came into contact with an electric wire while walking along the railing of a bridge in Bakalia Masterpole area at around 1:40pm, Gias Uddin and Abdullah tried to rescue him.

The bridge over the Chakta canal was submerged by tidal water at that time. Russell and Gias Uddin died on the spot.

A general diary was filed with Bakalia Police Station.

Engine boat with fertiliser seized

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Members of the Coast Guard seized an engine boat with huge quantity of fertiliser while being smuggled in the port city in the early hours of yesterday.

According to sources, a team of Coast Guard during a patrol challenged and chased the engine boat for its suspicious movement in the river Karnaphuli near Shah Amanat Bridge at around 3:00am.

They seized 240 sacks of urea fertiliser worth Tk 72,000 and detained the engine boat worth Tk 10 lakh when the suspected smugglers managed to flee, said a press release.

The engine boat had no legal documents.

'Implement UNCRC for better environment of children'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Save the Children, Sweden-Denmark (SCSD), a leading international organisation fighting for the rights of children, yesterday announced its weeklong programme marking the National Child Rights Week-2007 that begins today.

This year SCSD has outlined its programme focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCRC) as it reaches 18th year of its initiation in 1989, said Shamsul Alam Bakul, programme manager of SCSD, at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city.

Speaking about the significance of the UNCRC, Shamsul said the recognition of special needs for the survival, protection and development of children has led to the universal acceptance of the concept that children must enjoy the full spectrum of their rights.

SCSD focuses on the achievement in the field of child rights, the challenges to achieve the rest and the role of child rights organisations through looking at the periodic reports submitted by the government as one of the first signatory countries to CRC committee in 1990.

This year SCSD and partner organisations will observe the child rights week with the slogan 'Let it be our promise to achieve fulfilment of child rights.'

The weeklong programme that will end on October 5 includes several roundtables in Dhaka and Chittagong, celebrity comments on television channels, media discussions and fun fair.

Obaydur Rahman, acting country representative of SCSD, Shahin Akter Dolly, executive director of Nari Maitree, and Masud Ali, director of INCIDIN Bangladesh, also spoke at the press conference.

The speakers underscored the need for implementing the UNCRC to ensure a better environment for children.

They also called for political commitment along with social commitment in this regard.

Responding to a question regarding child labour condition in the country, Obaydur said although the statistics of 2006 shows that around 74 lakh children are involved in child labour, participation of children in hazardous jobs under informal sector is increasing.

