



An emergency meeting of Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) was held at the party's Dhanmondi office in the city yesterday.

Climate change forcing people to migrate to urban areas

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More and more people are migrating to urban areas because of climate change as it is causing frequent natural disasters, making the disaster-prone areas unlivable, experts said at a seminar yesterday.

It would be difficult to provide employment for the increasing number of migrants, but the government remains indifferent to this issue, they said.

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) organised the seminar on 'Climate change, migration and Bangladesh' at the RC Majumder Auditorium at Dhaka University.

Dr Ahsanuddin Ahmed, executive director of Centre for Global Change, presented the keynote paper in the seminar.

In his paper, Dr Ahsanuddin said climate change-driven natural disasters are making the livelihoods difficult. So the people are migrating to urban areas.

According to a research, about 50 percent of the total population in Bangladesh would be urban dwellers by 2020, he added.

The temperature in the country will increase by 1.3 degrees centigrade because of climate change, resulting in devastating floods like in 1988, 1998 and 2007. The floods would become more frequent and cause greater devastation, Dr Ahsanuddin warned.

He also urged the policymakers to take into consideration the effects of development projects on the environment before taking up any such projects.

Dr Mizanur Rahman Khan of North South University said, "We need to negotiate with the developed

countries, who are mainly responsible for climate change, to receive adaptation fund as per the UN convention."

"Our negotiation should emphasise the need for adaptation fund for providing employment and rehabilitation facilities for the climate change migrants," he added.

Journalist Afsan Chowdhury showed a film titled 'Does anybody care if Bangladesh drowns' at the seminar, depicting the vulnerability of

the people in disaster-prone areas.

He said, "The West is already thinking about the effects of climate change though they are mostly responsible for it and less vulnerable, but we are not caring about it even though we are most vulnerable to climate change."

He called on the government to take initiatives right now to offset the impacts of climate change.

Dr CR Abrar of RMMRU chaired the seminar.



Outgoing British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury inaugurates an electronic display board for displaying the updated data of the Election 2008 and Voter Registration at Shahbagh in the city yesterday. On his left is UNDP Resident Representative Renata Loc Dessallien.

AUGUST CAMPUS VIOLENCE

Withdrawal of army vehicle torching case demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Seven students of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday demanded the withdrawal of the only case which was not withdrawn when they were released from jail in January this year in connection with the last year's August campus violence.

At a press conference at Madhu's canteen, they also demanded a halt to police harassment as well as legal assistance and treatment cost from the university authorities.

A total of five cases were filed with Shahbagh Police Station against DU teachers and students in connection with the violence that started from the central playground of the university where army personnel beat up a student.

Of the five cases two were withdrawn, while the accused teachers and students got their release from the court in one case, and three teachers and four students were sentenced to two years in prison in the other case.

But the case, filed in connection with the torching of an army vehicle at Shahbagh intersection, is still alive.

In a written statement at the press conference Dean Islam Angel said, "Brutal repression was carried on us and our families, and our human rights were grossly violated."

"If we had to face such repression for abusing an army personnel, then what justice would be done for inhuman repression on so many persons including us," he raised a question.

Angel alleged that they are still facing harassment by police and other law enforcement agencies.

"We have met university authorities several times and urged them to provide us legal assistance and the cost of treatment, but they are yet to give us any support according to their previous assurance," he added.

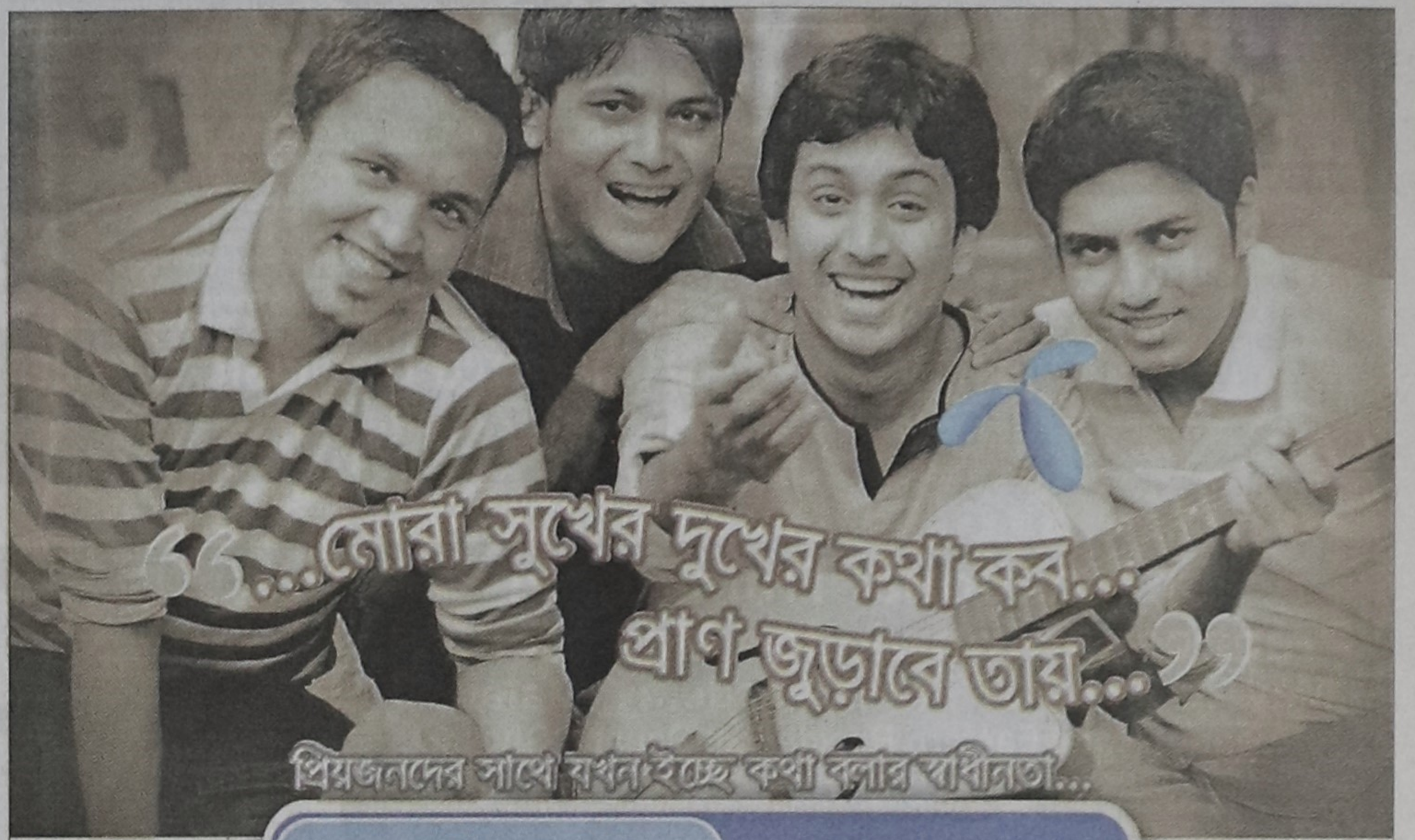
He said they will submit memorandum to DU vice-chancellor, chief adviser to caretaker government, home and education advisers, and form human chain and hold solidarity rally to press home their demand.

Rafiqul Islam Sujan, Deen Islam, Rashedul Habib, Jahidul Islam Biplab, Abul Hasan, Liton Mahmud and Maniruzzaman were present at the press conference.



Physically challenged students under the banner of Protibandhi Chhatra Odhikar Parishad form a human chain in front of Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding five percent quota for them from the 28th BCS onwards.

PHOTO STAR



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Three shops gutted in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire damaged three furniture and decoration shops at DIT Road in the city yesterday.

Fire brigade officials said the fire broke out at the shop 'Noor and Decorator' due to an electric short circuit at 10:25am following a transformer explosion and soon engulfed the adjacent two shops. The fire burnt furniture of the shops into ashes.

Four fire fighting units from Khilgaon and Ramna stations rushed to the spot and doused the flame with the help of local people.

President visits ailing education secretary

BSS, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday visited ailing Education Secretary Mohammad Montazul Islam at the United Hospital in the city yesterday.

The president spent some time beside the education secretary and enquired about his treatment.

Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam, Additional Secretary of the Education Ministry Mozammel Haque Khan and the President's Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were present.

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HABIDI'S 6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Today, the 14th of May, is the 6th death anniversary of our only daughter Fatima (Habidi) Rahman. our beloved Habidi passed away on this day in 2002 at St. Mary's Hospital in London. Habidi is no longer with us but her sweet memories remain in our hearts for ever.

On this day, the 6th death anniversary of Habidi, relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to pray for the eternal peace of her departed soul.

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