

Mother Teresa medal for 37 eminent citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-seven eminent citizens of the country were awarded Mother Teresa Gold Medal yesterday for their outstanding contribution to different sectors.

Mother Teresa Research Council (MTRC) yesterday distributed the medals among the winners at a ceremony at the National Music and Dance Auditorium at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city.

Former chairman of Bangladesh Press Council (BPC) Justice Habibur Rahman presided over the programme while Valerie A Taylor, chief coordinator of Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) who also won the gold medal this year, was the guest of honour.

The awardees include Atish Dipankar Science and Technology University Vice Chancellor Prof Anwara Begum for education sector, Barrister Tania Amir for anti-drug movement, Buddha Kristi Prachar Sangha President Shukkananda Mohathero for the cause of humanity, Satyandra Nath Ray for education, Ronald Rohagel for anti-drug movement, Channel Chief Reporter Mahmud Al Faisal, Dr Siddeshwar Majumder for literature and 29 others.

Later, the speakers at a discussion said the country now needs people like Mother Teresa who would dedicate his or her life for the cause of humanity.

National University Acting Vice Chancellor Dr Rashedul Hassan, MTRC Chairman Vidyut Chowdhury, MTRC Executive Director Golam Kader and Channel Managing Director Prof Mazedul Islam also spoke.



Winners of Mother Teresa Gold Medal pose for photograph with the guests at an award giving ceremony at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. Chief Coordinator of Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) Valerie A Taylor, fourth from right, was the guest of honour.

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE G8 nations urged to compensate developing countries

DU CORRESPONDENT

Nagorik Sanghati (NS), a citizens' forum, yesterday staged a 'silent sit-in' on Dhaka University (DU) campus demanding compensation from the G-8 countries since the emission of greenhouse gas

contributes to the climate change.

Around 50 leaders and activists of NS gathered in front of Milan Chatter (JSC intersection) at 11:00am and stayed there till 11:30am carrying banners and festoons in support of their demand.

NS General Secretary Sharifuzzaman Sharif said the developed countries are mostly responsible for natural disasters. So they should compensate the developing countries since it is impossible for them to raise necessary funds to address the effects of climate change, he added.

The NS demanded proper execution of the 'Kyoto Protocol' in the developed countries.

It also demanded immediate rehabilitation of Sidr-affected people and execution of financial assistance committed by different developed countries.

NS urged the government to demand compensation from the developed countries to this end at the international conference on

climate change to be held in December.

NS President Prof ASM Atiqur Rahman, Associate Professor Robayet Ferdous, Engineer Sarder Amin, Efma Hossain and Badiuzzaman Sohag were also present.

Water transport workers demand wage hike Threaten indefinite strike from July 10

DU CORRESPONDENT

Water transport workers yesterday staged a three-hour sit-in in front of the labour directorate demanding increase of their wages, says a press release.

They will go for countrywide work abstention from July 10 for indefinite period if their wages are not increased commensurate with the price of essentials in the market.

They said it is difficult for them to lead lives with the present wage of Tk 63 per-day fixed in 2004.

They also said despite repeated assurances from the government wages were not increased.

"In response to the government's assurance of increasing our wages, we cancelled our previously declared work abstention programme slated on June 3. But, after one month no steps taken to increase our wages," they alleged.

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