

5 lakh women suffer from breast cancer

Brig Gen Suraiya tells seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Raising awareness among the people is a must to combat cancer along with its early diagnosis and proper treatment facilities, said the speaker at a seminar yesterday.

They said women aged over 18 should examine their breast regularly while early marriage should be discouraged to prevent cervical cancer.

The seminar was organised jointly by the Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) and Bangladesh Friendship Education Society (BFES) at Dhaka Club.

The theme of the seminar was 'Cancer awareness, prevention and control programme in Bangladesh: Focus on Cervical and Breast Cancer'.

Quoting a recent study Brig Gen Suraiya Rahman said of the 11,000 women some 7,982 were diagnosed with breast cancer following an examination.

It was also found that among the diagnosed, 98 percent were aged above 50 and five to 10 percent of the cases are hereditary, she said, adding that it is estimated that

some 5,00,000 women have been suffering from breast cancer, a figure which is not at all insignificant.

While speaking on cervical cancer Prof Sultana Razia Begum of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) said early marriage and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are mainly responsible for cervical cancer.

In November 2005 some 11,000 women went through



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Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly speaks at a seminar at Dhaka Club in the city yesterday. On his left are Prof Sultana Razia Begum and Prof Richard R Love and on his right are Dr Maswoodur Rahman Prince, Brig Gen Suraiya Rahman and Md Enayet Karim.

BSF returns 6 Bangladeshi boys, girls

A CORRESPONDENT, Banapole

Six Bangladeshi adolescent boys and girls returned to Bangladesh yesterday after they had spent a long time in India.

Border Security Force (BSF) have handed the girls over to Bangladeshi authorities in the evening.

Officials of Bangladesh Rifles, police and Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) were present during the handover.

The returnees were identified as Sufia Khatun, Monwara Khatun, Jashimuddin, Milon Hossain, Rasheda Khatun, Tasmina Khatun. They hailed from Jessor and Dinajpur.

The boys and girls are now under the protection of BNWLA who would later help them reunite with their families.

List finalised to fill up 85 ACC posts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A list was finalised yesterday to fill up 85 vacant posts of officer through promotion at the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) at a meeting finalised the list and is likely to place it before the Commission today, said ACC Secretary Khandaker M Asaduzzaman, who is also the chief of DPC.

The posts include director, deputy director and assistant director.

This will be the first massive promotion of officers at ACC since the Commission was constituted in 2004.

94 jr attorneys appointed

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday appointed 94 junior attorneys, including 24 female, to the Attorney General Office to help dispose of both criminal and civil cases facing the government in higher courts.

With the appointment of 94 junior attorneys, the strength of law officers of the new government stands at 147, including the attorney general, three additional attorneys general and 33 deputy attorneys general.

Sixteen junior law officers appointed during the past BNP-led alliance government and emergency period are still working, sources at the Attorney General Office said.

Dr Nahar made BCPS president

DU CORRESPONDENT

Prof Dr Najuun Nahar, a paediatrician, has been elected the first female president to the executive committee of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) for 2009-10, says a press release.

The new executive committee led by Dr Nahar took over the charge on Sunday.

College student hacked to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Tuitumir College Student was hacked to death at Mohakhali in the capital yesterday by unknown criminals.

The dead was identified as Zahirul Islam, 22, a first year BA student of the college and was a resident of Mohakhali Staff Quarter.

Gulshan police recovered his body wrapped in a sack left lying near Livestock Research Centre at Mohakhali around 11:30am yesterday and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for autopsy.

Morgue sources said the body had several injuries at the head and other parts of the body.

Abdul Zabbar, brother of Zahirul, said, "Zahirul went missing since Sunday noon

after he left his residence."

He alleged local criminals - Milon, Jalil, Rafiq, Karim and their associates - might have killed his brother with a connection of previous enmity.

He also said his brother was running a telephone shop at Sattala Basti Bazar in Mohakhali from where two criminals - Karim and Milon - were arrested by Rab last year.

Later the two criminals attacked Zahirul at his shop on November 26 being freed on bail as they suspected him behind their arrest.

Zahirul's mother Zulekha Begum filed a case against them with Gulshan Police Station and following the case police arrested them but they were freed on bail in the first week of April.

including the Netherlands.

They said it would start updating the voter list with photographs in May across the country along with preparing new ID cards for the left-out voters.

EC mulls server stations across country

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission (EC) plans to buy a flat at each thana in the city and a plot at each upazila for setting up its permanent 'server stations' across the country to easily update the digital voter list in future.

Officials said EC has already started looking for flats in the city at an acceptable price for the stations to preserve data of all voters for updating the voter list and preparing national ID cards.

They said EC is also looking for suitable places to set up offices in 503 thanas across the country to locally preserve the data of voters.

Talking to reporters on Sunday, Election Commissioner Brig Gen (retd) Md Sakkawat Hossain said voters would find solutions to their problems relating to their ID cards and updating the data in the voter list in those stations.

Sources said EC is working to set up the permanent offices at all upazilas, districts and divisional headquarters under an important project with assistance from different countries.

A retired army person was crushed under the wheels of a train on rail track at Banani in the city yesterday.

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Government Railway Police (GRP) of Kamalapur Railway Station recovered his body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Family sources said he went out of house for morning walk around 7:30am and fell victim to the accident.

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QAUIMI MADRASA CURRICULA

Govt urged not to include 'controversial' Ulemas in commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), a human rights and legal aid resource centre, yesterday halted the government plan to set up a commission with some Ulemas to modernise the course curricula of Qauim

VIA test and nine percent of them were diagnosed with cervical cancer or at risk of cervical cancer, she added.

Dr Richard R Love, professor of medicine and public health of Ohio State University of the USA, and scientific director of International Breast Cancer Research Foundation, also spoke as guest speaker while Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, chairman of CDRB, presided over the discussion.

But the ASK leaders called on the government not to include some 'controversial' Ulemas in the proposed commission who have alleged links with militants, says a press release.

Mentioning the meeting between the prime minister and madrasa leaders, ASK said though the announcement of cancelling pre-scheduled rally by madrasa leaders is a temporary sigh of relief, but some questions may still raise.

"Some of the Qauim madrasa leaders who sat with the prime minister in the meeting are accused of their alleged involvement in militancy," it said in a statement.

The ASK leaders said how could the people modernise the curricula of Qauim madrasas who use religion as a political tool.

They urged the government not to accuse anybody grossly and take any steps which would raise questions in the people's minds.

Steps to be taken to rescind anti-people laws'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed Chairman of the Law Commission Justice Md Abdur Rashid yesterday said that he would take initiative to rescind the anti-people laws.

"There is no definition of black law, but there are some laws which are still now in force against peace, progress, welfare and interest of the people," he said.

Justice Abdur Rashid, who got the appointment letter yesterday afternoon, will join the new office today morning.

The law commission chairman said he might face a serious challenge at the first stage in performing the tasks of modernising the country's law and judicial system, since there is a shortage of manpower and logistic supports in the law commission and there is no specific organogram or rule there on conducting research on the laws.

Justice Rashid said that he is very optimistic to tackle challenges, since the government has assured him of providing all kinds of assistances and supports to make the law commission vibrant and active.

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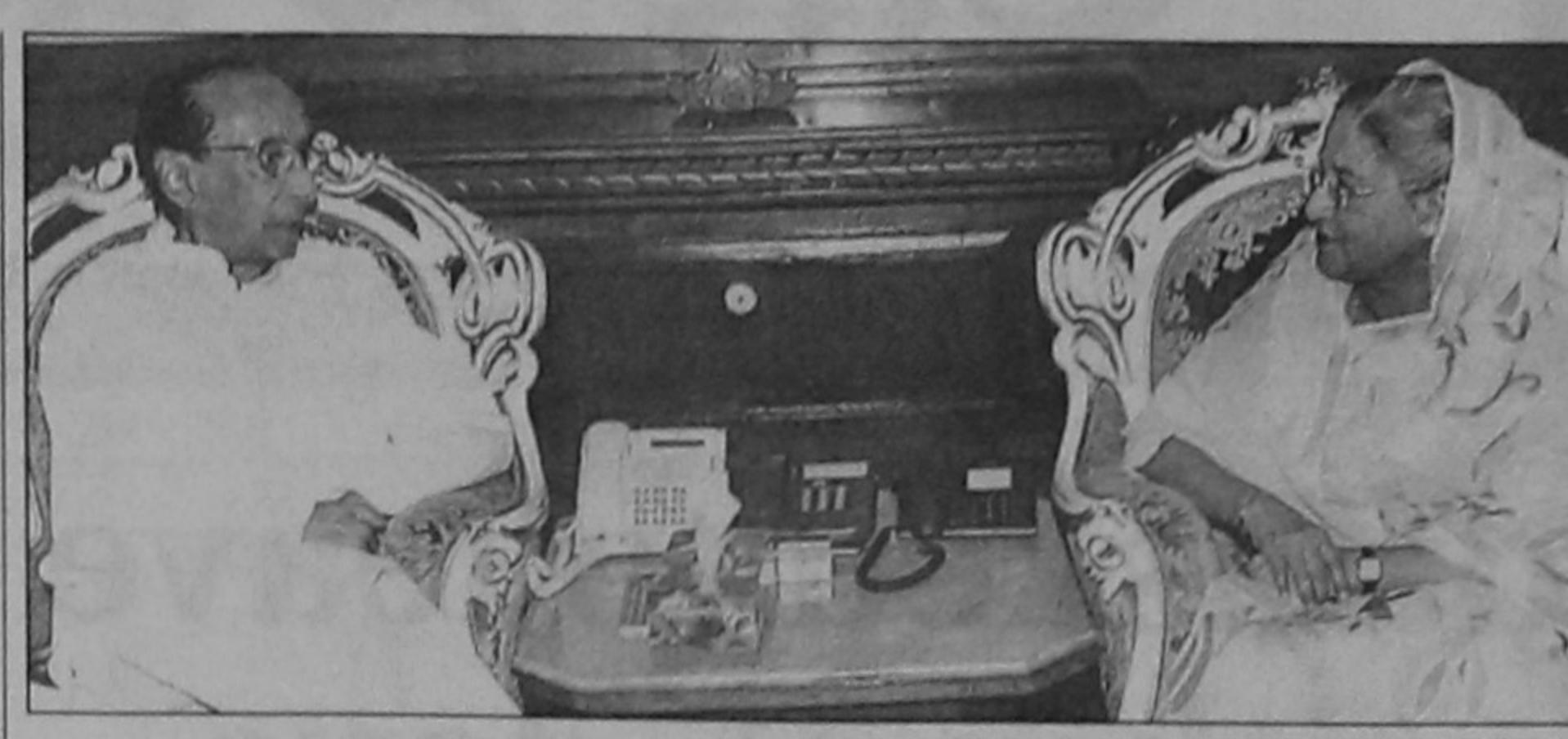


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Road accidents kill 8

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Kamarkhanda Upazila Health Complex.

Among the injured, condition of two is stated to be critical.

Our correspondent in Mymensingh adds: A man was killed and 50 others were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Beltai yesterday noon.

The accident took place at around 12:30pm when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Mymensingh collided head-on with another bus.

The victim was identified as Abul Quasem, 40, the driver of the bus. The accident occurred when another bus rammed into the passenger's shade while trying to give side to a motorbike.

Three people died on the spot while another succumbed to his injuries at Sirajganj Sadar Hospital.

Two of the dead were identified as Shahjahan Ali, 30, and Islam, 28, but the identity of the other two could not be known immediately.

The injured were admitted to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital and

The victim was identified as Ayina Begum, 60.

Sources said the accident occurred when a passenger bus knocked her