

## World Red Crescent Day observed

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The 150th World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed across the world yesterday in a befitting manner, says a press release.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society brought out a rally from Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital in the city that ended at National Press Club.

Food and Disaster Management Minister Dr Md Abdur Razzak led the rally.

Abdur Razzak said only being wealthy is not enough, it

requires a positive approach to help others.

He assured the Red Crescent Society of all support to make it more efficient and effective. He also urged the affluent to extend their hand to help others.

A voluntary blood donation programme was organised by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society at Dhaka Blood Centre and Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital.

A discussion and a cultural programme were also held at the college auditorium.



Bangladesh Red Crescent Society takes out a procession from Holy Family Medical College in the city yesterday marking the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2009.

## 'Promote integrated crop management for food security'

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Wide-ranging promotion of integrated crop management (ICM) among the grassroots level farmers can be the effective means of ensuring food security, said the speakers at a farmers' field day function here on Thursday.

In the wake of gradual declining of arable lands and its fertility, they also stated that conservation of soil health has become indispensable in the greater interest of maintaining the soil nutrients.

In this regard, they also revealed that successful expansion of 'one house one farm' programme has been announced by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina could be very helpful for making the society free from the vicious cycle of poverty.

Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) under its Integrated Crop Management (ICM) Farmers Field School programme arranged the function at Surjapara village in Bagmara upazila on the occasion of closing session of a 20-week long training for farmers.

Some 250 farmers, including female, attended the session.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Sheikh Alamgir Hossain highlighted the programme giving

an overview of different aspects of farmers training on modern technology and ICM.

Engineer Enamul Haque MP, Deputy Director of DAE Braja Hari Das, Upazila Chairman Ziaur Rahman, Vice-chairman Yasin Ali, UP Chairman Aslam Ali and Awami League leader Zakirul Islam Sentu addressed the function with Upazila Nirbahi Officer Habibur Rahman in the chair.

Speakers said successful promotion of modern technology and other related ideas among the farmers could help boost production.

Giving importance on making the integrated crop management method popular among the growers level, the speakers urged the trained farmers to utilise their knowledge at field levels and motivate their fellow farmers to follow the improved method.

They also emphasised the need for enhancing production through following the prescribed guideline of the ICM system in the greater interest of maintaining a sound ecosystem, which is being affected due to indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides in the agricultural lands and the water bodies.

## Road crashes kill 4

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Four people, including a three-year-old girl, were killed in separate road accidents in Comilla, Chittagong and Madaripur yesterday.

UNB from Comilla reports: Two people were killed and three others injured in a triangular collision among a bus, a covered van and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw at Alekharchar bypass in Model Sadar upazila in Comilla yesterday.

Police said the Chittagong-bound bus, a Dhaka-bound covered van, and a Chandina-bound auto-rickshaw collided at 9:15am, leaving five people injured.

The injured were rushed to Comilla Medical College Hospital where unidentified three-wheeler driver and a woman succumbed to their injuries.

In another road accident, a man was killed at Bhaiyar Dighirpar in Patiya, Chittagong yesterday morning.

Police and witnesses said a speeding tempo, a three-wheeler, knocked down Maharam Ali, 50, on Chittagong-Patiya road at about 9:30am, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Meanwhile, the three-year-old girl was killed in a road accident at Kaurakandi ferry ghat in Shibchar, Madaripur, early yesterday.

Witnesses said a Dhaka-bound bus from Pirojpur ran over Nipa, daughter of Nurul Islam of Tejathi village in Pirojpur, as she fell down from the lap of her mother at about 2:00am.

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