

Paribesh Bachao Andolon and other environmentalist groups form a human chain at Motijheel in the city yesterday demanding the rivers to be saved. (Story on Page 1)

### Pledge to change themselves to change society

**DU CORRESPONDENT** 

Students, teachers and officials of 13 educational institutions in the city yesterday pledged to change themselves to bring about a positive change in the society as part of the 'Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao' (Change yourself, change others) campaign of the daily Prothom Alo.

Prothom Alo launched this campaign last month to mark its 10th founding anniversary.

The teachers vowed to provide the students with quality education while students pledged to be more attentive in study and stand | city. by the poor and the repressed.

Vice Chancellor Dr AMM Safiullah inaugurated the campaign in front of the cafeteria on Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) camtwo sons sentencedido

The students pledged not to take bribe and work for the poor and the repressed.

Dr Safiullah said, "We have to change our mindset at first. These pledges are not to show others, these are actually our pledges to ourselves."

East West University (EWU) students pledged they will not take drug and hurt their parents and will study

regularly. Students of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College pledged they will never marry

an addict. They also pledged to be good human beings and they will work for the country.

Students of Lalmatia College pledged to change the country by changing themselves.

The students, teachers and guardians of Buddhi Protibondhi School also wrote their pledges on a banner. The students pledged to contribute to the country's development.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

### Form special monitoring cell to avoid its misuse

Speakers tell Bapa seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should not accept money from the climate change fundifit is given as loan because the country is not responsible for climate change, said the speakers at a seminar yesterday.

They also suggested forming a cell that would monitor the fund management to avoid its misuse.

The seminar titled 'International assistance in combating climate change: Context, effectiveness and accountability' was organised by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) ahead of the World Environment Day on June 5 at the Planning and Development Academy in the

Zakir Hossain, chief executive of an NGO Nagorik Udyog, said the phenomenon of climate change was something abstract to us a few years ago but its catastrophic consequences paper. are now clear to us.

"Severe cyclones are hitting our coasts too often now and these give us the warning of 'bigger catastrophes in future,"

he added.

Kazi Wahiduzzaman, executive director of another NGO Nabolok, said the situation at the southern belt of the country has been deteriorating day by day, and people are now forced to migrate from the region.

He said the country needs climate change fund and it should be spent for proper adaptation plan.

Abdul Hai Majumder, national committee member of Bapa, said the West would be benefited from climate change as fertile land would be recovered if glaciers are melted.

"So people who would become landless in this part of the world should migrate to the West," he added. The seminar was presided

over by Badiul Alam Majumder, country director of Hunger Project, while Mizanur Rahman Bijoy presented the keynote

Earlier in another seminar the speakers said the government should adopt a propeople and environmentfriendly energy policy prioritising the national interest first.

Presiding over the seminar Prof Anu Mohammad of Jahangirnagar University said the government should ensure hundred percent ownership of people in national resources.

He said national institutions in the energy sector should be revived which were damaged due to negligence of the past governments.

The government should also ban export-oriented deals with foreign companies by enacting newlaws, he added.

Engineer Enamul Haque gave some suggestions to the government to ensure energy He said the government

should encourage solar energy and look for bio-gas produc-

He urged the government not to set up more than one nuclear power plant as it might have some bad effects on environment.

919 Prof Shamsul Alam, an energy expert, presented the Revnote paper at the seminar.



Students of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College write their pledges on a banner in the city yesterday as part of the 'Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao' (Change yourself, change others) campaign of the daily Prothom Alo. PHOTO: STAR

#### Meridian-Ananda Alo Children Paintings Award contest begins August 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Meridian-Ananda Alo Children Paintings Award '09 will begin on August 14 with plans to add more areas of the country.

The organisers of the competition at a press conference at the Channel i building yesterday said around 50,000 schoolchildren participated in the preliminary stage last year.

Writer Imdadul Haque Milon said, "The competition will open up doors for many hidden talents of the country by giving them a chance to express their creativity."

Editor of Ananda Alo Rezanur Rahman said winner of the contest would receive a grand prize of Tk one lakh education insurance. The prize for runner-up is Tk 75,000 education insurance, while the second runner-up will receive Tk 50,000 education insurance.

Writer Imdadul Haque Milon speaks at a press conference at the Registration will be done Channel i building in the city yesterday. On his right are Channel i via SMS only which will begin from June 10 and it is open till Managing Director Faridur Reza Sagor and Editor of Ananda Alo 10:00am on the first day of the Rezanur Rahman. competition. Final round of the competition will take place in December.

There would be two sections. Students of class one to four will be in group A, while students of class five to eight will take part in group B.

There will be no theme for group A. They will portray their own imagination. The theme for group B is 'Save the rivers of Bangladesh' and 'Rural Bangladesh'. Artist Hashem Khan will be

the main judge of the competition. The art works of the children with disabilities will be evaluated separately if their participation is significant, Rahman added. Preliminaries will be held

in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Barisal, Khulna, Comilla, Sylhet and Chittagong districts. Managing Director of

Meridian Foods Ltd SM Kamal Pasha said starting in 2007, the competition has become quite popular. They have a plan to make it an international one in future.

#### Dhaka College '81 Society executives

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An ad hoc committee of Dhaka College '81 Cooperative Society Limited was formed recently with Kazi Ahsan Habib and Md Aminul Islam Badhsa as its president and general secretary, says a press release.

Other office-bearers are: vice presidents -- Azam Khan and KM Shakhawat Hossain Ripon; treasurer --Shahabuddin Ahmed; and joint secretary -- Md Rashidul Bari.

Members of the committee are Major Md Kawser Alam, Haji Kamrul Arefin, AKM Abdullah, Shahjada Sarker, and Khondoker Julfigar Haider Murad.

## Call to take special care of people with HIV/AIDS

illness to live a safe, healthy and

Ali said, "We have to sustain our

programme at any cost, other-

wise our all initiatives will be in

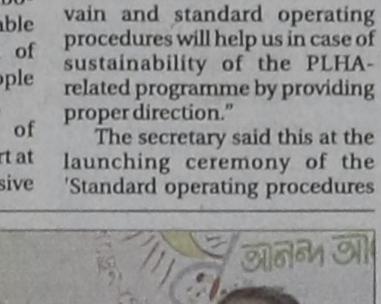
Health Secretary Sheikh Altaf

positive life, they added.

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday said it is the high time to develop a strategic as well as long-term plan through GO-NGO collaboration and design sustainable programme for prevention of HIV/AIDS and care of the people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA).

PLHA needs varieties of information, care and support at different stages of progressive



launching ceremony of the Standard operating procedures

for services to people living with HIV and AIDS' at the national dissemination seminar at Brac Centre Inn in the city with DGHS Additional Director General Prof

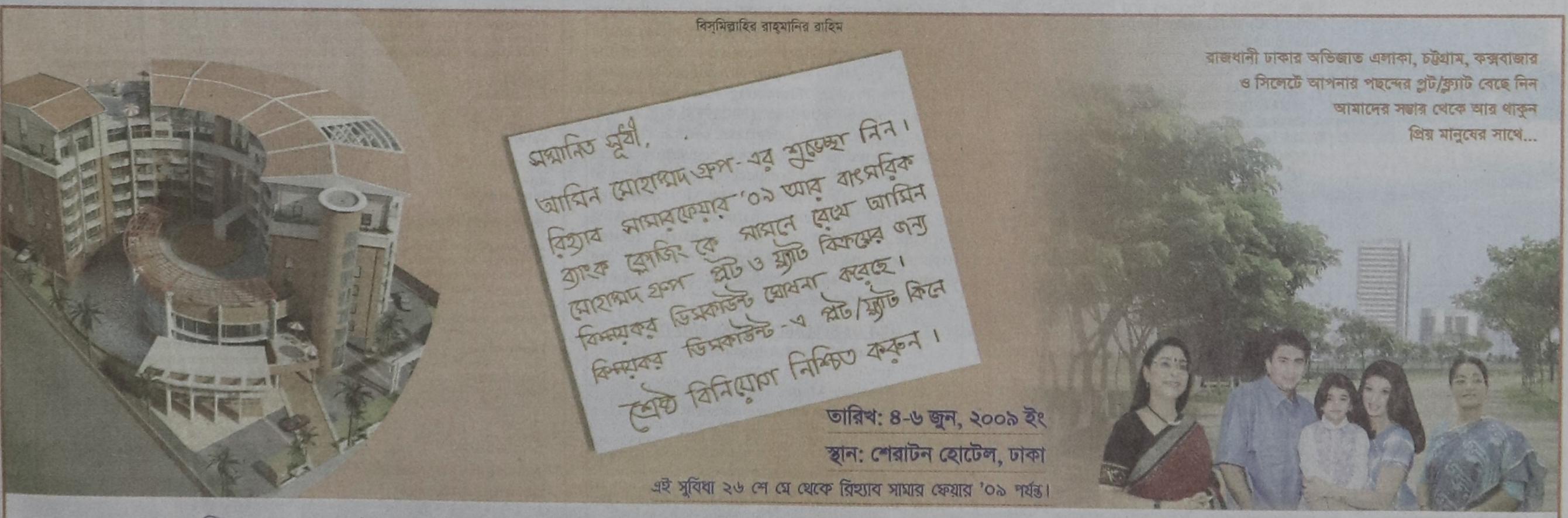
Hosne Ara Tahmin in the chair. National AIDS/STD Programme and Save the Children-USA jointly organised the event which was a part of

Global Fund Round 6 activities. Dr Md Ishaque Khan, line director of National AIDS/STD Programme and Safe Blood Transfusion Programme, and Dr Nizam Uddin Ahmed, director of HIV/AIDS Sector and South Asia Programme Adviser of Save the Children-USA, were present as the special guests.

The number of PLHA has been increasing day by day and so are their needs for various supports and services. But emphasis is mostly given on treatment and care through medical facilities. Other support services such as psychological, legal and human rights and socio-economic supports are also important.

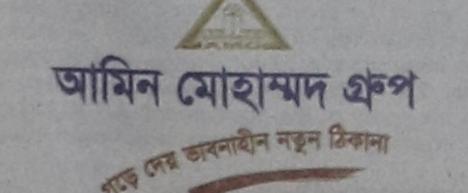
This can only be done with a standard operating procedures (SOP) which was seen to be absent in existing service delivery system, they added.

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