



Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Paba) forms a human chain at Basila near the Third Buriganga Bridge in the city yesterday demanding steps to save the rivers, canals and other water bodies in and around the capital.

# Save water bodies: Paba

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Paba) team after visiting Basila canal yesterday said stressed that immediate steps be taken to save the rivers, canals and other water bodies in the city from being dead.

It demanded prompt measures to recover all the filled canals in and around the city and stern action against the grabbers, says a press release.

It also demanded an enquiry into how the grabbers are receiving support from

law enforcers, including the police and Ansar.

The team members, comprising environmentalists, activists and social workers, placed the demand after the visit at Basila near the Third Buriganga Bridge.

The visit, hosted by Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Paba), was led by its Chairman Abu Naser Khan, Assistant Secretary Sagruzzaman Shakik, WBB Trust Media Officer Saiful Alam and artist Kuddus Boyati and his troupe.

They said one of the major reasons of

waterlogging and rapid deterioration of the rivers are due to the haphazard and illegal filling of the canals.

Out of the 47 canals in the city, 25 have become extinct and the rest are left as dying, constricted and polluted swamps, the release mentioned.

If the present situation persists, not only the sewerage connections would get all clogged up, they said the city itself would be more vulnerable to severe natural disasters, including earthquakes.

# Minor boy killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sakhira

A boy aged about one and a half year was killed in a road accident on Kalaroa-Sonabaria road in front of Kalaroa upazila health complex in Sakhira yesterday.

The victim was identified as Khokon, son of Bazlur

Rahman of Brajabaksa in Kalaroa upazila.

Quoting locals police said the accident occurred when a bicycle hit their Nosimon, a locally made vehicle, and he fell down from it and was crushed under its wheels. He along with his parents was returning home from a relative's house.

## SEMINAR about Study, Work and Settle In Canada

Information—the changes in Canadian Immigration Policy, Speaker: Mr. Mark Charles Coote, Responsible for International Student Affairs, South Asia, Centennial College, Toronto, Canada.  
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Time: 5:00 p.m-8:00 p.m  
venue: Dhaka Regency Hotel & Resort, Airport Road Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka. Free refreshment. Seats R limited, No entry without RSVP. Please Contact: Henna's Canadian Study & Future Inc. (Only Authorized Agent for Centennial College in Bangladesh), Suite-A/3, House-5, Rd-2/3 (New), Banani, Dhaka. 01715505787, 01713332654. For Spot Admission please bring all your Original documents.  
www.hennacanada.com



Home... Live n' Enjoy  
3 Bedroom Apartments at BASHUNDHARA



Asset Developments & Holdings Ltd  
91 Gulshan Avenue Dhaka  
(Office Of Corporate & Management Services)  
Tel: 8857230, 8857231, 8857232, 8857233, 8857234  
8857495, 8857496, 8857497, 8857498, 8857499  
Mobile: 01713 018405, 01713 044911, 01713 065055  
01714 016887, 01714 039847, 01714 039843  
01711 438431, 01711 426854, 01713 048556  
Fax: 880 2 8828272 E-mail: asset@agni.com

## WORLD PALLIATIVE CARE DAY OBSERVED

# Ensure palliative care for people with incurable diseases

Experts tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Palliative Care Day 2009 was observed in Bangladesh yesterday, as elsewhere in 70 other countries with a call to ensure palliative care for the people suffering from incurable diseases.

The theme of the day was 'Palliative care: Discovering your voice'.

To mark the day Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) organised a discussion at

Milon Hall where the experts highlighted its importance in resource poor countries and the nature of its service.

A group of patients suffering from incurable diseases also shared their experiences after receiving the service.

Experts at the discussion said those who are suffering from incurable or life limiting diseases also deserve attention, care and painless and dignified lives, and palliative care works in this field.

"Every year some two to three lakh people diagnosed

with cancer and of them more than 70 percent come to the doctor in advanced stage when the disease becomes incurable. The government also cannot afford expensive treatment for these patients. The palliative care works under such circumstances," said Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) of BSMMU Prof Mohammad Shahidullah.

While presenting the keynote paper he also said it aids patients in relieving physical, mental, social and spiritual problems and pains.

Speaking as chief guest, prime minister's Adviser for health and family welfare Prof Syed Modasser Ali said, "A terminally ill patient leads his or her family to an economic and social crisis. But still he or she needs a dignified life which could be ensured if we wish. In that case our mindset should be changed and the community needs to be involved with us."

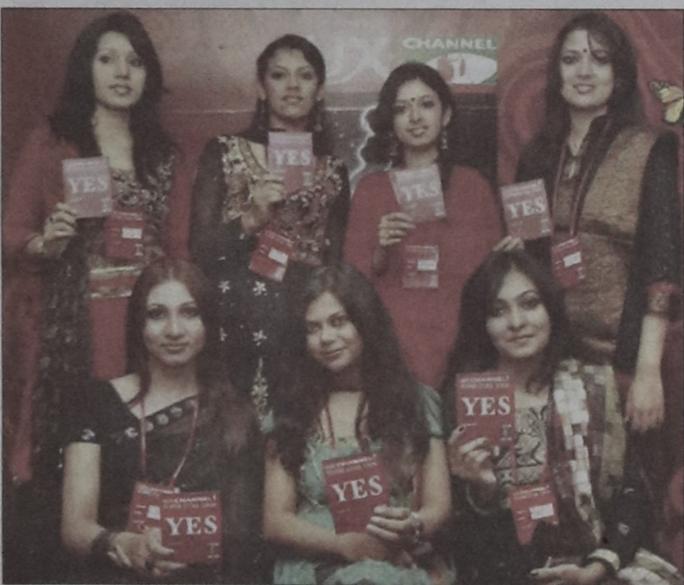
He also launched the website of palliative care (www.palliativecarebd.org).

Though in developed countries the palliative care service began in 1960s, this field is almost new in this country, said Vice Chancellor of BSMMU Prof Pran Gopal Dutta, adding that a separate unit has been established at BSMMU hospital to provide palliative care to patient suffering from incurable diseases like cancer, AIDS and motor neuron diseases.

In 2007, some 70 lakh people died of cancer while around 20 lakh died of AIDS.

Seventy percent of these patients had to suffer from severe pain before death, which could be managed easily and with little amount of money through the trained manpower, said the experts.

Dr Captain (ret'd) Mujibar Rahman Fakir, Prof Anisul Haque, pro-vice chancellor (academic), Dr Abdul Hai of the Department of Anaesthesia, Analgesia and Intensive Care, and Dr Nezamuddin Ahmed, coordinator of Palliative Care Service, also spoke on the occasion.



The regional contest for the 'Lux-Channel i Super Star' was held at Parjatan Motel in Sylhet yesterday. Seven contestants, out of 800 from Sylhet division, qualified for the final round of the competition. The winners are Dipali Dev, Barsha Roy, Farhana Akhtar, Rebeka Sultana, Sanjida Kranti, Nargis Islam and Tahera Jebin.

## Nadeem Qadir made BWW country rep

BSS, Dhaka

The Broadcast Worldwide (BWW) has appointed senior journalist Nadeem Qadir as its country representative for Bangladesh, a statement of the India-based media giant said.

It said Nadeem would be based in Dhaka and also continues in his current capacity as the consulting editor of TV Southasia, a regional venture of BWW, which also has two other media enterprises -- Tara News and Tara Musik.

A popular television and radio anchor, Nadeem made his debut in the profession with the state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and later served as the special correspondent for AFP news agency for about 18 years until 2004.

## Call to explore gas, cancel model PSC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday demanded exploration as well as extraction of gas from the offshore blocks, withdrawing a part of the model PSC-2008 for the sake of national interests, says a press release.

They placed their demand at different rallies in the city as part of the party's country-wide 'demand week' programme.

At the rallies, the CPB leaders said the countrymen are being misguided about the movement against the government move to lease out offshore blocks to foreign compa-

nies for gas exploration instead of protecting the national interests.

People have no objection on gas extraction but they have doubts whether the explored gas would be utilised for the development of the country as the agreement gives opportunity to export gas.

They further said that the speech of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina over the issue is not acceptable.

The leaders also demanded immediate solution to the conflicts over the issue of maritime demarcation along with formulating a new PSC model cancelling the existing one.

# Bangladesh Sanglap

Take part no matter where you are!

Participate in Bangladesh Sanglap from wherever you are and stay right at the centre of what's happening.

**Watch**  
BBC Bangladesh Sanglap on Channel i Monday night at 8

**Listen**  
To BBC Bangladesh Sanglap, Sunday night at 9 on BBC Bangla Radio on Shortwave 19 and 25 metreband, 15450 and 11795 kHz respectively and FM 100 in Dhaka  
Mondays and Tuesdays (rerun at 10:30 am), Shortwave 31, 22 and 25-metreband, 9695, 11995, and 13790 kHz respectively and on FM 100 in Dhaka

**Participate**  
in BBC Bangladesh Sanglap by calling or sending  
SMS to: 01819 407030 (10am-5pm)  
Write to: BBC Bangla, Post Box 2060, Dhaka 1000  
E-mail: bangla@bbc.co.uk

CHANNEL  
১১১  
বিবিসি  
বাংলা