

'Buy revenue stamps from post offices'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Directorate of Bangladesh Post Office has requested people to procure revenue stamps only from the post offices and not to get cheated by frauds involved in revenue stamp counterfeiting.

Issuing a press release recently the Directorate informed the public that the authentic stamps (of worth Tk 5 each) have the distinguished feature of five-time inscription of the word 'GOB' on them printed in ultraviolet link.

It also mentioned that due to the circulation of counterfeit stamps government has been losing revenue earnings from this sector.

It urged all revenue stamp users in government, semi-government and private sectors as well as the individual users to remain aware about buying the authentic stamps.



A woman worker of TSF-Dhaka Sarak, engaged in easing traffic jam, warns a rickshawpuller not to park on the roadside in New Market area. The organisation launched its service yesterday to help keep the city roads free from traffic congestion. PHOTO: STAR

Proposed Asian Highway to give India corridor

Say BNP, Jamaat leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The proposed route that the government has selected for Asian Highway linking two parts of India would be like giving India the corridor, BNP and Jamaat leaders said yesterday.

They alleged that the government is busy serving the interests of the foreign forces rather than fulfilling their pledges to the countrymen.

The speakers said this at a seminar on 'Asian Highway, Transit and Corridors: Way to Tackle Authoritarianism,' organised by Liberty Bangladesh, a pro-BNP-Jamaat research organisation, at the National Press Club.

The speakers at the seminar said the route that the government has chosen would also take extra money for construction.

They added that the nationalist forces should get united to forge a movement against the government on

different issues like the Asian Highway, transit and Tipaimukh.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain said the country is in a deep crisis and its independence and sovereignty are threatened.

The nationalist forces should get united to prevent the aggression of authoritarian forces against the country, he said.

The BNP secretary general alleged that the ruling Awami League wants to eliminate the opposition so that they can keep the promises they had made to their foreign patrons to come to power.

Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mojahid, BNP leaders Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and former director general of BDR Maj Gen (ret'd) ALM Fazlur Rahman also others spoke at the seminar while Vice Chancellor of Manarat University Dr Abdur Rob presented the keynote paper.

'Weakness in English major obstacle to higher education'

BSS, Dhaka

Academics have identified weakness in English as a major barrier to higher education in the country and called for effective government initiatives to overcome the problem.

Talking to BSS, they pointed out that lack of proficiency in English among teachers and students has restricted themselves to cope with the rapid development in the arena of knowledge.

They laid emphasis on imparting effective English education at pre-university level saying students were coming to universities 'with very poor knowledge in English'.

Dean of Arts Faculty of Dhaka University (DU) Prof Sadrul Amin said the learning of English is important for foreign employment as well as human resource development and economic prosperity.

The government and the University Grants Commission (UGC) have scopes to play effective roles against the backdrop of the weakness of English, he said. English is an appropriate medium for interaction worldwide, he added.

In addition, there are problems with English as a

medium in higher education. It was recently noted that more than 70 percent of the university students in Bangladesh answer their examination questions in Bangla, although the texts are in English.

Renowned educationist Professor Muzaffer Ahmad said the government should undertake initiatives to formulate a coordinated higher education policy for 'at least one or two decades' to impart need-based education to the students as part of strategies for planned development of human resources.

Despite increased budget allocation for education, with all its necessity for updating the education quality, curriculum and teaching system, the higher education sector was deprived of the raised allocation, he said.

Although the number of government and private universities and colleges has been steadily increasing since Bangladesh achieved statehood in 1971, the enrollment completion rates are still very low.

The major factors related to the problems of low enrollment and high dropout rates at the college and university levels in Bangladesh seem to be a combination of factors, including poverty, said Prof Zahedul Islam of DU.

6 injured in BCL clash at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Six activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were injured in a clash between two factions on Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday.

The clash ensued when Mintu, a student of political science department and a BCL activist of Jasim Uddin Hall, teased Jahid, another student of the same department who is involved in BCL politics at Ziaur Rahman Hall,

at the department.

After an altercation between the two at the department corridor at about 12:00 noon, they returned to their own dormitories and came out with other BCL men of the two halls.

Each of the groups threw brickbats at each other during the hour-long clash while their chase and counter chase spread panic among the general students at the halls. The injured - Jasim, Mintu, Salam, Monir and Russel of Kabi

Jasimuddin Hall and Masud of Ziaur Rahman Hall - were taken to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH).

Meanwhile, Tanvir, a student of Bangla department and a resident of Zahurul Haq hall, beat up Firoz, a student of sociology department, at Lecture Theatre building on the campus. With head injuries, Firoz was rushed to DMCH.

However, the reason why Tanvir beat Firoz up could not be known.



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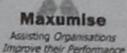
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