

President asks police to be friend of people

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday urged members of the police force to prove themselves as friend of the people by their cordial and candid behavior under all circumstances.

"You have to remember that the motto of police is to serve the people," the president said while addressing a gathering of top ranking police officers at Bangabhaban marking the 'PoliceWeek-2010'.

Terming the police as one of the country's oldest institutions, he said as a law enforcement agency, role of the force is vital in establishing rule of law as well as ensuring security of people's lives and properties.

Zillur said role of the police and elite force Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in curbing militancy alongside improving the law and order situation amid manpower constraints is highly appreciable.

"Though the law and order situation has improved more scopes are there to make further improvements," he said. Expressing his satisfaction

over joining of meritorious and young guys in the police force, president laid emphasis on building a patriotic and skilled law enforcement agency suitable for the 21st century through providing proper training.

Zillur asked the police officers to be active to root out all kinds of communication system and techniques using by the criminals in this era of free flow of information and technology.

Mentioning people's cooperation is very important in improving the law and order situation, he said a congenial atmosphere is needed so that the people spontaneously come forward to help the police. "You have the responsibility to create such an environment," he added.

President said the Bangladesh Police have glorified the image of Bangladesh abroad by their merits, competence and discipline through participating in the UN Peacekeeping Mission in different countries.

"I hope the number of participation in UN Mission

will be increased in future to further brighten the country's image in the international arena," he added.

Referring to the steps taken by the government for development of the police, he hoped that the force would be more dynamic and time benefiting because of the new steps.

He also hoped that the police officers would increase prestige of the force through their patriotism, honesty and professionalism.

The president also congratulated the recipients of the prestigious 'Bangladesh Police Award' and 'President Police Award' for their contribution to the service of the people as well as the country.

Zillur recalled with respect the memories of those police personnel who laid their lives while discharging their duties.

Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun, State Minister for Home Affairs Advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikdar and Inspector General of Police Nur Mohammad were present on the occasion.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia distributes warm clothes among the poor at Bangshal in the city on Wednesday night.

2 city roads renamed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday renamed two roads after the name of two freedom fighters in Gulshan-2 area.

Road No. 50 in Gulshan-2 was renamed as Bir Uttam Sultan Mahmud Sarak after the name of Bir Uttam Sultan Mahmud, while Road 51 was renamed as Bir Pratik Aiuuddin Sarak after the name of Bir

Pratik Aiuuddin.

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka at the programme said they renamed different roads after the name of freedom fighters recognising their contribution during the Liberation War.

Family members of Sultan Mahmud and Aiuuddin, local ward commissioner, and high officials of DCC were present at the programme.

DMCH staffs demand transparency in recruitment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 300 fourth-class employees of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday staged a demonstration demanding transparency in recruiting staffs of the hospital.

The staffs under the banner of Fourth Class Employees' Union started demonstration in front of directors' room of the DMCH at about 9:30am and continued for an hour.

The employees said they sought special consideration so that family members of the hospital staffs, who went retirement or died, can get jobs in the hospital.

President of the union Abdul Khalek told The Daily Star that the recent recruitment process in the hospital was done in a hasty manner, which overlapped the normal procedure, ignoring the interests of the staffs.

Some agitating staffs said the DMCH authority was completing the recruitment process through irregularities.

Hospital sources said the DMCH authority invited applications for 171 posts of fourth class employees and according to the circulation published in different dailies in the last week of November, they authority completed necessary procedures to complete the appointments. Sources also said they were yet to complete issuing appointment letters.

However, the hospital sources denied the allegation of irregularities in recruitment process.

Shah Monir Hossain, director general of health directorate, told The Daily Star that he heard about the agitation and would look into the matter.

'Timely weather warnings can cut casualties'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop urged the media men to publish or broadcast meteorological cautionary messages properly and timely to make people aware and reduce casualties.

They said the media men often face difficulties in broadcasting or publishing weather forecast or cautionary messages because they do not have academic or institutional training on meteorology. So,

the media men should study more about meteorology to provide perfect message.

They made the remark at a workshop styled 'Role of mass media in broadcasting meteorological information and creating public awareness'. Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) and Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ASPC) jointly organised the workshop at BMD hall room in the city yesterday.

BMD Director Arjumand Habib, BMD meteorologists

Shadekul Alam, Taslima Imam, Ayesha Khatun, Shameem Hassan Bhuiyan, Syed Abul Hasanat placed presentations on weather and climate, cyclone, agro meteorological bulletins, seismic activities and aviation weather forecasting.

Recommendations came out from the workshop are: opening of media cell in BMD, update of BMD website, easing meteorological language in forecasting and publishing of meteorological dictionary.

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