

DMCH STAFFS Strike called off as govt suspends recruitment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The strike at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) called by both doctors and fourth class employees was called off which was scheduled to be observed yesterday after the government had suspended recruitment of 4th class staffs on Friday.

The employees at a press conference said they called off the strike as the government had suspended the recruitment process.

They demanded the prime minister's interference in the staff recruitment to make the process fair.

They also demanded giving priority to the family members of the late and retired employees.

Tense situation has been prevailing at DMCH for the last few days due to the alleged irregularities in recruiting 171 employees.

Staff leaders have been urging the DMCH director to recruit 51 of their candidates.

Violence erupted inside DMCH in the last few days regarding this issue which disrupted quality services at the country's premier public hospital, causing sufferings to hundreds of patients and leaving over 20 doctors and students injured.

Vessel stranded near Ctg port for dense fog

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A vessel loaded with edible oil got stranded near Karnaphuli estuary on its way to Chittagong Port yesterday afternoon due to dense fog.

The Mauritius flag carrier vessel Sydpolen was heading for berthing at the River Mooring Jetty No. 3 of the port but got stranded at the shallow water beside the port channel losing its direction due to dense fog, said the on duty officer at port radio control.

The vessel loaded with 13524 tonnes of crude degummed soybean oil (CDSO) arrived at the outer anchorage on January 12.

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Secretary Syed Farhad Uddin Ahmed claimed that the vessel movement at the port channel was quite normal while four vessels berthed at the jetties and three other left the port yesterday.

The stranded vessel would be pulled to the port with the help of tugboats during the tide at 10.00pm, he said.

Nazrul songs were inspiration for FFs

Speakers tell conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Speakers at a conference here yesterday said the songs and poems of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam were a source of inspiration for freedom fighters during the liberation war in 1971.

They made a call for proper dissemination of the non-communal spirit and secularism of the poet among people, particularly the new generation, for maintaining peace as well as ensuring the country's development.

The two-day conference on 'Kazi Nazrul Islam' was organised by Nazrul Institute at Rajshahi Medical College auditorium with Dr Rafiqul Islam, trustee board chairman of the institute, in the chair.

Speaking as the chief guest, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin termed Nazrul a humanist poet and said the works of the poet have enriched Bangla literature.

He said the government is reviving the Bangalee culture and heritage across the country in order to maintain peace and ensure proper development.

Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman, lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha, Deputy Director of the institute Rezauddin Stalin, Executive Director Rashid Haider, Rajshahi University teacher Khandakar Sirajul Islam and Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Hafizur Rahman Bhuiyan also spoke.

The mayor described Nazrul as one of the greatest poets of Bangla literature and said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman brought him to Bangladesh.

Lawmaker Badsha said, "Nazrul was a versatile genius. He brought the politics of the proletariat in his poems. His works should be thoroughly researched and cultured for strengthening our cultural base."



Members of Dhaka University Alumni Association enjoy themselves at its third reunion on the central playground of the university yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

DU alumni reunion held amid festivity

DU CORRESPONDENT

The third grand reunion of Dhaka University Alumni Association was held at the central playground of the university yesterday amid fanfare and much enthusiasm.

Festivity was in the air as several thousand alumni met their old friends after a long time, chatted and took photographs during the daylong programme that began at 9:30am.

Misbahul Bahar, the oldest member of the association who did his MA in 1940, was the chief guest of the inaugural session.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "During our time, there were two types of education at the university -- learning from the environment and the other is academic education. But at present, crisis has gripped both the sources of education."

Association President Syed Manzur Elahi called on the association members to come forward to improve the quality of education and develop the infrastructure of the university.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said the university is a living legend in the history of Bangladesh. Whenever any crises appear in the country, teachers and students of the institution take the lead to address them.

Former vice chancellors Prof Emaj Uddin Ahmed, Prof Moniruzzaman Miah, Prof SMA Faiz and former Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed also spoke at the programme.

After the inaugural session, the members took part in a reminiscence session and sang songs.

The daylong programmes featured raffle draw and cultural events.

Debate over 'Joy Bangla'

The reunion, however, witnessed a brief disruption at around 12:30pm after Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, vice chancellor of the World University, asked the association members who are freedom fighters to come onto the stage to introduce themselves.

As the freedom fighters came onto the stage chanting slogan 'Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu', some pro-BNP members complained to association Secretary General Raquibuddin Ahmed that this non-political organisation has been politicised through chanting such slogan.

Raquibuddin then got onto the stage and said, "This organisation is non-political. So, any political slogans should be avoided here."

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Bangladesh Scout National Commissioner M Mozammel Huq Khan also spoke at the function with President of Bangladesh Scouts M Montajul Islam in the chair.

After the inaugural ceremony, Hasina visited the camps of scouts and talked to scouts.

8TH NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE OPENS AT MOUCHAK

Build yourselves as qualified leaders to make country hunger-free

Hasina urges Scouts

UNB, Gazipur

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the authorities concerned to increase the number of scouts to 1.5 million by 2013 by creating more than one scout team in each school of the country.

"The number of scouts is increasing in the country along with its growing population. But this number (scouts) has to be increased further. I urge for increasing the number to 1.5 million by 2013 by creating more than one scout team in each school," she said.

Hasina gave the directive while

inaugurating the 8th National Scout Jamboree at Mouchak in Gazipur.

The theme of this year jamboree is 'Scouting for change'.

She said scout is a movement for youths which is accepted worldwide for its voluntary and educational services.

She said the role of scout movement is very much important for children and youths to build them as honest, self-confident and ideal citizens alongside carrying out their education.

Hasina said her government wants to make the country free from poverty

and hunger. "I hope that you'll make the country free from hunger by building yourselves as qualified leaders," she asked the scouts.

Hasina said the youth will participate in the programme of building 'Digital Bangladesh' by coping with the pace of modern information technology emerging in the world.

She said the responsibilities of the scouts will grow with their age.

The jamboree started on January 14 and will continue till January 22. A total of 13,000 scouts, including 143 from India and Nepal, are participating in the jamboree.

Hasina said the scouts will have to increase their participation in different social voluntary services.

She appreciated the role of scouts during natural calamities that hit the country on various occasions in the past, and asked them to increase their voluntary services.

The PM said she was very much delighted when she came to know that the youths with disabilities are also participating in the Jamboree. "I'll request you to build a closer and cordial relationship with the youths with disabilities so that they do not feel that they are different from you,

and get the impression that you are very much close to them."

Hasina expressed her satisfaction when she saw street children engaged in scouting. "I'm very much delighted to see you in the scouting. It'll help you grow up you as good citizens apart earning your livelihoods."

Hasina said Education and Primary and Mass Education Ministries are providing funds for two projects for expanding scouting and cub-scouting, and employment of youths and building 'Digital Bangladesh'.

"Special initiatives have been taken by Science and Information & Communication Technology Ministry aiming to involve the scouts. The government will provide all sorts of assistance in this connection."

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina takes salute from flag-carrying teams of scouts at the 8th National Scout Jamboree at Mouchak in Gazipur yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

3 killed in city road accidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people were killed in separate road accidents in the city in two days.

The victims were identified as Nurjahan Begum, 40, wife of Zakir Hossain, Bazle Rahman, 48, security guard of a restaurant at Banasri, and Manirul Islam, 45, a construction worker.

Police said Nurjahan was crushed under the wheels of a covered van when the vehicle hit a motorbike from behind on Begum Rokeya Swarni Road at Shenpara around 8:00am yesterday, leaving her dead on the spot.

Police said the accident occurred when Nurjahan, her husband Zakir and minor son Nur Alam, 12, were going to Mirpur by the motorbike.

Mirpur police said the covered van sped away following the incident.

A security guard Bazle Rahman was killed on the spot as a motorbike hit him in front of a restaurant at Banasri around 1:00pm.

station around 8:00pm on Friday.

DMCH sources said coworker Mohammad Swapan rushed Moinul to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Quoting Swapan, police said a motorbike hit them while they were crossing the police station gate.

Police said the motorbike riders managed to escape, leaving the motorbike on the spot.

2 killed in Manikganj

Our correspondent from Manikganj adds: Two people were killed and two others critically injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Ghor road in Manikganj on Friday. The dead were identified as bus helper Shahin, 18, of Uchitia village of Manikganj Sadar upazila and Hasu Mia, 70, of Poyla village under Ghor Upazila in the district.

Police said the accident occurred around 5:30pm at Bialiakhora in Ghor when a Ghior-bound bus from Dhaka plunged into a roadside ditch, leaving the two dead on the spot.

Man dies under wheels of locomotive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified man was killed falling under the wheels of a locomotive near Banani Railway Station in the city yesterday.

Assistant Sub-inspector ASI Nazrul Islam of Kamalpur Government Railway Police quoting the gateman at Banani Railway Station said the victim, aged around 45, was trying to get on the locomotive, but fell under its wheels at around 5:00am.

Agri university result published

METRO DESK

The result of the written test for admission in Bachelor of Science (Agriculture/Fisheries) programme at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University Summer Term 2010 was published yesterday.

The result is available on the notice board and university website www.bsmrau.edu.bd

The admission process for the students who are there in the merit list will begin at 10:00am on January 21 while students from the waiting list will be admitted on January 27.

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