



Language Movement veterans come together on a platform during a programme titled 'Dunia Kapano 30 minutes' (30 minutes that shook the world) in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

Past govts used police against people

Says DMP chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The governments in the past sometimes had used police against people using the force's loyalty to the rulers, but police are now acting as people's friends, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday.

The police force should be loyal to the government if it wants to discharge its duty smoothly, he said, adding that but the governments in the past sometimes had used police against the people.

The DMP commissioner said this as the chief guest at a discussion to mark the International Mother Language Day jointly organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) and Bangladesh Police Sahitya Sangskritik Parishad (BPSSP) at Rajarbagh.

Recalling the contribution of police during the liberation war, he said police force had revolted first against the torture of the

Pakistani military junta. They took their rifles in hand and fought with the well-equipped Pak army.

Shahidul called on all to bring up the children based on the spirit of Amar Ekushey and the liberation war.

Joint Commissioner of Detective Branch of DMP Amulya Bhushan Barua said a new movement should be launched to practise chaste (pure) Bangla language at every sphere.

Bangla is being wrongly pronounced in the FM radio stations of the country, he added.

Speakers at the discussion said the language movement sowed the seed of the liberation war that resulted in the country's independence.

The discussion was presided over by SSJ Vice President Golam Kuddus while SSJ General Secretary Hasan Arif and BPSSP General Secretary Habibur Rahman also spoke.

A cultural programme was also organised where SSJ members performed.

BAGHAICHHARI VIOLENCE Judicial probe demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Indigenous people staged a huge demonstration in the port city yesterday protesting Saturday's attack on ethnic minorities and their houses at Baghaichhari in Rangamati.

They also demanded judicial probe into the incident, withdrawal of army camp and relocation of Bangalee settlers.

Over four hundred tribal people, mostly students, and a number of Buddhist monks joined the protest procession under the banner of Gonotantrik Jubo Forum.

Chittagong city, Chittagong University and Chittagong Polytechnic Institute units of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) and Pahari Sramik

Kalyan Forum took part in the demonstration.

Later, at a rally in front of the Chittagong Press Club, Jubo Forum leaders and monks demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to those responsible for the attack, withdrawal of army camp from Baghaichhari, relocation of the Bangalee settlers, treatment for the injured persons and compensation to and rehabilitation of the affected families.

Tapash Chakma, Suprim Chakma, Romel Chakma and Toain Chakma spoke at the rally presided over by Chittagong city PCP president Intumoni Chakma.

Prof Jinobhyodhi Bhixnu of Chittagong University expressed solidarity with them.

Youth dies in Buriganga boat capsizes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fire brigade divers yesterday recovered the body of a youth who had been missing since a boat capsized in the river Buriganga near Babu Bazar in the city on Saturday evening.

The body of Mohammad Sunny, 20, a resident of Ali Hossain Lane in old part of the city, was found floating in the river near Babu Bazar during a search by the divers at about 10:00am, fire brigade official said. Sunny was a worker of

plastic factory in his area.

His father Safiullah told reporters that Sunny was going to Keraniganj to distribute invitation cards for wedding reception of his elder brother.

Witnesses said Sunny and four others were going to Keraniganj from Babu Bazar Bridge Ghat by a boat at about 6:00pm on Saturday, but it capsized in the middle of the river after being hit by a trawler.

However, all of them, except Sunny, could manage to swim ashore.

Toxic smokes kill youth during Ctg fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth was killed due to inhalation of toxic smokes in a fire in Chawk Bazar area of the port city of Chittagong early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Jasim Uddin, 18, son of one Abdul Gafur of Paduarbari village under Lohagara upazila here.

Sources said the fire broke out at a godown of clothes on the first floor of a four-storey building owned by one Prof

Yusuf in front of Chawk Super Market around 5:00am.

The fire spread fast engulfing the building's second floor where Jasim, a worker of Madhuban Sweetmeat, was sleeping in his mess.

Inhalation of toxic smokes and burn injuries left Jasim seriously injured.

The injured was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where on-duty doctors declared him dead, said Sub-Inspector (SI) Absar of Kotwali Police Station.

Two firefighting units from Chandanpura Fire Station rushed to the spot and doused the flames after a one-and-half-hour effort.

The damage in the fire, which originated from an electric short-circuit, was estimated at Tk 1.5 lakh, sources said.

The victim's body was sent to CMCH morgue for an autopsy and an unnatural death (UD) case was filed with the police station in this connection, the SI added.

Shishu Hospital opens Gazipur branch today

BSS, Dhaka

The specialised Dhaka Shishu Hospital will launch its first ever operation outside the capital today, hospital sources said.

Initial operation of the new wing of the hospital in Gazipur would mainly be the outdoor service, but it might be expanded based on the demand from local communities and availability of resources, Director of the hospital Dr AR Khan told BSS over phone.

The Gazipur branch is being opened as per the wishes of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who felt a necessity of expanding the operation of the hospital in six divisional headquarters and some other geographically important places to protect children.

Health Minister AFM Ruhul Haque will inaugurate the new branch as the chief guest. State Minister for Health Mujibar

Rahman Fakir, former director of the hospital Prof Dr Manzoor Hossain, lawmakers Jahid Ahsan Russel and AKM Mozammel Haque will also attend it.

Since its inception in 1976, the hospital has been offering specialised services to children from all over country, but the demand has surpassed the capacity of the four-storey hospital over decades.

Hospital sources said more than 1,000 children come to the hospital everyday and on an average 100 children, mostly newborns and under-five children, are admitted to the 531-bed hospital.

"The demand is huge and it is ever growing," leading pediatrician and former director of the hospital Prof Dr Manzoor Hossain said, adding that the hospital authorities has been contemplating to open other branches at divisional cities and district headquarters.

6 JU students expelled

BSS, JU

Six students were expelled from Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday for one year for their alleged involvement in criminal activities on the campus.

Vice Chancellor Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir said the students were expelled from JU, as they were involved in criminal as well as unruly activities on the campus.

A notice in this connection will be issued today, the VC added.

The expelled students were identified as Nahid of 32nd batch of Bangla department, Sabir of 34th batch of History, Azibur of 31st batch of Mathematics, Sabuj of 33rd batch of Physics, Sujon of 33rd batch of Government and Politics and Asad of 33rd batch of Geological Science.

Sources said the authorities expelled the students for stabbing a student named Emon of 33rd batch of Drama and Dramatics department and leader of JU unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

Plot on to wipe out govt's achievements

Says Dilip Barua

BSS, Dhaka

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday said anti-liberation forces have been hatching conspiracy to wipe out the achievements of the present government.

He urged the patriotic citizens and pro-liberation forces to be united being imbued with the spirit of Amar Ekushey to turn Bangladesh into an industrially rich country under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The industries minister was addressing a discussion on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day on BCIC College premises at Mirpur in

the city, said a press release.

BCIC Chairman KH Masud Siddique presided over the discussion while Kamal Ahmed Majumdar MP and BCIC College Principal Mofijur Rahman also spoke.

Dilip Barua said the government has been working for building a knowledge-based and enlightened society.

The government will not allow terrorism and extortion in educational institutions, he added.

Earlier, the minister paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Language Movement by placing wreaths at the newly built Shaheed Minar on the college premises.

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