

## 250 slum families evicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Public Works Department (PWD) in cooperation with police yesterday evicted some 250 families from a slum at Agargaon in the city by demolishing their

houses despite the court order against the drive. PWD officials and police said the eviction drive was carried out in presence of a magistrate from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and later handed over the land to Export

Promotion Bureau (EPB). Witnesses said at the directives of the staffers from PWD and EPB, several dozens of labourers, in cooperation with 100 policemen, evicted the slum dwellers, knocked down the shanties and other structures with a bulldozer and other equipment.

During the drive, several hundred slum dwellers tried to protest.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Reaz Hossain of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station told The Daily Star: "Police helped implement the government order to hand over the land from PWD to EPB."

The OC said, "Neither anybody from the court nor from the slum came to stop the drive and none could show any court order to stop it."

Barrister Sara Hossain told The Daily Star that Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) filed a petition with the High Court that on February 4 ordered the government not to evict the people, who had been living there for years, without their rehabilitation.

Talking to this reporter, ASK Executive Director Sultana Kamal said: "Our lawyers rushed to the spot during the eviction and tried to stop it showing the lawyer's certificate against the move, but none showed any honour to it."

"I also tried over a phone to contact the magistrate, but he did not respond to my call," she added.

## RU VIOLENCE Signature campaign against Jamaat-Shibir politics begins

A CORRESPONDENT, RU

A three-day mass signature campaign against Jamaat-Shibir politics began on the Rajshahi University (RU) campus yesterday.

With a view to freeing the campus of Jamaat-Shibir, RU unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) launched the signature campaign on the university central library premises.

BCL President Awal Kabir Joy said the campaign would make people aware of the religion-based politics.

He called on the government and the RU authorities to ban the politics of Jamaat-Islami and its associate student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The BCL leaders urged the countrymen to be united against the anti-liberation forces as Jamaat and Shibir cadres are trying to destabilise the war crimes trial process.

They criticised the role of law enforcement agencies and the RU authorities regarding the violence on the campus when Shibir cadres hacked to death Faruque Hossain, a BCL activist, at Shah Makhdoom Hall in the early hours of February 9.

They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers.

They also demanded a probe committee formed by the government to identify those responsible for their involvement in the Shibir attack.

The BCL leaders also called on the government to stand beside the distressed family of Faruque.

RU BCL Secretary Mazedul Islam Opu, Vice-President Shubra and Joint Secretary Abu Hossain Bipu also spoke at the programme.

## Salish to resolve conflicts stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday stressed the need for practice of Salish (arbitration) to resolve conflicts and disorder at local levels and bring a qualitative change in the method, which is being used in the country.

Salish, a village-level traditional justice mechanism mainly conducted in informal manner, which is able to resolve a good number of disputes at grass-roots levels, can be turned into a formal nature which would protect human rights, they added.

The speakers said this at the roundtable

on 'The role of Salish in resolving local argument: The problems and possibilities' organised by Nagorik Udyog, an NGO, at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

Presenting a keynote paper, Zakir Hossain, executive director of Nagorik Udyog, said arguments and conflicts can be fixed through Salish and further help of court can be approached to establish rule of law.

Woman can be empowered through Salish by being employed as community leaders in the Salish panel and a women leaders' network can be formed through this way, he added.

"Again the participation of women in the

Salish procedures is making them advanced in society as they can have an opportunity to participate in the local decision-making and in the development programme of the community."

The keynote also discussed the shortcomings of the conventional laws and their implementation.

Former adviser ASM Shahjahan, Prof Farzana Islam of Jahangirnagar University, Dina Siddiqui of Brac University, and advocate Rehana Sultana, director (legal help) of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), also spoke.

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