

55 women honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday honoured some 55 women for their enormous contributions to different sectors.

Those who were honoured were given crests at a programme organised at BIAM Foundation auditorium in the city marking the 40th founding anniversary of BMP.

Awards were given in literature, environmental movement, music, band music, poetry recitation, painting, films, documentary, photography, sports, journalism, acting, dance, agriculture, indigenous women, women with disability, women entrepreneurship, fashion designing, mountaineering, drama in acting, writing and directing categories.

In her speech, BMP President Ayesha Khanam said women movement is not a movement against men rather it is the one that include both men and women to establish equal rights of women in society.

She urged the youths of the country to come forward to building a gender sensitive society and help women realise their rights.

Maleka Banu, general secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, also spoke at the programme.

Garments worker stabbed to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A young garment worker succumbed to his stab injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital early yesterday morning.

Rakib Hossain Rokan, 22, an employee of Salam Brothers Limited in Sagarika industrial area of the port city, came under attack at about 10:20pm Tuesday as he was returning home from work along with a female colleague.

According to police and family sources, Rakib, son of Moksed Haoladar of Paschim Guilshakhali in Bagerhat, got into an altercation with some unidentified criminals near Sagarika divisional stadium.

At one stage of altercation, the miscreants beat him and stabbed in his chest and back after taking him to a roadside ditch.

Rakib was rushed to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries shortly after the midnight on Tuesday.

None was arrested in this connection, and police could not find any reason behind the murder till yesterday afternoon.

Sub-inspector Obaidul Hoque of Pahartali Police Station who was investigating the incident, however, suspected that Rakib might have protested stalkers of his colleague and faced the attack.



Recipients of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad award pose for photograph with the guests at the Biam auditorium in the city yesterday.

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WORLD HEALTH DAY OBSERVED

'Ensure urban healthcare'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World Health Day was observed in the country yesterday as elsewhere across the globe with the theme 'Urbanisation and Health'.

Different organisations held discussions, seminars and fairs and organised free medical camp to mark the day.

Health Minister Prof AFM Ruhul Haque yesterday said cooperation between different government and non-government organisations should be strengthened to ensure people living in urban areas have access to healthcare service.

Though the Dhaka City Corporation, local government division and municipalities are mainly responsible to ensure primary healthcare of city dwellers, health ministry cannot overlook them, he said.

He was speaking at a programme to mark the day at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Health Adviser to the Prime Minister Prof Syed Modasser Ali stressed the need to stop rural to urban migration for ensur-

ing urban people's health and treatment.

If the government could provide employment to at least one person of every family as per its commitment, the tendency of such migration could be controlled, he added.

A health education fair was also held at the venue.

Health Movement at a view exchange meeting at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity said the health policy, which is yet to be finalised, should prioritise building the infrastructures for better environment that will ensure a healthy life.

At the meeting titled 'Our expectation and steps to formulate a people-oriented health policy', the speakers also stressed the need to incorporate the role of food, education, environment and other ministries with the health ministry.

National Professor Dr Nurul Islam presided over the meeting.

Campaign for Good Governance formed a human chain in front of the south plaza of the National Parliament. The human chain was simultaneously formed at 45 districts across the country. Leaders of the platform demanded the

government recruit people against all the vacant posts in health sector.

Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital in association with JAAGO Foundation, Salauddin Specialised Hospital, American International University Bangladesh, AG Breast Care, Sandhani and Bandhani organised a health care fair at five venues in the city.

They provided free medical tests and consultations.

Mayor Mohammad Hanif Memorial Foundation organised an eye camp to provide free services to the poor people.

Mother Teresa Memorial Society Bangladesh, Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association, The 2nd Urban Primary Health Care Project under the LGRD ministry also held rallies at different places in the city to increase health awareness in the society.

Savar Upazila Health complex along with Transparency International Bangladesh -- Sachetan Nagorik Committee, Savar, World Vision, Urban Primary Health Care Project and Swanirvar Bangladesh jointly organised a rally and a discussion.

More loyalty to constitution

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"The training curriculum should be designed in such a way that supremacy of the constitution is inculcated in every soldier's psyche and they are encouraged to defend and uphold the constitution at any cost," a member of the committee said.

The existing laws do not support military intervention, so only enacting a law to prevent military takeover may not bring the desired result, he told The Daily Star on Tuesday, requesting anonymity.

Asked about the committee's recommendations, M Idris Ali, chief of the parliamentary body, said they recommended modernising the armed forces' training to strengthen their combative and other abilities.

Idris, a former defence secretary, said the committee has made a set of recommendations for inclusion in the policy.

The parliamentary body

reviewed the draft of the defence policy and submitted its recommendations to the Armed Forces Division on April 4.

Discussing the draft policy, the committee members said the armed forces' image is questioned because of the takeover of state power.

After the bloody change-over on August 15, 1975, the first martial law was imposed on August 20. Amid a volatile situation, Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman assumed the office of the chief martial law administrator on November 26, 1976 and later took over presidency.

During the first martial law, the constitution--the supreme law of the newly born nation--was made subservient to the August 20 martial law proclamation, which was the basis of all actions and activities of subsequent unconstitutional rulers until April 9, 1979.

Parliament had passed the fifth amendment to the con-

stitution in 1979, ratifying and confirming all those actions including those that destroyed the basic character of the country's constitution.

But the Supreme Court has now declared the fifth amendment void, meaning the governments between August 15, 1975 and April 9, 1979 led by Khandker Mushtaque Ahmed, Abu Sadaat Mohammad Sayem and Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman had no lawful authority.

In a development on Monday, the High Court directed the government to explain within four weeks why the seventh amendment to the constitution, which legitimises Gen HM Ershad's takeover and the acts under his military rule, should not be adjudged illegal.

Lt Gen Ershad put the country under martial law for the second time through the proclamation of March 24, 1982, deposing the then elected government. He

assumed the office of chief martial law administrator and suspended the constitution as a whole and ruled the country with martial law orders, regulations etc.

Later, he assumed the office of the president on December 11, 1983.

The military ruler vested the executive and legislative powers of the republic in the CMLA. In January 1985, Gen Ershad partly revived the constitution. The final revival took place on November 10, 1986, after over four years of keeping the constitution suspended.

On November 11, 1986, parliament was constituted after a fresh election, the constitution (seventh amendment) act was enacted, ratifying and confirming the martial law proclamation of March 24, 1982 and validating all orders and actions made or taken under the proclamation, regulations, orders, etc.

Experts see no quick respite from diarrhoea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The diarrhoea situation in the city remains unchanged, and the experts also do not see quick respite from the menace as safe drinking water is yet to be supplied to all people.

A total of 964 patients sought treatment at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) on Tuesday.

The number was 768 until 7:00pm yesterday. Patients are mostly coming from city's Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Khilgaon, Bashabo, Demra, Narayanganj, Rampura and Mohakhali areas. Most of them belong to lower income group.

Though people are complaining that the water supplied by the Wasa in their locality is stinky and dirty, 80 percent of the patients admitted to the hospital said that they don't drink boiled water.

"The water crisis in our locality is so severe that we find it difficult to manage a drum of water. It is more difficult to boil water due to gas crisis," said Ramjan who came from Khilgaon area.

The doctors said people must drink boiled water as the water supplied by Wasa is found contaminated in many places.

They also suggested avoiding stale and street foods.

Body to probe KU incident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna University (KU) authorities have formed a seven-member committee to investigate Tuesday's incident involving a photojournalist that led to closure of the university for an identified period.

The committee has been formed at an emergency syndicate meeting that began at about 3:00pm on Tuesday and continued for about 10 hours.

The committee, formed with syndicate member Prof Dr Mohammad Golam Mortaza as its head and Aparajita Hall Provost Prof Dr Sardar Shafiqul Islam as member secretary, has been asked to submit report within next 15 working days.

The authorities also decided to suspend Md Mosharrar Hossain, a caretaker of Khan Zahan Ali Hall, for his alleged involvement in the incident.

The university was closed for an indefinite period on Tuesday, as a group of students confined a photojournalist to a room, which led to clashes between the police and students.

Some 20 or 25 students of architecture department -- most of them are loyal to Islami Chhatra Shibir and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal -- picked up Shahnewaz, a staff photographer of the Prothom Alo, and confined him to a room in the university's second academic building for about three hours on Monday night. He was also beaten up.

WAR CRIMES

Ex-Jamaat MP, 19 others sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A case was filed in Chokoria, Cox's Bazar, against a former Jamaat-e-Islami MP and 19 others on charges of arson, looting, rape and killing during the liberation war in 1971.

The accused included Enamul Haque Monju, former Jamaat MP of Cox's Bazar-1, and Azizur Rahman, father of Chokoria Municipality Awami League convener AKM Giasuddin.

Anwar Hossain Bangalee, a member of Chokoria Upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad, filed the case with the Chokoria senior judicial magistrate's court on Tuesday.

The court directed the officer-in-charge of Chokoria Police Station to submit an investigation report in this case.

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