



Students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) stage a sit-in at Palashi intersection in the city yesterday protesting the killing of Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat in a road accident and demanding immediate arrest of the bus driver responsible for the accident. Samrat, a fresher of the mechanical department at Buet, was killed by a callously driven bus at Azimpur in the city on Thursday. (Story on Page 1)

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Vitamin A Plus Campaign today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Vitamin A Plus Campaign-2010 will be held across the country today with a view to preventing childhood blindness, reducing child mortality rate and strengthening immunity.

Health Minister AFM Ruhul Haque formally inaugurated the campaign at Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) at Mahakhali in the city yesterday morning by feeding vitamin A capsules and deworming tablets to some children.

Over two crore children under 5 years will be fed Vitamin A capsules and deworming tablets during today's campaign.

The slogan of this year's national campaign is 'Feed vitamin A capsule to your babies to reduce the risk of death'.

Addressing the inaugural function, the health minister urged the countrymen to bring their children to the nearest health centres to feed vitamin A capsule and deworming tablet to them in order to protect them from malnutrition.

He also suggested that children should take some food in the morning before taking the capsule and deworming tablet to avoid vomiting.

Children aged between one and five years will be fed high powered vitamin A capsule, while children aged between two and five years will be given a deworming tablet along with the vitamin A capsule during the campaign.

Over 450,000 health workers and volunteers will work at some 1.4 lakh centres across the country to make the campaign a success. Three volunteers will work at each centre.

All permanent health centres and the mobile centres at bus stands, railway stations, launch terminals and airports will also remain open from 9:00am to 5:00pm to ensure all children receive the doses.

State Minister for Health Mojibur Rahman Fakir, Director General of the Directorate General of Health Services Prof Shah Monir Hossain, Director General of Family Planning Dr M Abdul Quyum and Director of Institute of Public Health Nutrition Prof Dr Fatima Parveen Chowdhury were present at the inaugural session.

HC bar on holding FFs' dist, UZ unit polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) in a verdict on Wednesday restricted holding elections to district and upazila units of Muktijoddha Sangsad Command Council (MSCC) on June 26.

It, however, ruled that the election to the central MSCC would be held on June 26 as per the schedule.

The MSCC election commission headed by the cabinet secretary on April 17 this year scheduled June 26 for

holding elections to its central, district and upazila units.

Following a writ petition filed by Yusuf Ali and M Shahabuddin, two freedom fighters, the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Md Delwar Hossain on Wednesday declared illegal the schedule of holding election to district and upazila units of MSCC.

Petitioner's lawyer Barrister Masood R Sobhan on Thursday told The Daily Star that the election to the

district and upazila units will be held after the election to its central command council will be held on June 26 as per the HC verdict.

Upon the same writ petition, the HC earlier on April 26 stayed the process for holding election to MSCC till June 26 and issued a rule upon the government and election commission of MSCC to explain why the schedule of holding election should not be declared illegal.



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