

TRIAL OF WAR CRIMES

Give info about troublemakers

Urges Sahara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday urged all to provide law enforcers with information about the individuals involved in creating unrest in the country in a bid to hinder the trial of war criminals.

She, however, said the law enforcement agencies are ready to foil such attempts.

She was talking to journalists while visiting the dormitories of female members of the police force at Dampara Police Lines Sunday afternoon. Abul Kashem, commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) and other senior officials accompanied her.

Describing the living condition in the dormitories as "miserable", the minister stressed on expanding the facility to accommodate more female cops to be recruited.

Earlier, the home minister visited CMP headquarters near Laldighi and spoke to senior officials of CMP.

She was also present as the chief guest at a view exchange meeting organised by Bangladesh Manobadhikar Commission at Chittagong Circuit House.

Addressing the meeting, the minister said as the grand alliance government has started process of trying war criminals according to its electoral pledge, evil forces have already begun to plot a conspiracy to foil it.

Sahara asked for cooperation from all in order to execute the trial smoothly.

Presided over by Public Prosecutor Abul Hashem, Lawmaker Chemon Ara Taiyab also spoke at the meeting.

Woman's body found in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a young woman from a hairdressing salon in city's South Jatrabari area yesterday.

Police went to Singapore Hairdressers on Shahid Faruque Road and recovered the body in the morning, said Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Jatrabari Police Station.

The body of the unidentified woman, aged around 30, bore several bruise marks, the OC added.

The body was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Two employees of the salon -- Shushil and Milon -- along with the owner of the shop Liton Chandra Saha went into hiding since the body was recovered.

Owner of a nearby shop told police Shushil and Milon were at the shop till it was closed at 10:30pm.

Police filed a murder case in this regard.



Traffic comes to a standstill at Muktagong in the city yesterday as ruling Awami League block the road to hold a rally demanding trial of war criminals.

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President Zillur Rahman speaks at a function commemorating the 80th birth anniversary of Bangamata Begum Fajilatunnesa Mujib at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

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Indigenous People Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Day of the World's Indigenous People will be observed today in the country and elsewhere around the globe.

The theme of the day is "Right to culture and self-identity of indigenous people."

Different organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the occasion.

Manusher Jonno Foundation has taken a two-day-long programme including discussion meeting, indigenous fair and cultural show at Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises in the city.

State Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Dipankar Talukdar is scheduled to inaugurate the programme today at 4:00pm.

Bangladesh Adivasi Forum will organise a cultural programme at Central Shaheed Minar at 10:00am and a discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at 4:00pm today.

The day is being observed each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognises the achievements and contributions made by indigenous people to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

Month-long anti-adulteration drive begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will launch an anti-adulteration special drive in the capital and all other divisional cities and district headquarters from tomorrow to ensure supply of adulteration free foods and Iftar items during the month of Ramadan.

Industry minister Dilip Barua announced the drive plans at a press conference at the ministry yesterday.

Four executive magistrates will conduct the drive in the capital while it will be run at divisional cities and district headquarters with the assistance of deputy commissioners, says a

release quoting the minister.

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution will conduct the special drive which the minister himself will inaugurate.

"The drive is not for creating panic among traders or consumers, but to ensure supply of foods which is not harmful to health and to stop weight manipulation," Dilip Barua told the press conference.

Punitive measures will be taken as per the Pure Food Amendment Act-2000 against offenders, including the persons responsible for making adulterated Iftar in open and unhealthy environment, warned the minister.

Environment clauses in constitution demanded

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a discussion today called for inclusion of clauses in the constitution to conserve and improve the environment, ensure water, sanitation and energy securities.

They also stressed the need for appointing an environment ombudsman to take care of environmental rights and urged the government for consulting different civil society bodies and stakeholder for well-thought amendment for incorporation of environment and ecological rights into the constitution.

They said this at a discussion on 'Environment Conservation, Water and Sanitation and Energy Security: Should be Constitutional Rights' at National

Press Club organised by Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) and Knowledge Frontiers for Development (KFD).

They urged the lawmakers for inclusion of environment related provisions in the constitution.

Former Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed attended the discussion as the chief guest while Director of KFD Rezaul Karim presented the keynote paper.

Presided over by FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, it was also addressed, among others, by Representative of Bela Iqbal Habib, FEJB former general secretary Arun Karmaker, FEJB members Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Mrinal K Roy and

BNP's mass demo in city today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP will bring out mass procession on the city streets today as part of its ongoing anti-government movement.

Party chairperson Khaleeda Zia, also leader of the opposition in parliament, will lead the procession from Paltan Maidan at 3:00pm.

The procession will parade along Fakirapool, Naya Paltan, Kakrail, Shanti Nagar, Malibagh and Mouchak before ending at Moghbazar crossing.

Leaders, workers and supporters from the capital and adjacent areas will attend the programme in a hope to dem-

onstrate the opposition party's political strength, said sources.

Party leaders alleged that the police obstructed their mass contacts in the last two days and arrested a number of party activists.

The party will observe the programme to press home 13-point demand, which include reducing price of commodities, withdrawal of false cases against arrested leaders, release of arrested leaders, conducting a search for Chowdhury Alam, stopping secret killings and scrapping all deals with India.

However, Dhaka Metropolitan Police did not give permission to use microphones during the procession for publicity, he added.

Senior BNP leaders and party's front and associate bodies yesterday carried out mass contact. They also distributed leaflets in different parts of the city during the last two days to drum up support for the procession.

Police picked up four activists of Jatiya Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal which they were distributing leaflets at RAK Tower on Jasimuddin Road in Uttara, alleged Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, senior joint secretary general of BNP.

Party's Vice Chairman Abdullah Al Noman and standing committee members Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain, Nazrul Islam Khan and MK Anwar were seen distributing leaflets at different areas of the city.

"Mass procession programme will be peaceful and we have received huge response from the people," Mosharruf told reporter while conducting mass contact in Kakrail area.

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