



Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma speaks at the closing ceremony of a two-day fair and cultural programme at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday. On his left are MJF Programme Manager Tondra Chakma, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam and Prof Sourav Sikder.

TWO-DAY FAIR ENDS

# Constitutional recognition to Adivasis demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the demand for constitutional recognition to the Adivasis in Bangladesh, the two-day fair and cultural programme ended at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday.

Speakers at the closing ceremony said constitutional recognition is required to ensure basic rights and improve social status of the indigenous people.

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and its associate organisations arranged the fair. A total of 23 Adivasi organisations participated in the event. They displayed

products used in their daily life. A number of indigenous artworks also went on show.

The programme was organised marking the International Day of the World's Indigenous People celebrated every year on August 9 across the world.

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma popularly known as Shantu Larma, chairman of the CHT Regional Council said, the path to equal rights is long for the indigenous people of this country because the government is still hesitant about giving right status to the indigenous people through constitutional recognition.

Executive Director of MJF Shaheen

Anam said people of Bangladesh fought in 1971 to create a secular, oppression-free democratic country for every one.

"We regularly witness violation of human rights of many segments of the country, including the indigenous people."

It goes against the spirit of the war of independence, she added.

Prof Sourav Sikder of the Linguistics department of Dhaka University and Tondra Chakma, programme manager of MJF, also spoke at the event.

The event ended with a prize giving ceremony to the best stalls at the fair and a vibrant cultural show.

# More hospitals to be built at city gateways, says Dr Ruhul

UNB, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr AFM Ruhul Haque yesterday said the government would build necessary numbers of general hospitals at the main gateways of the city with a view to expanding the healthcare services to increasing population.

"Two 500-bed general hospitals in the city's Kurmitola and Khilgoan areas will start operations from June next year," he told reporters after visiting the construction works of 500-bed Kurmitola General Hospital in Dhaka Cantonment.

The Kurmitola General Hospital, being established with a budget of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry, will provide healthcare to both civil and military

people. The revised expenditure was fixed at Tk 226.16 crore for construction of the hospital.

Referring to the government decision to build more children's hospitals beside the city, Dr Ruhul Haque said another general hospital like the Kurmitola and Khilgoan would be built in the Mirpur area.

He said the city dwellers are being deprived of taking healthcare services in balanced manner as the main public hospitals are situated in the central part of the capital due to lack of proper plan.

Besides, the patients coming from the distant places face a lot of suffering to reach the city hospitals, he said, adding that if the hospitals are built at the gateways of the city their sufferings and diffi-

culties could be reduced.

"For this the government is putting emphasis on such places to build hospitals," he said.

Replying to a question, he reiterated that stern action would be taken against the dodgy doctors who will remain absent from discharging their duties at the public hospitals across the country.

Director General of Bangladesh Army Medical Services Maj Gen Zafar Ukkah Chowdhury, Commandant of Armed Forces Medical College Maj Gen M Towfiqul Islam, Chief of Army Engineering Corp Maj Gen Abdul Hamid, Joint Secretaries M Abdul Jalil (administration) and Rukhsana Nasrin (Hospital) from the Health Ministry accompanied the minister.

# Prison authorities asked not to transfer Milon to another jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the prison authorities not to transfer ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon, BNP leader and former state minister for education, to another jail without permission of the court.

Milon, an accused in 14 criminal cases, is now in Comilla jail.

The court, however, said Milon can be transferred to any other jail on medical grounds.

An HC bench of Justice MA Wahhab Miah and Justice Kazi Reza-ul Huq passed the order following a writ petition filed by Nazmun Nahar Baby, wife of Milon, on behalf of her husband.

She stated in the petition that the authorities have transferred Milon to one jail to another jail for at least 15 times after he was sent to prison on March 14 this year.

Milon has become seriously ill due to his transfers from jails time and again, the petitioner said.

Advocate Khandker Mahbub Hossain and Advocate Gazi Kamrul Islam Sajal appeared for the petitioner.



Transparency International Bangladesh takes out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday, marking the International Youth Day.

# 10 injured in Sylhet clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 10 persons including four policemen were injured in a clash between the supporters of "Amra Sylhetbashi" and police at the city's Zindabazar yesterday afternoon.

Of the injured lawmen, Subeder Nasir was admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Police said Jamaat-Shibir activists took out the procession from the city's Registry Maidan at about 4:15pm protesting the price hike of essentials and welcoming the holy month of Ramadan.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Kotwali police station Khondaker Naoroj Ahmed said the procession was drawn without the permission of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

When the procession reached Zindabazar, police asked the demonstrators to stop but they refused, the OC said.

The protesters hurled bricks and hit some policemen with stick, which instigated the lawmen to use tear gas and charge baton to disperse the mob, police said.

Four persons were arrested in this connection, the OC added.



Industries Minister Dilip Barua takes part in an anti-adulteration drive of BSTI at Karwan Bazar in the city yesterday.

# 2,466 more arrested

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 2,466 people on various charges in separate drives across the country in 24 hours as of 6:00am yesterday.

A total of 28 motorcycles were seized during the drives for not having valid documents and 320 cases were filed in this connection.

# Bangladesh envoy calls on Bhutanese PM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Ambassador to Bhutan AKM Majibur Rahman Bhuiyan paid farewell call on Bhutanese Prime Minister Lyonchhoen Jigmi Y Thinley on Monday afternoon.

Bhuiyan is due to leave Bhutan this week to take up his new diplomatic assignment as the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan.

He joined the Bangladesh embassy in Bhutan in November 2009, according to a message received here yesterday.

Talking to the prime minister, Majibur

Rahman said his tenure in Bhutan was very important and that he is leaving Thimphu with many fond memories.

Prime Minister Lyonchhoen thanked the ambassador for a fruitful cooperation and collaboration and said that many historic events and developments had taken place during his tenure in Bhutan.

He pointed out that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina already visited Bhutan twice-- one for bilateral purpose and another for attending the Saarc summit.

Lyonchhoen also congratulated the Ambassador on his new posting to Japan.

# Six killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and four others injured critically in separate road accidents in Khagrachhari, Gopalganj and Satkhira yesterday.

Three bike riders were killed and another was critically injured when the bike was run over by a Khagrachhari-bound bus of Shanti Paribahan at Jaliyapara of Ramgarh, our correspondent from Khagrachhari reports.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Sumon, 20, Ula Marma, 30, and Paisai Marma, 25. Chaila Marma, 8, son of deceased Ula, was critically injured and sent to

Matiranga Upazila Health Complex.

Locals seized the bus and blocked the road for half an hour.

A correspondent from Gopalganj adds: two people were killed and three others injured in separate accidents.

Md Azizul, 28, of sadar upazila was killed when a speeding truck from opposite direction crushed his motorcycle at Haridaspur in Sadar upazila killing him on the spot. Police recovered the body and sent it to Gopalganj Sadar General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

In another incident, Anil Mestree, 55, of kasiani upazila

was crushed by a speeding motorcycle while he was crossing the road at Fukra bus stand of Kasiani upazila. He also died on the spot.

Police recovered the body. The three motorcyclists were taken to Kasiani Upazila Health Complex with critical injury.

Our Satkhira correspondent adds: A baby was killed on Tala-Patkelghata road in Tala upazila early yesterday.

A trolley knocked Tumpa, 2, daughter of Alamgir Sardar down while she was playing on the road side at around 07:00am leaving her critically injured. She was rushed to Satkhira Sadar Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

# Lightening kills 2

UNB, Chittagong

A woman and her daughter were killed and their neighbour was injured in a lightning strike at Jungle Gunagori village in Banskhal upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified a Juli Begum, 46, wife of Abul Kalam and her daughter Ziku Akhter. Alam Sayil was injured.

# CUJ stages sit-in

UNB, Chittagong

Chittagong Union of Journalists' (CUJ) yesterday organised a sit-in programme in front of the Daily Purbokone demanding implementation of the Seventh Wage Board Award.

Nearly 100 journalists, leaders of different political parties and professional groups attended the programme to express solidarity with the demand of the journalists.

With CUJ President M Shahidul Alam in the chair, the programme began at 10:00am and was, however, withdrawn after two hours when the Purbokone Editor Taslim Uddin Chowdhury assured the journalist leaders of settling the wage board award issue by next two days through discussion.

The CUJ will also hold similar programmes at the Daily Azadi today and Bir Chattagram Mancha on August 12 to press home their demand for realising the 7th Wage Board Award.



Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman distributes cheque for stipend to a meritorious student at LGED Bhaban in the city recently. On his right are Prime Bank Foundation Chairman Azam J Chowdhury and Notre Dame College Principle Fr Benjamin Costa. Prime Bank Foundation is providing stipend to the underprivileged but meritorious students under its 'Education Support Programme' since 2007.



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Head of HRD