



Prof Muzaffer Ahmad receives the National Environment Award 2010 from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. Three organisations also have been given the award for their contribution to environment and nature. (Story on Page 16)

'Check man-made pollution'

DU CORRESPONDENT

The International Day For Disaster Reduction-2010 was observed in the country yesterday with a call to stop man-made pollution.

Marking the day, two environmental organizations -- Centre For Disaster And Vulnerability Studies (CDVS) and Green Belt Trust (GBT) and department of Geology of Dhaka University -- arranged a sit-in programme at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla on DU campus.

Environmental activists at the programme urged the government to raise awareness among people against negative impact of human-created pollution on the environment.

They also demanded proper early prepara-

tions to face natural disasters and curb risk of natural disasters.

They also called upon the people to be conscious towards the negative impact of deforestation, environment pollution, chemical pollution and other sorts of pollution on the environment.

Dr Khondokar Mokaddem Hosen, Director of CDVS, said disasters occur for two causes -- one is natural and another is man-made adding man-made causes are mainly responsible for the recent natural disasters.

Mentioning Bangladesh as a disaster-prone country and a victim of environmental pollutions Prof Kamrul Hasan demanded proper implementation of the environmental law.

CANTONMENT HOUSE HC judgment on Khaleda's petition today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) is set today for delivering judgment on the writ petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the government notice asking her to vacate the cantonment residence.

On October 6, an HC bench of Justice Nazmun Ara Sulatana and Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif fixed October 13 (today) for delivering the verdict.

Earlier, the bench held hearing on the petition for 22 working days.

Khaleda's lawyer Barrister Mahub Uddin Khokon yesterday told The Daily Star that the HC bench will start delivering verdict this morning.

On May 24 last year, the government issued a final notice asking Khaleda to hand over her cantonment house to the Military Estate Officer by June 30 of that year.

Following a writ petition filed by Khaleda, the HC on May 27 last year stayed the operation of the notice for three months.

The HC bench started final hearing on the writ petition on June 6 this year.

83 police officials promoted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after a major reshuffle in the police department, the home ministry yesterday promoted 83 police officials ranked from Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) to Additional Deputy Inspector General (Adl-DIG).

In an order yesterday, the

home ministry promoted five Assistant Inspector General (AIG) to Adl-DIG, 16 Additional Superintendent of Police (Adl-SP) to SP, 28 ASP to Adl-SP and 34 ASP to senior ASP.

They promoted police officials have also been transferred to different metropolitan cities, divisional ranges and district level.

Earlier on Monday, in a major reshuffle in police administration, the home ministry transferred 55 senior police officers, including three additional inspectors general of police (Adl-IGPs), commissioners of five metropolitan cities, three deputy inspectors general (DIGs) of three divisional ranges.

Poor edn in private varsities dangerous than anthrax

Says UGC chairman

BSS, Dhaka

The poor quality higher education in some private universities is much more dangerous than the lethal anthrax.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam said this while he was speaking at a seminar as the chief guest in the city yesterday.

"Anthrax can cause harm to some animals and human beings, but poor education in higher studies can kill the prospects of the entire nation," Prof Nazrul said.

Bangladesh University organised the seminar titled "Outbreak of Anthrax in Bangladesh: Prevention and Cure" on its Iqbal Road campus.

Prof Nazrul said the concept of private university was initiated in the early nineties in order to accommodate more students in higher education and check big flow of local students going abroad for expensive education.

"The dream has yielded both positive and negative results," he said, adding that pressure on public universities has eased but the quality of higher education has been compromised due to poor quality of education at many private universities.

He said the quality of education must be enhanced in public universities as well. Otherwise, he said, the future generations would not be able

over 5,000 as against only 85 in Bangladesh, he said, adding that the population size in America is just twice that of Bangladesh.

The government has enacted new law that would pursue quality education and reduce tendency of doing certificate business by some institutes, he said, adding that the new law would bring private universities under more responsibility and improve campus environment.

Bangladesh University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Golam Ali Fakir chaired function

National Professor Dr MR

Khan, Director of Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) Prof Dr Mahmudur Rahman, Prof Dr M Bahanur Rahman of Bangladesh Agriculture University, Prof Dr M Anwar Hossain of Dhaka University, Dr Wahiduddin Mahmood and Dr Kohinur Begum also spoke at the seminar.

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to cope with the tremendous pressure in the competitive world, especially in the arena of well-paid jobs.

Prof Nazrul, however, said the country still requires more universities in public and private sectors so that the growing number of students could pursue higher education at minimum cost locally. The number of universities in the United States is

WB's \$156m help for fish project likely

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank (WB) may give Bangladesh \$156 million for a six-year project for developing fisheries sector to meet the fish requirement of the country, a WB press release said yesterday.

WB is discussing with the government about the new project that would improve the rural livelihoods of at least 1,000 fishing communities and 2,50,000 households, said the release.

Currently annual per capita fish consumption in Bangladesh is an estimated 14 kg against a recommended minimum requirement of 18 kg per year.

The fisheries sector, despite its relatively small size, contributes significantly to the country's economy.

Some estimates suggest that an extra one million hectares of inland waters can be developed for productive fishing, which may raise gross revenues from fishing by US\$2 billion annually. It will also create job for 1.5 million mostly for the rural poor for increase in fish production.

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