



Parents wait for their children sitting for admission test at Viqarunnisa Noon School for the year 2011, on the school premises at Bailey Road in the city yesterday. Inset, children run for their parents after end of the examinations.

4 construction cos fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Environment (DOE) yesterday fined four construction companies Tk 4.25 lakh during its special polluting environment during construction of buildings in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The companies are Kaushali Ltd, Shyamoli Square, Concord (Anamika) and Abdul Bari Gong.

DOE launched the special drive led by its Director (Monitoring and Enforcement) Mohammed Munnir Chowdhury at Begum Rokeya Sarani and Shyamoli in the city.

The construction companies and workers are making the lives of citizen dangerous spreading dust and blocking walkways by construction materials.

The DOE officials directed the companies to take anti-pollution measures to ensure safe environment during the construction of buildings.

According to law, obtaining environment clearance certificate is mandatory for construction of a building above 10-storey.

JU to start admission on Nov 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities will start admission of students to the first year honours courses under the academic session 2010-2011 in Ka, Gha, Uwa, Cha, and Chha units on November 22.

The selected students will be able to collect admission forms from the unit offices on November 22 and 23 on the basis of merit list. The students will have to get admitted on November 24 and 25, said a press release yesterday.

They will have the opportunity to change their subject on November 28 on condition of vacant seats and on the basis of merits.

The students who are remaining in the waiting list from 1 to 1,000 are requested to be present at the respective unit office from November 29 to December 1, and the students from 1,001 to 2,000 from December 5 to 9 with necessary documents.

The students who want to get admitted in freedom fighters quota in those units will have to submit application in a specific form from November 22 to 25.

Detail information on the admission process will be available at www.juniv.edu. Dates of admission tests for Kha and Ga units will be announced later.

AGITATION OVER KHALEDA'S HOUSE

BNP men go berserk

At least 35 vehicles damaged, 10 cops injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP men damaged at least 35 vehicles during their agitation in the city yesterday over its Chairperson Khaleda Zia's cantonment house.

At least 30 people, including 10 police, were also injured in sporadic clashes between BNP activists and police during the agitation.

BNP activists set fire to at least 10 vehicles and damaged 25 others and clashed with law-enforcers, halting vehicles on the roads in various areas, including Jahangir Gate, Naya Paltan, Malibagh, Fakirer Pool, Farmgate, Mohakhali, Notre Dame College, Victoria Park and Gabtali.

Police also picked up at least 50 people in connection with the clashes and torching and damaging vehicles.

A tense situation was prevailing in the city yesterday, as the BNP men went berserk on the roads. People got panicked yesterday as many vehicles, including bus, private cars and taxicabs, plying on the roads were seen damaged by setting fire to them or by pelting brickbats.

Acting Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque told The Daily Star that the law enforcers detained the people in connection with the violence.

"All law enforcement and security personnel across the country have been directed to remain alert as well as additional forces have been deployed at different strategic places and important points so that none gets any chance to destabilise law and order," said the acting IGP.

He added, "The law-enforcers have been asked to go tough against those who will attempt to create any anarchy."

Shahidul Hoque said they have projected a security planning with a huge contingent of forces to face hartal called by main opposition (BNP).

Police and witnesses said the first violence was ensued at Shaheed Jahangir Gate in Dhaka Cantonment area where BNP workers staged demonstrations halting vehicles from Bijoy Sarani to Mohakhali Road for one hour till 12:40pm. They ransacked a number of vehicles during the agitation.

BNP men also ransacked at least 10 vehicles and clashed with police in front of BNP's central office at Naya Paltan and Kantaban around 1:00pm while police charged batons and fired teargas canisters to disperse the mob.

After one hour of the incidents at Naya Paltan and Kantaban, BNP men set fire to a double-decker bus used for carrying students of the Dhaka University in front of Water Tank. They also set fire to a bus of Green Line in front of Notre Dame College, a bus in front of Victoria Park, a bus in front of Science Laboratory, a bus at Gabtali around 2:00pm and two taxicabs at Malibagh around 5:00pm.

Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence sources added that picketers set fire to a bus in front of Ansar Camp and Shah Ali Complex in Mirpur, Jatrabari Dania College, Malibagh City Dental College and Tongi Mill Gate respectively and a private car in front of Rampura TV Gate.

According to witnesses and police, the double-decker bus was set fire by a group of seven to eight persons when the bus headed to Fakirer Pool from Doinik Bangla Moore.

Mohammad Alam, owner of Alam Metal at Fakirer Pool, who witnessed the incident told The Daily Star that a group of people stormed into the BRTC bus and pulled out the students of the bus and set it on fire.

The buses at Science Laboratory and Gabtali and two taxicabs at Malibagh were also set on fire by pulling out their passengers.

The buses in front of Notre Dame College, Victoria Park and Gabtali were set on fire when they were parked on the road.

Pickers set fire to a minibus near Mirpur National Swimming Pool in the city at 8:30pm while another was set on fire at Jatrabari Kutubkhali area at 8:40pm.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Benazir Ahmed told The Daily Star that they deployed forces in the city to tackle any untoward situation.

He said police are looking for other people involved in the anarchy causing public sufferings.

'Over 45,000 babies die a year for premature birth'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a programme yesterday said 1,20,000 newborns die every year in the country, with 38 percent dying directly or indirectly due to premature delivery, which must be prevented.

It is good that Bangladesh is on track of achieving the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 4 that tells of reducing child mortality. But if the death of 1,20,000 newborn cannot be averted, they apprehended that it might not sustain.

An estimated 38 lakh children are born in the country every year, they said at a Continued Medical Education programme titled 'Management of premature baby'.

Bangladesh Perinatal Society organised the programme at the Institute of Nuclear Medicine Auditorium in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

While presenting the keynote paper, Obstetric and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) Secretary General Prof Nasima Begum said babies born 28 to 37 weeks prior to their expected delivery are called premature.

The premature babies have various types of complications like underdeveloped organs, breathing problems and infection and can suffer from physical or mental retardation. They need experts' extra support for survival, she said.

Premature delivery takes place mainly due to absence of antenatal care, malnutrition, infection, mental stress and trauma and for violence against expecting mothers, she added.

As soon as symptoms of premature delivery is seen, the mother should be taken to a hospital or a doctor should be called immediately, speakers suggested.

The symptoms of premature labour include contraction in every ten minutes,

increased pressure in the pelvis, increased vaginal discharge, leaking of fluid and bleeding, they said.

So the experts suggested preventing premature delivery by taking care of pregnant mothers and support them with adequate nutrition, rest and peace.

National Prof and President of Bangladesh Perinatal Society MR Khan as the chief guest stressed the need for ensuring proper nutrition of the mothers.

If the mothers are malnourished they are more prone to give birth of a malnourished and premature baby, he said adding that breast-feeding for the children should also be specially ensured.

The society's General Secretary Prof Laila Arjumand Banu, Pro Vice Chancellor of BSMMU and Vice Presidents of the society Dr Mohammad Shahidullah, Prof MA KAzad Chowdhury and Prof Kishwar Azad also spoke among others.

91,823 pilgrims safely reach S Arabia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 91,823 pilgrims, almost double the last year's number, have safely reached Saudi Arabia to perform hajj, said Shafique Alam Mehdi, secretary of civil aviation and tourism ministry yesterday.

Of them, 85,090 went to Saudi Arabia on private arrangement while the remaining ones through the government management.

The secretary at a conference at the Biman headquarters said, "It is a matter of joy that we successfully completed the first phase of hajj-flight operation, and now we are preparing for smooth return of hajis

from November 21 to December 22."

Usually Biman and Saudi Arabian airlines carry hajj pilgrims, but this year the government had to arrange for eight other airlines to fly such a huge number of pilgrims for the first time.

The national carrier this year flew 44,616 passengers while Saudi Arabian Airlines 19,781 passengers. The remaining pilgrims travelled by Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways, Qatar Airways, Bahrain Air, Air Arabia, Emirates Airlines, GMG Airlines and Jet Airways.

Shafique said the government formed a taskforce to ensure smooth hajj-flight operation.

This year, the ministry's performance

of handling hajj flights was better than any other year in history because the taskforce is getting timely response from other related ministries, he added.

The secretary of the civil aviation ministry also said the ministry sent one representative to Saudi Arabia to look after the problems of pilgrims.

Besides, 40 people from other ministries are there for their [pilgrims] help.

Responding to a query about the steps the government has taken to help hajis handle luggage while returning, he said a team of 70 members would go there for luggage handling at the airports in Saudi Arabia.

BBC Janala wins World Summit Award Mobile

METRO DESK

BBC Janala won World Summit Award (WSA) Mobile 2010 in m-Learning and Education Category.

"As a country partner of World Summit Award, we are really proud that BBC Janala snatched the award for Bangladesh," said Dr Ananya Raihan, executive director of D. Net.

The WSA-mobile awards honour the most outstanding contents in eight categories -- m-Business, m-Government, m-Health, m-Learning and Education, m-Media, m-Entertainment, m-tourism and m-inclusion.

This year, over 420 projects from nearly 100 countries competed in the contest, says a press release.

The Grand Jury of 20 internationally recognised experts selected winners from the national finalists.

All winners will be invited to the WSA-mobile Gala, Conference and Exhibition in Abu Dhabi from December 5 to 8.

This global contest is being organised by the International Center for New Media (ICNM) in Salzburg.

The WSA-mobile awards is a global initiative within the framework of and in cooperation with the United Nations World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), in collaboration with Unesco, UNIDO and the United National Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UN GAID). The WSA-mobile is the only ICT event worldwide that reaches mobile communities in over 160 countries and is able to promote the best mobile content and innovative application out of this huge selection.

For more information, please visit www.wsa-mobile.org, added the release.

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