Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM) and Nagorik Uddyog jointly organise a procession in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding an end to social discrimination.

## Call for social movement to ban tobacco farming

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) General Secretary Dr Abdul Matin yesterday said nationwide social movement is necessary to ban tobacco cultivation in the country.

He said tobacco farming severely affects public health, environment, and economy as well as posing threat to food security. An anti-tobacco movement can prevent the crises, he added.

Dr Matin was addressing the inaugural session of a banner displaying programme and online campaign organised by Nirapad Development Foundation (NDF) at Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University, said a press release.

NDF Chairman Ibnul Syeed Rana, Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance (BATA) Office Secretary Syed Mahbubul Alam, Initiative for Peace (IFP) Executive Arifur Rahman, and Campaign For Development (CFD) Chairman Mashiur Rahman Rubel, among others, were present at the function.

The speakers demanded ban of all activities encouraging tobacco farming.

# Deaths from drowning turn into silent epidemic

Say experts suggesting preventive measures

BSS, Dhaka

Drowning, one of the leading cause of deaths of children aged between 10 months and 17 years, has turned into a "silent epidemic" in Bangladesh and some other countries in South and Southeast Asia, maintianed public health researchers from home and abroad yesterday.

They said more than 18,000 children, mostly 1-4 years of age, die each year from drowning in Bangladesh, while an estimated 350,000 minors die in Asia. Majority of the children lives can be saved provided preventive measures are taken right now, they observed.

"Drowning is a silent epidemic in Bangladesh and Asia as a whole, but nobody looks into it," said Justin Scarr, chief operating officer of Royal Life Saving Society, an Australian charity, on the sidelines of a three-day conference in the city.

"If you look at the figure of deaths, it clearly reflects an picture of silent epidemic," said Justin adding that Bangladesh needs to do much more on cutting child mortality further among the age of group of 1-5 years. Public health researchers, government officials and NGO

representatives from Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia and Australia have converged to Dhaka to discuss and devise new strategies to stop child deaths from drowning, which also leads 68,000 children to morbid status every year alone in Bangladesh.

International Centre for Drowning Research (IDRC) in cooperation with Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB) and Royal Live Savings has orgainsed the conference.

"Children in Bangladesh, who can not swim, are 4.5 times more susceptible to drowning than those who can swim in this riverine country," Dr Michel Linnen, technical director of RLS, said in his presentation at a hotel in Baridhara.

CIPRB Executive Director Dr AKM Fazlur Rahman said more than 12,500 children die from drowning before they celebrate the fifth birthday, while the rest 5,500 die between their age of 5-17 years.

# Four fake DB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

men held

Police arrested four fake Detective Branch (DB) men in the city's Kakrail area last night.

The arrestees are Shahidul Islam, 35, Jahiruddin Ahmed, 38, Mansur Ali, 32 and Abdur Rahman, 35.

The four used to snatch money, mobile phone sets and other valuables from people. On information, law enforcers arrested them around 8:00pm, said Shiblee Noman, officerin-charge (OC) of Ramna Police Station.

Shahidul Islam, one of the arrestees, said they had been committing such offences for last one year, added the OC.

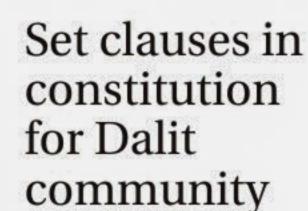
# Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maloti Rani Gosh, wife of Babul Gosh, general secretary of Mahanagar Sarbojaneen Puja Committee, died yesterday at her Tanti Bazar residence in the city, says a press release.

She left behind her two

Her funeral was held at the city's Postogola crematorium yesterday.



Demand speakers STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a programme yesterday demanded special clauses in the constitution to ensure the Dalit and Excluded people free from social exclusion, oppression and disregard.

The demand came at a human chain and procession programme held in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM) and Nagorik Uddyog jointly organised the programme to commemorate the World Dignity

The speakers said it is unfortunate for the people, as they could not establish a society free from discrimination and indignity.

Pointing out the underprivileged people who are barred from entering specific social places such as hotels and restaurants, they said another social movement is required to ensure dignity and respect for this type of people.

Former Justice Ghulam Rabbani inaugurated the programme while BDERM President Mukul Sikder, Nagorik Uddyog Chief Executive Zakir Hossain and Dalit Nari Forum President Moni Rani Das were present.





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The annual general meeting of Serve The People was held in the city on Friday. Its Adviser AKM Farooq; its Chairperson Begum Shahzadi; its Secretary General Syed Ahmad Faruque;

# BNP creating anarchy over the house: BCL

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday said BNP is trying to create anarchy in the country over the cantonment residence that the Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia lost in a legal fight.

BCL also alleged that the main opposition BNP is plotting to foil the war crimes trial. They urged the government to finish the

Earlier, the BCL activists brought out a procession from campus to Aparajeyo Bangla.





**DU CORRESPONDENT** 

At a rally on Dhaka University campus, top-ranking leaders of

trial to get the nation rid of a stigma.

Madhur Canteen, which marched through several streets of the

Central BCL leaders including Mahamud Hasan Ripon, Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton, and DU unit leaders Sohel Rana Tipu and Sajjad Sakib Badsa, among others, addressed the rally.



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# English teaching dev event held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day educational development programme titled Leadership in English Language Teaching ended at Brac Centre Inn in the city on Friday, says a press release.

A total of 68 persons who are engaged in teaching English at different universities, colleges, and schools joined the programme.

Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA) organised the programme in association with TESOL Arabia Leadership and Management SIG.

The programme focuses on the development of knowledge, skills, and strategies of professional English teachers to better their leadership and

management capacities. TESOL President-elect (2010-2013) Dr Christine Coombe with its ten facilitators, Regional English Language Office Director Fife Macduff of US State Department and eight other leadership educators from the UAE conducted eleven sessions

during the two-day occasion.

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