



Artistes of Natyadhara perform a drama "Chi Buri Naiya" on Central Shaheed Minar premises in the city yesterday on the fifth day of weeklong Street Theatre Festival 2011 organised by The Daily Star and Bangladesh Pathanatak Parishad.

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**Removal of shipping dept DG demanded**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some NGOs yesterday demanded removal of the director general (DG) of Department of Shipping for his alleged involvement in different irregularities.

Termining the existing DG incapable and unskilled, they also demanded appointment of an expert marine engineer as DG for the development of the entire riverine sector.

They placed the demands at a press conference organised by National Committee for Protection of Shipping (NCPS) at Mukti Bhaban in the city.

Reading out a written statement, NCPS Member Secretary Asis Kumar Dey alleged that some officials including the DG are trying to hand over water vessel survey activities to the private sector for personal gains.

Talking to The Daily Star last evening, DG Rear Admiral (ret) Bazlur Rahman said, "My contract expires at the end of this month. An ill-motivated section is spreading propaganda against me so that the ministry does not renew my contract."

**Cancel reserved seats for women**

*Demand speakers*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to implement national women development policy and take effective steps to stop violence and repression against women both at home and work.

They also demanded cancellation of reserved seats for women in parliament so that women can contest in elections with others, hence ensuring their political empowerment.

The discussion styled "Transportation Service and Women" was organised by Bache Shekho Nari (BSN) at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city on the eve of International Women's Day.

Speakers placed a 15-point demand including to keep 30 percent reserved seats for women in public transports, making it mandatory to leave the reserved seats in presence of women and ensuring equal rights of ready made garment workers.

Bangladesher Sammabadi Dal Politburo Member Abu Hamed Sahabuddin, women's leader Afroza Parvin and Tahmina Rahman also addressed the programme with BSN President Feroza Begum in the chair. Celebrating the day for women, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Narigrantha Probortona and Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised seminars, rallies, discussions and roundtable programmes at different places in the city yesterday.

Assistant Prof Dr Kaberi Gayen of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University, at CPB's programme, said women are portrayed as products, for which free market economy is responsible.

*30 percent reserved seats for women in public transports and ensuring equal rights of ready made garment workers also demanded*

**Woman commits suicide in city**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A middle-aged woman jumped to death from a nine-storey building at Mazar Road in the city's Dakshin Khan yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Wazifa Ali, 50, wife of Mohammad Ali, a resident of a flat on the fourth floor of the nine-storey building in Bismillah Housing area.

Hasan Imtiaz Sumon, a neighbour of the woman said Wazifa jumped from the rooftop of the building and fell on the parking place around 8:00am.

He added she was suffering from kidney diseases and she had to undergo dialysis twice a week over the last three years which seemed unbearable to her and that led to the incident.

Mohammad Ali told reporters at DMCH that she felt unbearable pain most of the time and passed night without sleeping and Friday night she could not sleep.

**Stand ready to resist aggression**

*Prime minister asks navy*

BSS, Khulna

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the navy to remain ever ready in the nation's interest to resist any sort of aggression through the country's marine borders.

She said the navy would be equipped further to prevent gunrunning and smuggling and keep marine channels open by patrols round the clock.

The prime minister (PM) was speaking as the chief guest at a function at Dikraj Naval Base here on the occasion of the commissioning of naval ships "Dhaleshwari" and "Bijoy" procured from the United Kingdom.

The PM said the government opened Chittagong and Mongla sea-ports to neighbouring countries to enhance cooperation in economic and diplomatic fields.

On her arrival at the naval base, she was received by Naval Chief Vice Admiral ZU Ahmed.

She said the present government already procured two helicopters for naval ship "Bangabandhu". Two large patrol crafts with modern missiles are being made in China. Besides, work to build a fleet tanker and five gunboats in Khulna Shipyard began yesterday, she added.

The PM said she requested China

during her last visit to provide Bangladesh Navy with two frigates with helicopters. The Chinese authorities responded positively, she said.

Health Minister Prof AFM Ruhul Hoque, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan, PM's Finance Adviser Mashiur Rahman, PM's Security Adviser Maj Gen (Retd) Tareque Siddiqui, State Minister for Labour and Manpower Mannujan Sufian, lawmaker Sheikh Helal, and senior civil and military officials were also present.

Later, the PM inaugurated the building of patrol crafts at Khulna Shipyard. Earlier, she inaugurated School of Logistic and Management at Rupsha.

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Berger Paints provides Scholarship to the Architecture Department of Khulna University

Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited signed an MOU with the Architecture discipline of Khulna University on February 14, 2011 at the architecture department of Khulna University. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, General Manager-Sales & Marketing, and Gouri Shankar Roy, Head of Architecture Discipline, Khulna University, signed the MOU on behalf of their own organizations. Managing Director of Berger Paints, Rupali Chowdhury, and Vice Chancellor of Khulna University, Professor Dr. Md. Saifuddin Shah, graced the occasion.

Under this MOU, Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited will provide scholarship to the students of the architecture discipline of Khulna University. Besides Berger will also sponsor the **KUAD-BERGER Resource Corner** where all the latest learning materials and resources of Architecture will be added. Managing Director of Berger Paints in her speech expressed the continuation of the scholarship program in future. Vice Chancellor of Khulna University also appreciated the initiative of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited. Syed Abu Abed Safer, General Sales Manager-Decorative and Professor Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Khulna University along with other High Officials from both the organizations were also present in the occasion.

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