

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina lays foundation of the permanent campus of Asian University for Women in Chittagong yesterday. (Story on Page 20)

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Integrated approach stressed to address population boom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every year an estimated 18-20 lakh people are added to the country's total population, which is alarming. An integrated approach is needed to address population explosion, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

Though the total fertility rate has been reduced from 6.3 percent to 2.5 percent in last 35 years, it is still high, they said adding that higher growth rate has negative impact on the country's overall economy as well as health and nutrition.

Since the dynamics of population, health and nutrition are composite in nature, it should be addressed simultaneously through policy and programme integration, they said at the seminar titled "Integrated Approach to Population, Health and Nutrition."

Bangladesh Social and Economic Forum 2011 organised the seminar at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

Speakers said population problem should be viewed from a development paradigm and local level service capacity should be increased at the health and family welfare ministry to address the issue effectively.

Highlighting different dimension of population, the speakers said population control issue gets less priority in government programmes. The allocated budget for this purpose is also very insignificant, which should not be.

HM Ashikur Rahman MP was present as the chief guest while Zafrullah Khan of Population Council presided over the seminar.

Prof KM Nurun Nabi of the department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka, presented the keynote paper.

Among others Abul Jamil Faysel, country representative of Engender Health, Abdul Quaiyum, former directorate general of family planning, Fakhrul Hasan, division chief of planning commission, also spoke.

Mufti Hannan, accomplice on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Outlawed Harkatul Jihad (Huji) leader Mufti Abdul Hannan and one of his accomplices yesterday were taken on fresh remand for one day in connection with kidnapping a physician in September 2003.

Meanwhile, Nayeb-e-Ameer of Huji Abdul Hannan Sabir and his accomplice Ainul Haque were interrogated for five days each in a case filed under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ismail Hossain passed the order after Hannan and his accomplice Mufti Moinuddin alias Abu Zandal were produced before the court with a seven-day remand prayer.

In the forwarding report, Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohammad Fazlul Kabir of Criminal Investigation Department (CID), also the investigation officer (IO) of the case said the two were involved in the abduction of Dr Azizur Rahman.

They should be taken on remand to track down others responsible for the abduction, he said.

Earlier, Hannan and Zandal were remanded for several days, but the CID could not extract much information regarding the abduction.

Azizur Rahman, a homeopathic practitioner was kidnapped eight years ago on September 4 from his Mazar Road residence in Mirpur and was not seen since then.

Judicial Magistrate Kazi Shahidul Islam placed Sabir and Ainul on a five-day remand after Abdur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Keraniganj Police Station produced them before it with a fifteen-day remand prayer.

In the forwarding report, the IO said the two were involved in anti-state activities and were trying to ruin the country's image.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Monday arrested Sabir and Ainul from a hideout at Keraniganj.

BDR CARNAGE CASE

Charge against 260 read out

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Charges against 260 more accused in Pilkhana carnage case were read out at a makeshift court in the capital yesterday.

On April 12, charges against 80 out of 850 accused, including 23 civilians, were read out in the case.

The second day's charge hearing began around 9:45am at the makeshift court in Bakshi Bazar and continued till 2:00pm with a 20-minute break.

Prosecutor Mosharrif Hossain read out the charge of the accused individually.

Sweeper Rashed Ali dragged the wife of Lt Col Jayedul Islam and tortured her physically said Mosharrif during the hearing.

Many accused, including civilians, were charged for keeping valuables, including ornaments, money and mobile sets of army

officers.

Wife of Sepoy Akhtar Hossain and one of the accused of the case Rahima Begum was charged for keeping three mobile sets of three slain army officers, including the then director general. Prosecutor pleaded the court to take her guilty in cognisance.

The court adjourned the trial proceedings till May 9.

Last year, in July the CID pressed charges against 824 jawans and 23 civilians for murder, arson, looting, hiding of bodies and sedition. Of the 850 accused, two are dead and 21 others have been absconding.

At least 74 people, including 57 army officers, were killed in the February 25-26 carnage in 2009 at the Pilkhana headquarters of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), earlier called BDR.

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Intellectual Property Association brings out a procession from Shilpkala Academy in the city yesterday on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day.
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PM inaugurates Ctg passport, visa office building

UNB, Chittagong

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday formally inaugurated the new building of the Chittagong Divisional Passport and Visa office at DT Road in Mansurabad of the port city.

After the inauguration at a simple function, the prime minister said with this new building the longstanding demand of the area has been fulfilled.

"Now the people of Chittagong will not need to go to the capital for their passport related works," she said.

Home Minister Shahara Khatun also spoke at the function.

The work on the Tk 13.77 crore project of building the passport office began in March last year and was scheduled to end in June this year.

Officials concerned briefed the prime minister about the newly constructed Divisional Passport and Visa Office building.

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- Must have knowledge on issuing & acquiring card business.
- Knowledge of Card management system such as CTL Prime, Genesys CardPro, Visionplus and other related software is highly desired.
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1st Oxford-The Daily Star National Physics Olympiad-2011

Date: Friday, 29 April'2011, Time: 8.30am to 7.00pm.

Last Date of Registration: Thursday, 28 April'2011

Venue: Oxford International School, House 34, Road 16 (27 Old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka1209

Chief Guest: **Architect Yeafesh Osman**

Honourable State Minister

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The Competition will be held in two groups:

Group A (Class 9-10) & Group B (Class 11-12 & under-20)

Top five performing students from Group-B will compete in the 'International Physics Olympiad-2011' to be held on July-11 in Thailand.

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