

NEWS IN *brief*

Boy found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered a body of a teenage boy from an abandoned plot at Hazaribagh in the capital. Police recovered the body of Md Shumon, 15, son of Mintu Miah, a rickshaw puller, of Jhauchar of Hazaribagh at about 7:00pm. Shumon had been missing since Wednesday noon, said his father Mintu Miah. Rafiqul Islam, OC of the police station, said locals informed police of the matter. They also claimed that they saw two of the victim's friends moving suspiciously near the plot on Wednesday night.

BCS info assoc executives

UNB, Dhaka

A K M Shamim Chowdhury and A M Motaheer Hossain have been elected president and secretary general respectively of BCS Information Association yesterday.

Office bearers are First Vice President : Mahfujur Rahman Malangi, Second Vice President : Hosne Ara Akhtar, First Joint Secretary : Subodh Chandra Dhali, Second Joint Secretary : M Saifullah, Treasurer : Md Monirujjaman, Organising Secretary : Md Mominul Haq, Publicity and Training Secretary : Mohammad Oares Hossain, Welfare Sports and Cultural Secretary: Roksana Akhter, Office Secretary : Md Sajjad Haider. Members are Tasir Ahmed, Kamrun Nahar, Sarder Md Aminul Islam, Mohammad Akhteruzzaman, Nurun Nahar Nazma, Pronab Kumar Bhattachariya, Mir Md Aslam Uddin and A K M Kamrul Ahsan. The annual general meeting of the association will be held on May 14 at the Press Institute of Bangladesh. Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad will attend the program as the chief guest.



CRP observes International Nurses Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) Nursing Institute and Medical Care Unit jointly celebrated International Nurses Day yesterday themed "Closing the Gap: Increasing Access and Equity".

They held a procession from in front of CRP and ending at the same place, circulating Savar Bazar and Radio Colony. Later a discussion was also held at Redway Hall of CRP. Gazi Mohammad Munir, senior assistant secretary of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was present at the discussion as the chief guest. Prof Dr M A Kader, Dr ATM Abdur Razzak and CRP Nursing Institute acting principal Runu Chowdhury also spoke.

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world marking the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, says a press release.



Meeting

Bangabandhu Academy will hold a memorial meeting. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity, Time: 10:30am.

Roundtable

Liberation War Museum will organise a roundtable. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

Photo exhibition

Singapore Management University will arrange a photo exhibition. Venue: Drik Gallery, Time: 3:00pm.

Roundtable

Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon will arrange a roundtable. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 3:00pm.

Language competition

Prothom Alo and HSBC will jointly organise a language competition. Venue: Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Baily Road, Time: 9:00am.

Meeting

Communist Party of Bangladesh will hold a meeting. Venue: Mukti Bhaban, Purana Palton, Time: 4:00pm.

Human chain

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Foundation will form a human chain. Venue: In front of National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Discussion

Bishaw Kabitakantha Parishad will



(From left) Shahriar Kabir, Prof Mizanur Rahman, Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, Prof Kabir Chowdhury and Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury at a discussion organised by Forum for Secular Bangladesh and Trial of War Criminals (Ekattureer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee) at Bilia auditorium in the city yesterday.

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19 workers freed on 15-day confinement

ARUN BIKASH DEY AND PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg

A brickfield owner yesterday released 19 workers after keeping them in confinement for 15 days in a small dark house at Paindong in Fatikchhari upazila, Chittagong.

Sensing a drive by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Azizul Haque Chowdhury, owner of Aziz Modern Brickfield, freed the workers and instantly fled the area.

Sources said Azizul appointed the 19 workers in his brickfield for six months on October 16 (Kartik 1) and promised to pay them Tk 15 lakh on contract.

But Aziz gave only Tk 9.80 lakh and kept them confined on April 26 as the contact period expired and the workers started claiming the overdue.

The labourers, including two child workers, were forced to work in the day and to stay in a small dark house in the night.

Sariful Islam, a confined worker, managed to escape the captivity on April 28 and informed Human Rights Foundation (HRF) of his fellows.

On information from HRF, a team of Rab-7 went to the brickfield at Paindong in Fatikchhari yesterday to raid it.

Maj Ashfaq, who led the team, said the workers left the brickfield before their drive.

"No one can confine any man," said Ashfaq. "Our drives will continue against such kind of violation of human rights."

Shariful filed a case accusing four persons including Azizul, the brickfield owner, its manager Alam and another two with Fatikchhari Police Station in this connection.

Contacted, the brickfield owner Azizul denied the allegation and said he made full payment to the workers.

Campaign for saving Dhaka rivers starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) starts public awareness campaign in and around the city today to save four rivers spending Tk 50 lakh.

At the backdrop of sever pollution in the rivers and rampant encroachment, members of the civil society and mass media are demanding the government to save the rivers.

The campaign is a part of the government initiative to save the four rivers around the capital --the Buriganga, Shitalakhya, Balu and Turag ---from wholesale grabbing and severe industrial and household pollution.

The National River Tasks Force that the present government restructured after taking the office decided to launch the campaign among the city dwellers for saving rives.

"It is not possible to clean the river in a day or two. But we believe if we continue our efforts of saving the rivers, someday the rivers will get their life back," said Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, at a press conference at BIWTA auditorium in the city.

Sanzida Khanam, MP, the convener of the

river campaign sub committee and Abdul Malek, chairman of BIWTA and secretary general of the sub-committee, were present at the press conference.

BIWTA, the implementation agency of the campaign, has selected 16 strategic points along the river banks where a professional theater teams will perform street theaters from today.

The month long campaign will also include public exhibition of documentary on rivers, folk song, public announcement by loud speakers as well as beating drums.

The strategic points are Sadarghat Terminal, Kamrangir Char, Kamalbagh, Gabtali, Ashulia, Tongi river area, Demra, Kanchpur, Narayanganj, Mirkadim river area, Fatullah Launch Ghat, Shayambazar, Shayampur, Aganagar, Shuvadya and Kholamura.

Under the campaign, BIWTA also will arrange talk show on rivers, telecasting fillers, and documentary on televisions, sticking posters, stickers, screen banners, festoons, stand festoons, and disseminating messages through billboards.

They will also invite NGOs to organise human chains, rallies and street processions urging to save the rivers.

'71 war heroes want justice before death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday called upon the government to finish off the war crimes trial without any delay and said people do not want to see any more death of war hero before the trial ends.

The meeting was organised to condole the death of Lt Col (ret'd) Quazi Nooruzzaman Bir Uttam, commander of sector no. 7, a veteran freedom fighter who died on May 6.

The speakers said Nooruzzaman was fortunate, as he could at least see the beginning of trial.

"It was his dream. But unfortunately he cannot see the end of the proceedings," said Jhuna Choudhury, a noted cultural personality.

Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiullah Bir Uttam, Dr Kamrul Hasan Khan, Ramendu Majumder, lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, columnist Syed Abul Moksud, and Afjal Hossain also spoke.

Freedom fighter Monsur Ali Sarker presided over the condolence programme organised by Sammilito Sangskritik Jote on the Central Shaheed Minar premises.



Former US Ambassador to Bangladesh William B Milam calls on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office in the city yesterday.

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Walk-in-Interview

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