

# Climate fund transparent

*Says environment ministry*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Climate Change Unit (CCU) of the environment ministry has said the ministry maintains transparency in allocating the climate change fund.

The CCU made the statement yesterday as a response to what environment experts and a member of all-party parliamentary committee on climate change said at a workshop organised by Transparency International Bangladesh on Sunday.

A CCU press release signed by its Director Rashedul Islam says allocation of money from Climate Change Trust Fund, a domestic funding, is done by a 17-member trustee board comprising ministers, cabinet secretary, Bangladesh Bank governor, top civil servants and two civil society representatives.

The board "having followed all the legal procedures" has so far allocated Tk 698 crore for 62 government projects. No fund has yet been disbursed for non-government organisations.

And Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund, set up of donors' contributions, is being governed by the World Bank, says the press release.

A number of NGO workers from across the country at the workshop decried the way the climate funds are being allocated.

The press release claimed all information regarding allocation of the funds is posted on the ministry's website.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of all-party parliamentary committee on climate change, said at the workshop that no transparent set of guidelines was followed for alloca-

# The age to demand rights?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The children on the right might be learning the difference between what is right and what is wrong or the directions right and left. Some of them might have even learnt those by now.

But they definitely do not understand what children's rights are, let alone stand in the scorching sun for over one hour demanding them.

Bangladesh Council for Children Welfare (BCCW), a platform of children rights bodies, kept these children, numbering around 200, standing in a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club "to demand their rights" in observance of World Children's Day.

Of the total, a staggering 70 children were physically challenged, using crutches and wheelchairs, standing with exhaust smoke pumping onto their faces from passing motor vehicles from 3:00pm to 4:15pm.

"We kept them standing considering their age. Otherwise, we might have had them walk in a procession," said BCCW Secretary Nurul Karim Chowdhury Jinnah.

"Human chain with children should be symbolic, not over long periods," said Kafil Uddin, director of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, a platform of 263 children rights bodies.

Kafil, however, could not identify BCCW as a child rights body.



# 'Kidney diseases claim 5 every hour'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around two crore people in the country are suffering from kidney diseases and five people die every hour from it, said experts yesterday.

This number is increasing alarmingly while less than five percent of the people can afford the expensive treatment of kidney diseases, they added.

They were speaking at a discussion to raise awareness on kidney diseases organised by Kidney Awareness, Monitoring and Prevention Society (KAMPS) in the city.

As a part of the awareness programme, KAMPS also provided free of cost consultation and diagnostic services to 300 workers of Dawn Garments in Wari.

They also gave primary treatment to the workers with kidney diseases.

Prof Dr M A Samad of Labaid Hospital, Nazmul Ahsan (district governor), Shafiqul Alam and Jahangir Kabir of Lion and Chairman MA Khalek of Dawn Garments also spoke.



Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee being produced before the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday for hearing of 20 specific charges against him. (Story on Page 1)

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# BREAST CANCER Free counselling begins

METRO DESK

Women who are at the risk of breast cancer or are facing breast-related problems can receive free screening and counselling services at Mirpur Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital in the city from 9:00am to 5:00pm everyday.

The hospital initiated the month-long programme on 01 October marking the International Breast Cancer Awareness Month, said a press release yesterday.

Besides, medical procedures like Ultrasonography, Mammography and breast cleaning including FNAC services will be provided to the needy women at 30% discount.

Interested persons are asked to contact over the following numbers: 01718594682, 01715836304 and 01744666777, or at the following address: Mirpur Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital, plot-M-1/C, Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1206.

# Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Today is the 3rd death anniversary of Mohammad Habibur

Rahman, former senior sub-editor of The Daily Inqilab, says a press release.

Habib worked with different newspapers before the partition of the Indian sub-continent.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his house at Uttar Kamalapur after Maghrib prayers.

# BCL threatens to block Dhaka-Aricha Highway

JU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will block Dhaka-Aricha Highway from 1:00pm today if the Jahangirnagar University (JU) lecturer, arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Friday, is not released within that time.

BCL leader Sheikh Shariful Khan Sharif declared the blockade at a protest rally participated by over 200 pro-Awami League teachers, officers, staffs and some students of JU in front of the administrative building yesterday.

The government and politics department lecturer Mohammad Firoz-Ul-Hasan and 20 others were arrested by Rab in connection with selling fake question papers for the combined medical college and dental college admission test.

Earlier, they declared to form a human chain at the university's main gate at 10:00am today.

The participants, including JU Proctor Arzu Miah, criticised Rab and demanded an unconditional release. They also blamed the print and electronic media for exaggerating the incident and for insulting not only Firoz but all the teachers of the society.

# Boy held with stolen gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a minor boy and recovered 133 tolas of gold and Tk 6.60 lakh from his village home in Satkania upazila on Saturday.

The boy Md Rezaul Karim, 16, son of Bodiul Alam of Azimpur union of Satkania, admitted to stealing the valuables from Khaja Jewelers of Bakshirhat, where he was working for the last three months, on Friday, said police.

He claimed to work alone, stealing the keys to the shop's safe and gate and taking the valuables, said Ameena Begum, DC, North.

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