Drivers asked to be careful

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Families of road accident victims at a human chain yesterday urged drivers to be careful on the roads and highways, keeping in mind the risks associated with road accidents.

Expressing frustration over government inaction after deaths in road accidents, they said these priceless lives are being lost to road accidents, which is a form of "murder".

The human chain was organised by Physically Challenged Development Foundation at the base of Aparajeya Bangla in Dhaka University (DU).

They said demise of thousands of the country's citizens in road accidents is unacceptable in a civilized nation and called for stricter laws and their rapid implementation to stop such incidents.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Sidique and noted actor and campaigner of road safety Elias Kanchan also spoke at the programme.

IFC official due today

Bss, Dhaka

A senior official of International Finance Corporation (IFC) begins his three-day visit to Dhaka today to meet IFC stakeholders from the country's public and private sectors.

Pierre Guislain, director of the joint World Bank-IFC Investment Climate Department, will meet senior officials of Prime Minister's Office, National Board of Revenue, Ministry of Commerce and Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, says a press release.



PHOTO: STAR

A photography exhibition at Dhaka University yesterday marking October 15, 1985, the day when the roof of Jagannath Hall's assembly building (now October Smiriti Bhaban) collapsed on students and employees who were watching television, claiming 39 lives.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Wasa yesterday demolished at least 30 illegal structures, including a portion of a hospital building, to free the Mohakhali canal at Mohakhali's Rasulbagh in the city.

The structures included makeshift autopart stores, mechanical workshops, portion of a slum and a one-storey illegal extension of the Metropoli-

tan Medical Centre in the area. However, an

today.

oxygen room at a

corner of the hospital's illegal extension was not knocked down as it could be fatal for many emergency patients. The hospital authorities have been asked to move the oxygen facilities elsewhere by 10:00am

Executive Magistrate of Dhaka Wasa Kazi Wasiuddin led the drive. Wasa Executive

Engineer Nurul Islam was present during the

The four-hour drive was conducted in cooperation with riot police on a 0.75km stretch on the Mohakhali canal from Paglar Pole in Mohakhali to Niketan.

SM Shahed, administrative officer of Metropolitan Medical Centre, said the hospital had a legal dispute over the land with

Dhaka Wasa and filed a writ peti-30 structures demolished tion with the High Court in 2008. "We showed the copies of the petition,

> but he went on and knocked them down anyway," he said. Most of the other structures that were

knocked down belong to the nearby Aman Filling Station, local residents said.

They said the owners have been pulling strings within the government for years to keep the authorities away.

Drive to free Mohakhali canal Edn in jeopardy for fund constraints

Menon tells Rajshahi teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Improving quality of education and implementation of the newly adopted education policy is in jeopardy due to financial constraints, said Rashed Khan Menon, president of the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry, in Rajshahi yesterday.

"We proposed that the government allocate 20 percent of the national budget for the education sector, but fund constraints are restricting the budget's increase," said the lawmaker.

He was addressing teachers of different educational institutes at a view exchange meeting titled "Improving quality of education", organised by Rajshahi regional offic,e of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education

(DSHE) at its office.

"Allocation for education decreased to 12.3 percent of the national budget this year compared to the previous budget's 13 percent. If necessary, the standing committee and the teachers would meet the prime minister to solve the matter," said Menon.

The country requires at least eight percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for ensuring quality education but gets only two. The standing committee is emphasising allocation of at least six percent, he said.

Though the government has formulated the education policy, which was not criticised other than on political grounds, the glory is fading for lack of funds, said Menon.

Earlier, teachers of different educa-

tional institutes spoke of their hardships, poor living standards and lack of facilities.

DSHE Deputy Director of Rajshahi Tarun Kumar Sarker chaired the meeting where Rajshahi lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha, language movement veteran Abul Hossain and educationists Ruhul Amin Pramanik, Toshikul Islam Raja, Proshanto Saha, Shafikur Rahman Badsha, Tanbirul Alam, Nurul Alam, Saidur Rahman and Mokaddasul Islam also spoke.

In the afternoon, Menon went to Bhubon Mohon Park where nearly 100 teachers under the banner Zila Shikkhok Samity were on a hunger strike since morning demanding time scale incentives. He fed the teachers fruit juice and water to have them end their strike.

Jagannath Hall tragedy day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred students, teachers and employees of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday wore black badges, observed a one-minute silence and brought out a mourning procession in memory of the victims of the 1985 tragedy in Jagannath Hall.

On October 15, 1985, the roof of the hall's assembly building (now October Smiriti Bhaban) collapsed on students and employees who were watching televi-

sion, claiming 39 lives. DU authorities hoisted black flags, kept the university flag at half-mast and arranged special prayers in observance of the day.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Pro-VC Harun-Or-Rashid, and hall Provost Prof Ajoy Kumar Das placed wreaths at the October Memorial Plaque.

The VC said the DU family remembers the victims of the tragedy with deep respect and sorrow. The government should allocate adequate funding for the construction of new buildings to avoid such tragedies, he said.

RU Chhatra Union new body formed

RU CORRESPONDENT

A 19-member new committee of Bangladesh Chhatra Union of Rajshahi University (RU) unit was formed at the end of the two-day 27th council on the campus on Friday.

Shipon Ahmed was made president while SM Iftekharul Islam Shiplu the general secretary for the year 2011-12. The committee also includes Vice-President Hosne Ara Parvin Sultana and Joint Secretary Khademul Basar.

The committee was declared at Central Students Union building.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Guests and winners of an inter-university and inter-school debate competition pose for pictures during the award giving ceremony in the city's BGMEA auditorium Friday. National Debate Federation Bangladesh (NDF-BD) organised the daylong contest in remembrance of Tareque Masud and Mishuk Munier with support from Shifat Trading and Company. Dhaka University and Cambrian School and College clinched championship.



ফোনঃ ৯০০৪৭৯৬, ৮০৫২৯২৭, ফ্যাব্রঃ ৯০১১৩৭২। মোবাইলঃ ০১৯১৭২৬৭১৪০/০১৬৭৩১৭৫৬২১/০১৭১৭৩৬১৩৩০

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমোদন প্রাপ্ত, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীভুক্ত ডেলটা মেডিকেল কলেজে ২০১১-২০১২ইং শিক্ষাবর্ষে এমবিবিএস কোর্সে (৫ম ব্যাচ) ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তির জন্য স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত ফলাফলের মেধাক্রম অনুসারে ১ হতে ৩৮,৫৩২ পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশী ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের নিকট হতে সরকারী নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী সকল কোটা অনুসরণ সাপেক্ষে কলেজের নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দান ঃ ১৬ অক্টোবর ২০১১ইং তারিখ থেকে ২৫ অক্টোরব, ২০১১ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রত্যহ সকাল ৮টা হতে বেলা ২.৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত (সাপ্তাহিক ছুটির দিনসহ) নগদ ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা + ভ্যাট (৪.৫% হারে) অফেরতযোগ্য পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে প্রসপেক্টাসসহ ভর্তির ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দিতে হবে।

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Birdem officers assoc executives METRO DESK



Prof M Nazrul Islam and Md Imrul Ahmed were elected president and general secretary of the

Birdem Officers Welfare Association (BOWA), says a press release. Other office-bearers are

Vice Presidents: Dr Tamanna Narmin and Prof Amirul Haque, Treasurer: ABM Mohibullah, Joint Secretary: Dr Rene Shujon, Organising Secretary: Dr Badhon Kumar Dey, Publicity Secretary: Dr Bakhtiar Ahmed, Sports and Entertainment Secretary: Dr Purabi Rani Debnath, Cultural Secretary: Dr Sally Samia Khan, Office Secretary: Dr Kamrun Nahar and Assistant Secretary: DrMdAnwarul Islam:

Executive members are Dr Md Delwar Hossain, Dr Md Abdul Baki, Dr Murshed Uddin Akhand, Dr Shahida Akhtar, Dr Sayera Rahman, Dr MdAltaf Hossain Sharif and Dr Md Abdur Rakib.

