

ODOMMO CHATTAGRAM

Initiative hailed

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Journalists and politicians here yesterday hailed The Daily Star, as the newspaper hosts Odommo Chattagram, a 12-day festival beginning today to project Chittagong.

They hoped the programme would shed more light on the development aspects of the port city.

Not only Chittagong but also the whole country will be benefited through such programmes, ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, former mayor of Chittagong city, said.

He thanked The Daily Star for taking the initiative, while addressing a views exchange meeting at Chittagong Press Club (CPC) auditorium.

Rezaul Hoque Mostak, president of Chattagram Samity, Dhaka, said the traditional role of Chittagong had faded due to lack of its proper representation to the nation.

He hoped the prominence of the country's second largest city would be revived through the programme.

Odommo Chattagram (Indomitable Chittagong) festival will end on April 10.

Hailing the undertaking, CPC President Abu Sufian, who chaired yesterday's meeting, said the programme would help inculcate the city's significance in policy makers further.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam said there was criticism that everything, even the media, was concentrated in the capital.

As a media outlet, The Daily Star has taken the initiative only to project the rich past of Chittagong, its various features and enormous economic prospects, he added.

Mahfuz Anam also requested cooperation from all to make the programme a success.

Senior journalists of different local and national dailies and television stations took part in the discussion and expressed their views on the festival.

Local daily Suprobhat Bangladesh City Editor M Nasirul Hoque, Dainik Azadi Chief Reporter Hasan Akbar, and Amar Desh Senior Reporter Mostafa Noim spoke on the occasion, among others.



Former Chittagong city mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury expresses his views on Odommo Chattagram festival at a meeting at Chittagong Press Club (CPC) auditorium yesterday. On his right are CPC President Abu Sufian, Chattagram Samity Dhaka President Rezaul Hoque Mostak, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, and Prothom Alo Resident Editor Abul Momen.

Secretariat lift traps people for 15 minutes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine people had a panicking experience as they got stuck in an elevator for around 15 minutes in a Secretariat building yesterday noon.

The lift of Bhaban-6 carrying them along with a liftman all on a sudden stopped at the 14th floor around 3:00pm while going down. The elevator is an oldest one in the Secretariat.

As it got stuck, the liftman blamed voltage fluctuation and assured that it would be in operation within five minutes. "Don't worry sir, it is quite a regular phenomenon", he said.

This correspondent happened to be inside the lift at that time. A person claiming to be an engineer of the Bhaban opened the lift door after the trapped people started pounding on it.

The lift emergency button has run out of order long ago. The building has six lifts.

Dhaka dist Rover Scouts council today

UNB, Dhaka

The annual council of Bangladesh Rover Scouts of Dhaka district will be held today.

It will begin at Tejgaon College auditorium at 9:00am, said a press release.

About 450 participants from 218 colleges, universities, madrasas and free Rover Scout groups under Dhaka District Rover, including the executive committee members, RSL and presidents of the group committee, are expected to take part in the council.

Senior Vice-President of Bangladesh Scouts M Habibul Alam, Bir Protik, will be the chief guest with Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka and President of Dhaka District Rover M Mahibul Haque in the chair.

Indian rupees worth Tk 10cr seized: 3 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three members of a currency smuggling gang and seized Indian rupees worth around Tk 10 crore from their possession in the capital's Paltan area early yesterday.

The arrestees are, Md Murad Hossain, 24, a clothes trader at Islampur, Abdullah Al Mamun, 40, of Chittagong and Imran Hossain, 41, living at Banashree of the city's Rampura.

Rab received information that a gang of currency smugglers would bring foreign currency to the capital hidden inside a consignment of imported clothes from Chittagong, which would be delivered to the capital's Polwel Market in Paltan.

Lt Col Rashidul Alam, commanding officer of Rab-1, said they were lying in wait in front of the market around 12:30am.

A covered van with four boxes appeared at the spot about an hour later and left after unloading the shipment. Rab personnel arrested Murad and Mamun who came to collect the goods, he said.

Searching the boxes Rab found the smuggled rupees and following information provided by the arrestees they captured the owner of the clothes Imran Hossain at his house in Rampura, said Rashidul Alam.

During interrogation, Murad and Imran confessed that they used to carry foreign currencies from Chittagong for money. In the last four months they carried two consignments of rupees worth around Tk 16.5 crore, the Rab official said.

Rab is trying to nab the main gang, he added.

DU convocation tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) authorities have made all-out preparation to hold its 46th convocation tomorrow. The programme will be held at the university's central playground at 11:30am.

DU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique briefed the reporters about the preparation of the convocation in a press conference yesterday. He claimed that this is the biggest convocation in the history of the university.

A total of 16,826 graduates and 58 gold medallists will be awarded in the convocation, the VC said.

President and Chancellor of the university Zillur Rahman is expected to attend the convocation as the chief guest while Director General of World Trade Organisation Pascal Lamy will be the convocation speaker.

Pascal Lamy would be conferred a Doctor-

of-Laws degree for his contribution in ensuring tariff free access of Bangladeshi goods into EU countries through the "Everything but Arms Agreement", Prof Arefin added.

To make the graduates known to the formalities of the convocation, DU authorities will organise a rehearsal for convocation today at 9:30am at DU central playground.

DU proctorial team along with the law enforcement agencies will be deployed before and during the programme to avoid untoward incidents, said Proctor MA Ali.

Earlier on Wednesday, a large section of graduates forcibly took away convocation gift items in excess from the Teacher Student Centre, which drew huge criticism.

DU VC and proctor claimed that graduates from the affiliated colleges of the university made the unpleasant incident.

Several officials of DU told The Daily Star a large number of outsiders with a section of DU graduates jointly did the act.

প্রকাশিত সংবাদের বিজ্ঞেয়তার প্রসংগে

বিগত ২৩ মার্চ ২০১২ তারিখে বহুল প্রচারিত কয়েকটি জাতীয় দৈনিক পত্রিকায় স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় সম্পর্কিত সংসদীয় স্থায়ী কমিটির বরাত দিয়ে "নিঃসমানের ঔষধ তৈরী করায় ২৭টি প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিরুদ্ধে ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হচ্ছে" শীর্ষক সংবাদের প্রতি সংশ্লিষ্ট সংসদীয় কমিটির ও ঔষধ প্রশাসন অধিদপ্তরের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষিত হয়েছে।

২৭টি প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম জড়িয়ে প্রকাশিত সংবাদটি বস্তুনিষ্ঠ নয় এবং বিভ্রান্তিমূলক। স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ে ঔষধ প্রশাসন থেকে যে রিপোর্টটি পাঠানো হয়েছে তাতে নির্দিষ্ট করে কোন নিঃসমান ও ভেজাল ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারক কোম্পানীর নাম উল্লেখ নাই। এধরনের ভুল, অসত্য ও বিভ্রান্তিমূলক সংবাদ প্রকাশ প্রকাশের ঔষধ শিল্প তথা দেশ ও জাতি ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হবে। এধরনের অসত্য, ভুল ও বিভ্রান্তিমূলক প্রকাশিত সংবাদের প্রতিবাদ জানাচ্ছি।

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