32,000 posts created in police

Shahara tells inaugural function of a new police station

Bss, Dhaka

Home Minister Shahara Khatun yesterday said the government has created 32,000 posts in police force in line with their election pledges to provide jobs every house.

"Around 16 to 17 thousands people have already been recruited in police administration and remaining others will be appointed in phases during the tenure of the government," she said while inaugurating the newly established Bhashantek Police Station.

She asked the law enforcers to arrest local criminal Rahim for his alleged involvement in grabbing land at Bhashantek Rehabilitation Centre.

Ahmed Majumder said the new police station will help curb crimes, especially drug trading in the area.

Lawmaker Shahida Tareq Dipti, Inspector General of Police Hasan Mahmood Khandker, and Deputy Commissioner of Police of Mirpur Zone Imtiaj Ahmed also spoke. Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Benazir Ahmed presided over the function.



Discussion

Nazrul Academy will hold a discussion; Venue: Nazrul Bhaban, Moghbazar; Time: 5:00pm.

Fair

Purana Paltan Protibeshi Nirapatta Committee will organise a Baishakhi fair; Venue: Purana Paltan Girls' College; Time: 7:30am.

Launching ceremony

Fortune Shopping Mall will arrange its launching ceremony; Venue: Mouchak; Time: 11:00am.



Home Minister Shahara Khatun watches a bomb disposal robot, the first of its kind in the country, as it showcases its skills on the Ramna Batamul premises yesterday ahead of the Pahela Baishakh today, the first day of the Bangla new year.

PAHELA BAISHAKH SECURITY

DMP issues instructions Local lawmaker Kamal hmed Majumder said the hmed Majumder said the

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Law enforcers have tightened security and issued traffic and necessary instructions to make today's celebration of Pahela Baishakh smooth and pleasant for Dhaka city people.

Thousands of people will flock to different festival grounds across the capital as well as the country to welcome Bangla New Year 1419 in high spirits today.

As part of the security measures, the law enforcers have introduced a security robot, which is able to identify bombs, explosives and dispose them automatically. The robot named Improvised Exclusive

Device (IED) can be navigated through remote control, Rab officials told journalists after a security demonstration at Ramna Park yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) requested the festival goers to follow the security instructions while visiting Ramna Park, Suhrawardy Udyan, Dhaka University, and Rabindra Sarobar, where the main celebratory programmes will be held.

They are asked to enter Ramna Park using Arunodoy gate (opposite Sugandha), Ramna Restaurant gate, and Notun gate and to leave the park using Uttarayan and Boishakhi gate. Kakrail Mosque gate and Star gate (near Matsyabhaban) will be open as both entry and exit.

In a press release, the DMP requested people to use Engineering Institute gate,

TSC gate and the gate near Doel Chattar of DU to enter Suhrawardy Udyan and use Shishu Park gate and Kali temple gate as exit. Shikha Chironton gate will keep close today. Parents were requested to write down

their phone number and address and keep it in the pocket of their children's clothes so that it can help law enforcers if any child is lost. In case anyone got lost, relatives should immediately inform Police Sub-Control

Festival goers are also requested not to carry any luggage and leave Ramna Park and Suhrawardi Udyan area within 6:00pm. Festival goers can park their vehicles at Old Elephant Road, Minto Road, Karpet Goli at Segun Bagicha, from Kataban to Polashi

Room at Ramna Park, the instructions say.

intersection, from High Court to Abdul Gani road, and from Curzon Hall to Fulbaria. Roads from Bangla Motor intersection to High Court intersection, from Ruposhi Bangla Hotel intersection to Minto Road-Matsya Bhaban, from Nilkhet intersection to TSC, from Palashi to Doel Chattar, and from Bakshi Bazar to Jagannath Hall will be closed

for traffic today. About 50,000 law enforcers will be deployed at different points in and outside the capital, while 14,000 law enforcers will keep vigil at Ramna Batamul, DU campus, Rabindra Sarobor and other spots. The law enforcers have installed surveillance cameras (CCTVs), observation posts, outposts, and sub-posts to ensure security.

Education must for empowerment

Hasina says at Ankara University

UNB, Ankara

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said education was vital to empower people for achieving an environment of justice, peace, democracy and development.

"I strongly believe that to empower people and to achieve an environment of justice, peace, democracy and development, education is vital", she said in her speech on "People's Empowerment" at Ankara University, Turkey.

Hasina pointed out that only education and enlightenment could give people the end means to eliminate poverty, hunger, disparity, and deprivation, bring the excluded into the mainstream of the society, accelerate human resources development, and root out terrorism.

"I believe that these six issues are also interdependent and have to be addressed in a holistic way", she said.

"In the last three years of our government, we have succeeded in reducing poverty by 10 percent. Our aim is to lift most of our poor people out of poverty within the UN-set Millennium Development Goals time frame of 2015".

"Unfortunately", she said, "Much of our efforts in this regard are being hindered due to diversion of our limited resources to meet climate change challenges."

Gender equality in education has been achieved at the secondary level, and the government has a plan to provide free tuition to girls until graduation, she said.

"For enticing girls to education, three polytechnic institutes, a Women and Gender Studies Department at Dhaka University, and an International University for Women, have been established".

Hasina said education was also important to strengthen secularism, one of the four founding pillars of

Bangladesh and its constitution. Although the majority people follow the Islamic faith, there are a good percentage of followers of other religions, and all have been living together in harmony since independence, she said.

Earlier, on her arrival at the university, Rector of Ankara University Prof Dr Cemal Taluð welcomed the prime minister. A good number of senate members, faculty and students of the university listened to the prime minister's speech.

8 awarded for contribution to cut smoking

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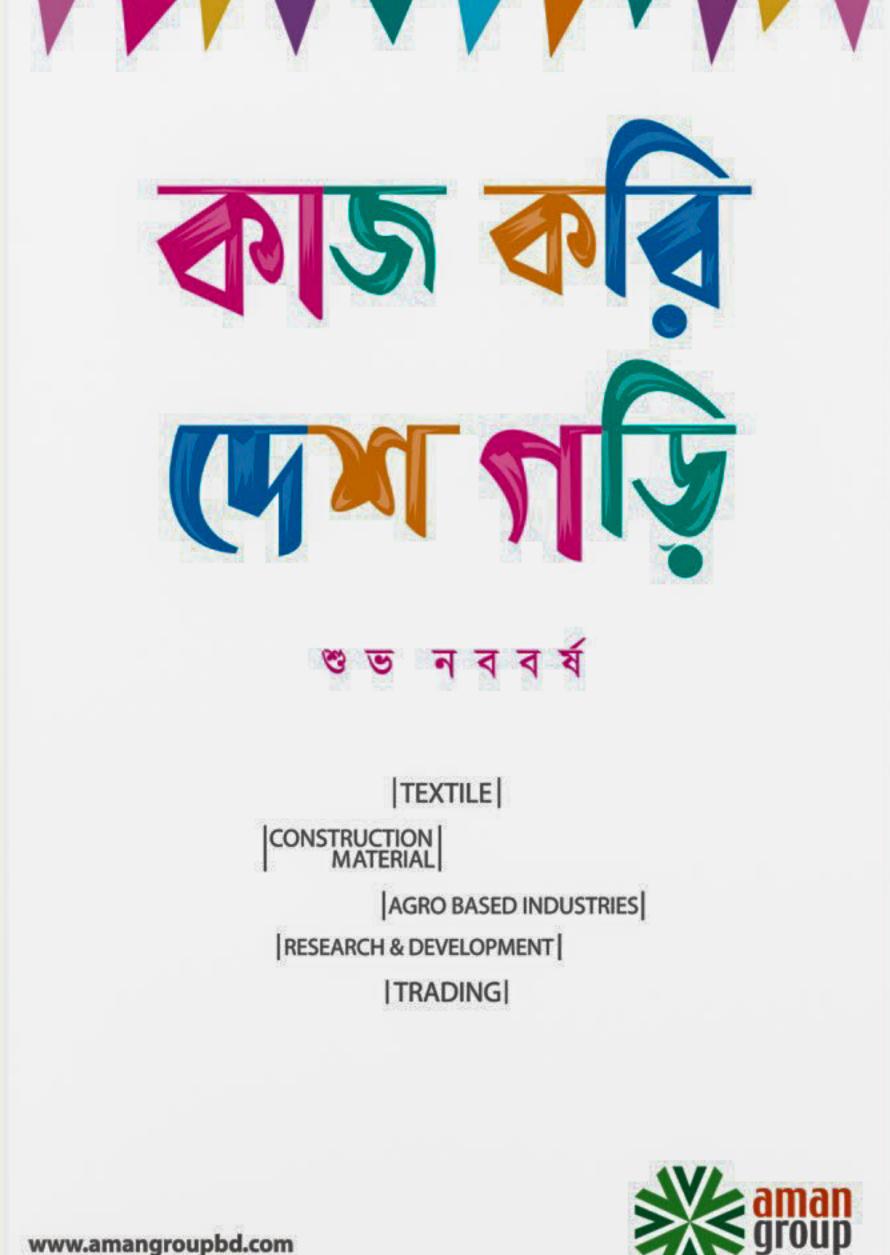
Eight personalities were awarded for being lifetime non-smokers and for contributing to reduce smoking in the country.

The award, first of its kind in the country, was a joint initiative of the Dhaka district administration and Save the Rural Development Association (Sarda), a social organisation, says a press release.

The award was handed over through a ceremony at Dhaka district conference room in the capital yesterday.

The awardees were Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, vicechancellor (VC) of Dhaka University (DU), M Nurun Nabi, project coordinator of Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project, Dr Mohiuddin, advocate of Bangladesh Supreme Court, Md Aminul Haq Molli, sports editor of Dainik Korotoa, Md Mohiuddin, managing director of Saarc International College, Sylhet, Md Nazmul Hasan, senior assistant secretary of National Defence College, Dhaka, Advocate Jashimuddin Ahmed and social worker Engr Shamiul Hossain.

Md Mohibul Hoq, deputy commissioner of Dhaka, chaired the programme while Arefin Siddique, Nurun Nabi and Murad Bhuiyan, executive director of Sarda, attended the event among others.



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