Projects for women's development urged

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the government to

implement well-defined projects designed for women's

development and ensure economic progress at all levels

of Gender Sensitivity in Policy Making and Project Design" was

organised by Steps towards Development (STD), an NGO

working towards development of women and gender equality

monitoring cells present in every ministry have to become

gender sensitive in order to make women issues mainstream

Ranjan Karmakar, executive director of STD, said budget-

Mamunur Rashid, coordinator of STD, made several

demands to the government including acknowledging

women's role in food growth and food security, mobilizing local

resources to ensure women's economic growth, and providing

women with social securities and government protection from

Dr Kaniz Siddque, freelance consultant, said the govern-

Experts from NGOs and government organisations should

Professor M M Akash, lecturer of Dhaka University's

Economic Department, Dr Nazneen Ahmed, senior research

fellow at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, spoke

ment should analyse the projects designed for women to

form monitoring cells to monitor project implementation and

document the results for future improvement of the projects,

identify the effectiveness of implementing them.

The discussion titled "National Budget 2012-2013: Analysis

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without discrepancy.

and work in their favour.

all kinds of oppression.

she added.

among others.

held in Cirdap auditorium in the capital.

TORCHING OF VEHICLES Three BNP-led 18-party activists held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested three BNP-led 18-party activists on Saturday night on charge of torching vehicles during a clash with police in Kazir Dewry area in Chittagongcityon May 13.

The arrestees are Md Abdul Mabud, 42, Md Rustom, 40, and MdAbul Hossain, 24.

Kotwali Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Sadip Kumar Das said some 30 BNP leaders, including the city unit general secretary Shahadat Hossain and BNP north district unit general secretary Aslam Chowdhury were, among others, accused in the case.

Police conducted drives in Bakshir Hat, Kazir Dewry and Enayet Bazar areas and arrested the three between 6:00pm and 9:00pm, he said.

At least 100 people, including police and journalists, were injured during a spate of clashes between BNP-Jamaat activists and law enforcers on May 13.

Six cases were filed against over 2,000 leaders and activists of the BNP-led 18party alliance in this connec-

Fire breaks out at Ctg warehouse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire broke out in a warehouse on the second floor of a twostorey building of an edible oil company at Boalkhali upazila in Chittagong yesterday around 8:30am. However, there were no reports of casualties.

On information, seven fire fighting units from Agrabad, Chandanpura, Kalurghat and Patiya rushed to Banur Teck area of West Gomdandi around 9:30am and were able to douse the flames after around three hours.

Neither firefighters nor officials of the company, Confidence Salt and Edible Oil Industries, could ascertain what sparked the fire.

The warehouse manager, Arun Bikash Chakrabarty, claimed that the damage was worthTk2crore.



Tangled dish TV cables hang over a footpath on Satmasjid Road in the capital destroying the area's look, also creating obstruction for utility workers and posing a threat of falling onto the pedestrians underneath. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

HINDU MARRIAGE

Make registration mandatory

Urges Dhaka Development Forum STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Make marriage registration compulsory for Hindu people in the draft of the Hindu marriage registration act, 2012, an organisation demanded yesterday.

The leaders of Dhaka Development Forum (DDF) made the demand at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital, said a press release of

They said making the Hindu marriage registration compulsory is vital to ensure the human rights of women.

The cabinet on May 21 approved a draft law of Hindu marriage registration act, 2012 where the registration of marriage of Hindu people was kept optional. The draft now awaits approval in the parliament. The DDF leaders said a group of Hindu community

who do not want a change in favour of women are against making the registration mandatory. They said if the marriage registration is made compul-

sory, this law will bring about a social balance in society. Rekha Saha, director of Steps Towards Development, Rokeya Zahan, advisor of Mohanagar Puja Utjapon Committee, Nepal Mukhajji, editor of DDF, and MA Mazid, treasurer of DDF, addressed the conference where local leaders of the Hindu community were also present.

Kishoreganj District Committee, Dhaka forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday

protesting a judge's recent "objectionable" comment about Speaker of Parliament Abdul Hamid.

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JS body for massive afforestation

UNB, Dhaka

The parliamentary standing committee on water resources ministry yesterday stressed the importance of taking a well-thought-out plan to protect the Sundarbans and environment in the coastal areas through massive afforestation.

The recommendation came after it reviewed a parliamentary subcommittee report, submitted at the committee's 27th meeting at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with the committee Chairman RAM Obaidul Moktadir Chowdhury in the chair.

The sub-committee, formed by the parliamentary body, had recommendations in the report which was prepared after it had visited the coastal districts, particularly the Sundarbans, which were badly affected by

ROAD CRASHES

Curbing requires cooperation of all

Experts tell seminar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The government, transport owners, drivers, and passengers all should collaborate to reduce road accidents, speakers said at a seminar on creating mass awareness about road accidents yesterday.

They said if traffic management authorities enforce traffic rules accurately and drivers and passengers follow these rules, the number of road accidents would decrease significantly.

They were speaking at the seminar jointly organised by Chittagong District Administration and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) held in Chittagong District Administration Auditorium in the city.

Md Ayubur Rahman Khan, BRTA chairman, said drivers of our country do not follow traffic rules. Many of them are not even aware of said rules and pedestrians are not always careful when they walk onthe streets.

the road accidents, he said. Film star and Nirapad Sarak Chai

Chairman Ilias Kanchan requested vehicle owners to increase pay scale for their drivers and to hand them an appointment letter when employing them.

He said more training institutes for drivers should be established in the country.

Md Serajul Huq Khan, divisional commissioner of Chittagong, said laws should be imposed equally on people who

system on driving licenses and if a driver is liable for an accident the points in his license decrease and if it reaches zero the license is cancelled, said Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Safiqul Islam adding that such a system should be established in the

Drivers alone are not responsible for road accidents, said Md Osman Ali, general secretary of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation.

Driving lessons and traffic rules should taughtin schools, he added.

Md Moshier Rahman, director (enforcement) of BRTA, Ehsan-e- Elahi,

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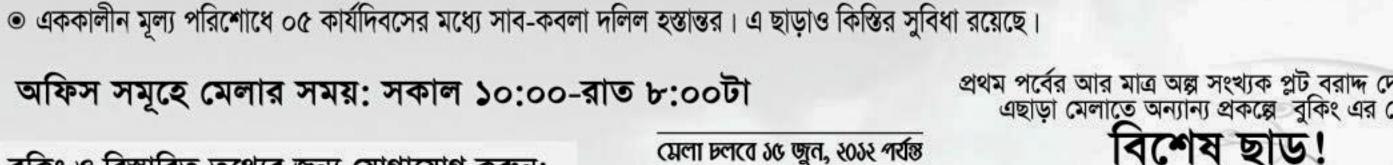
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