

BNP'S FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
Huge procession brought out in Ctg

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The Chittagong city unit BNP and its associate bodies brought out a huge procession in the port city marking the party's 34th founding anniversary yesterday.

Participants in the procession paraded the main thoroughfares from Kazir Dewry area through New Market, Station Road and Kadamtoli intersections to Agrabad.

Chittagong city unit BNP President Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury led the procession. It started from the party's office at Nasiman Bhaban of Kazir Dewry area around 11:00am.

The march caused unbearable sufferings to people through creating huge traffic congestion at busy points, including Jubilee Road and New Market, Kadamtoli, Chowmuhony and Agrabad intersections. Vehicular movement on these roads almost remained stopped for nearly two hours.

Leaders, activists and supporters of BNP and its front organisations including Jubo Dal, Sramik Dal, Swetchha Shebak Dal, Mahila Dal and other pro-BNP organisations and professional bodies participated in the programme.

They paraded the streets on foot and riding horses, bicycles, motorbikes, pickup vans, and trucks with banners, festoons, placards and portraits of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman, Chairperson Khaleda Zia and Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman. The late president Zia founded the party on September 1, 1978.

Members of Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Jote joined the procession and played party and patriotic songs in loud-speakers while singer Asif Akbar also performed.

The procession was preceded by a rally held at the party's city unit office premises.

Khasru told the rally that they were observing peaceful programmes protesting corruption of the government, avoiding the politics of conflict.

Termining the procession as the biggest ever showdown in Chittagong city after the January 9 grand rally, Khasru said people were supporting their peaceful programmes by flocking in thousands as a part to force the government into holding the next general election under a caretaker government.

Through the massive showdown, the agitation programme to topple the government has been inaugurated from the port city and it will result in bringing down the government following a mass movement, he said.

Khasru, also adviser to the BNP chairperson, asked the government to hold the parliamentary election under a caretaker government and reinstate the caretaker government provisions in the constitution soon.

BNP leaders urged the people and the party men to get prepared for the upcoming tougher agitation programmes to dislodge the government.

BNP Vice Chairmen Abdullah Al Noman and M Morshed Khan, ex-whip Syed Wahidul Alam, lawmaker and Chittagong south district unit President Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, Chittagong city Mayor M Manjur Alam, Chittagong city unit Vice President Abu Sufian and city unit General Secretary Dr Shahadat Hossain were present among



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia flanked by party leaders lays a wreath at the grave of late president also founder of the organisation, Ziaur Rahman, on the party's 34th founding anniversary yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

August saw slide in law, order

Says rights body's report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC), an international human rights and peace body, expressed deep concern over the country's deteriorating law and order situation in the month of August this year, said its press release yesterday.

A report published by BHRC showed that at least 407 people were killed all over the country in August, with 14 people killed every day on an average.

Of the total victims, 269 people were

killed in social unrests, 28 were killed in political clashes, four were killed by law enforcers, four were killed by mobs, 24 were killed for dowry, 12 were killed after being raped, two were burned to death, seven died for the negligence of doctors, and four were killed by Indian border guards, it said.

BHRC prepared the report on the basis of information from its local offices and national newspapers.

It also urged the government to make the country's law and order more effective to minimise the incidents of killing.

Road safety on DU campus demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) students, teachers and staff yesterday urged the university administration to submit a memorandum to the prime minister soon to ensure their safety on the roads of the campus.

The demand came at a human chain programme organised by them in front of Aparajeya Bangla on the campus to press home their five-point demand.

They demanded exemplary punishment to the bus driver and his helper who were responsible for the killing of DU student Towhid Zaman in an accident at Shabbagh in the capital on Tuesday.

They also demanded compensation for Towhid's death, construction of a foot overbridge and an underpass at Shabbagh and Nilkhet intersections and imposing restriction on the plying of outsiders' vehicles on DU campus.

New Malaysian envoy joins office

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



The newly appointed Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka Norlin Binti Othman

began her diplomatic assignment in Bangladesh through presenting credentials to the president on August 27.

Prior to her appointment as ambassador in Bangladesh, Norlin Binti Othman was the consul general of Malaysia in Medan, Indonesia.

Born in October 1958 in Kuala Lumpur, she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia in 1982 after graduating in economics from the University of Malaya.

She has served in various capacities in the ministry and Malaysian missions abroad. In the ministry, she served in the Human Resources Management Division, Americas & Europe Political Division, South East Asia Political Division, and Finance Division.

Her overseas postings were as second secretary at the Malaysian High Commission in Ottawa, counselor at the Malaysian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, and deputy high commissioner in New Delhi.

An alumnus of Convent Bukit Nenas School in Kuala Lumpur, she has a diploma in Public Management from the Institute of Public Administration Malaysia (INTAN) and MA (Foreign Affairs and Trade) from Monash University, Australia.

Norlin is married to Zakaria Haji Idris and blessed

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Better training for midwives sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop yesterday recommended more training for midwives to make them competent in providing maternity and reproductive healthcare to women.

They urged doctors, non-government organisations and private sector representatives to work hand-in-hand with the government to improve reproductive, maternal and newborn health (RMNH) services for the poor and vulnerable people.

The workshop, "National Needs Assessment of RMNH Workforce", was organised by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with UNFPA and Research Training and Management (RTM) International in the capital's Cirdap Auditorium.

The workshop's aim was to share the findings of an RTM International research carried out with the technical assistance of UNAIDS, UNFPA, Unicef, World Bank, WHO and the Instituto de Cooperación Social Integre.

The research was a national assessment on reproductive, maternal and newborn health workforce in Bangladesh.

The workshop also aimed to consult on the options, strategies and technical details required for projection of reproductive, maternal and newborn healthcare and the population's healthcare needs in the short-to-medium term.

Health consultant of Instituto de Cooperación Social Integre, Rupa Chilvers,

presented the findings at the workshop. Some 60 representatives from the government, NGO, private and development sectors provided their recommendations.

The ministry will present the findings at an international meeting in New York in September. The meeting was being organised to report on country progress on their commitments to the United Nations Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.

The result will also be disseminated at FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics in October 2012.

As a part of the Global Strategy's launching in September 2010, the Bangladesh government committed to doubling the percentage of births attended by skilled health workers by 2015.

The government promised to increase the number of skilled health workers by training an additional 3,000 midwives, staffing 427 sub-district health centres to provide round-the-clock midwifery services and upgrading 59 district hospitals and 70 "Mother and Child Welfare Centres".

Chairing the workshop, the ministry Secretary Mohammad Humayun Kabir hoped to see similar commitment from development partners not only for studies and assessments but also for increasing the healthcare workforce through private and public sector participation.

The ministry Joint Secretary Ashadul Islam, UNFPA Representative Arther Erken and RTM International President Ahmed-al-Kabir also spoke at the workshop.



Cabinet members, advisers to the prime minister and high civil and military officials greet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday on her return from the 16th Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Iran's capital Tehran.

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Factions observe separately in Barisal, Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With separate programmes, BNP factions observed the party's 34th founding anniversary in Barisal and Sylhet yesterday.

Our Barisal correspondent reports, followers of BNP Barisal city unit president and former BCC mayor Advocate Mojibor Rahman Sarwar brought out a rally after hoisting party and national flags at the party office premises.

Meanwhile, the followers of central fishery affairs secretary Ahsan Habib Kamal brought out a procession and a milad mahfil at Barisal District Bar Association.

Our Sylhet correspondent reports, in observance of the founding anniversary, the district and city unit of BNP yesterday took out three separate processions and held rallies.

International Tender for Worldwide Media Rights



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Time Extension

Refer to the advertisement published in the national dailies The Daily Star & The Daily Prothom-Alo on 15th August 2012 (Ref: BCB/Media Rights/2012/355 dated 14th August 2012).

As per the advertisement, the last date of obtaining copy of the tender documents was Thursday, 30th August 2012 and the submission deadline of the tenders was Thursday 6th September 2012.

The deadlines have been extended as per the following schedule:

- i. Last date of obtaining tender documents : Thursday 06th September 2012.
- ii. Date of submission of tenders : Wednesday 12th September 2012

Note: Tender documents must be delivered to the BCB Management office between BST 10:00AM and BST 12:00 Noon. The other terms shall be in line with the tender document.

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