



The helicopter of Meghna Group crashes due to technical problems in a paddy field in Naora area of Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj yesterday afternoon. Two of its pilots and five others on board were injured in the incident. The injured were rushed to Rupganj Upazila Health Complex.

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US to open up more for Bangladeshi students
Says Ann Stock
UNB, Dhaka

United States Assistant Secretary of State Ann Stock yesterday said her government is keen to open up more opportunities for Bangladeshi students to study in US institutions of higher education.

The US will continue to help the students navigate in the US educational institutions to facilitate intimate engagement between the youths of both the countries, she told a media roundtable at the American Center in the capital.

Asked whether the US has any target how many Bangladeshi students to be enrolled in educational institutions, she said, "We want to make it as high as we can."

The US government is working on a 10-year plan for its engagement in Bangladesh's education sector, she added.

Dhaka US Embassy officials also informed reporters that the US has no plan to restrict Bangladeshi citizens from getting student visas.

ONE BILLION RISING CAMPAIGN Nation to protest violence against women tomorrow

METRO DESK

The Bangladesh chapter of One Billion Rising (OBR), a global movement to end violence against women, is set for its nationwide uprising tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion, human chains will be formed from 1:00pm to 1:30pm in Dhaka and 66 districts in Bangladesh. Participants are requested to wear red clothes or badge.

V-day, the initiator of this worldwide movement, has called for "one billion" women and men to walk out, rise up and demand an end to violence against women.

The Dhaka human chain locations are Agargaon (in front of IDB); Asad Gate to Residential Model School; Asad Gate, Mohammadpur; Dhaka-Aricha Road (Gonoshasthaya Kendra-Jatiya Smriti Shoudha); Dhamondi road 27 (corner); Dhanmondi Boys School to Dhamondi Road 27; Gulshan 1 to 2 circle; Gulshan 1 to Gulshan Lake; Gulshan 1 to Shooting Club; Hatkhola, Kamalapur; Jatiya Press Club; Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban; Social Welfare Department, Agargaon; Ittefaq intersection to Tikatoli intersection, Hatkhola; Jatrabari, Zurain main road; Kakoli to Gulshan 2; Kamal Ataturk road in Banani; Kallayanpur bus stand; Mirpur-10 roundabout; Mirpur 1 centre; Mirpur 13 (in front of Hermann Gmeiner College); Mirpur 2 (in front of Sony Cinema Hall); Mirpur road to Asad Gate; Mohakhali; PC Culture Housing Society; Savar Upazila Complex; Jahangirnagar University; Shonkor to Jigatola bus stand, Shaat Masjid Road; Sonargaon intersection to Farmgate (main road); Supreme Court, Segunbagicha; Tongi, BSCIC, Shahid Smriti School; Transcom foods; Uttara; Uttarkhan; and Bhatara Thana-Badda Union Parishad (Notun Bazar Hussain Market).

A festival, "Uddomey Uttaroney Shotokoti", will be held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy tomorrow. The festival includes short panel discussions, "leave your message" graffiti wall, music, dance, theatrical performances, and a concert. Nemesis, Stone Free, Mehreen, Alif Alauddin, Warda Ashraf, Shayan, Krishnokoli, among others, will perform at the concert where entry is free for all.

Army takes charge of Bahaddarhat flyover work

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Three months after the Bahaddarhat flyover partially collapsed, Bangladesh Army yesterday took over the charge of supervising the remaining construction work of the flyover.

On November 24 last year, 12 people were killed as three concrete girders of the flyover collapsed in Bahaddarhat of Chittagong.

Bangladesh Army and Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the matter at CDA office yesterday and visited the site at Bahaddarhat intersection.

Brig Gen Shamsul Alam Khan, head of Special Works Organisation (SWO) of Chittagong cantonment, said the remaining 20 percent of the construction work would be completed by June 2013.

Mir Akhter Hossain Ltd would lead the construction work alone as Parisha, a partner of joint venture company Mir Akhter- Parisha which was entrusted before, has been excluded from the project due to its little experience.

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