



Stronger disaster management system needed

Says Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There must be a stronger and more coordinated disaster management system in case of future disasters like that of Rana Plaza collapse, said Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, adviser to a former caretaker government, yesterday.

He was addressing a workshop titled "Urban Disaster Response and Lessons Learnt from the Rana Plaza Collapse" organised by Safety Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) in the Edward M Kennedy Center in the capital.

Rescue volunteers must be trained and equipped to deal with such incidents in the most efficient manner possible, he said.

"This is not to undermine the zeal and enthusiasm of the volunteers who had extended all their support, but rather to ensure that just disasters are handled efficiently," he said.

Referring to Kaykobad Ezaz, one of the volunteers who died during the rescue operation in the collapsed building, he said such a system would ensure that rescue personnel do not end up in situations which put them at risk.

SAFE Chairperson Sadar Saaz Siddiqui said the situation after the Rana Plaza collapse required untrained volunteers to make the rescue effort successful.

Maj Kazi Shakil Hossain, deputy director of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence, said the amount of effort that went into making the Rana Plaza rescue operation successful shows how much more effort will be needed in case of a disaster of a bigger scale.

In addition, the location of the Rana Plaza building provided a vantage point to the rescuers, as it was located near the highway and also close to Dhaka city, he added.

Rescue volunteers present in the event urged the authorities concerned to arrange counselling services for those who had participated in the operation since many are still suffering from trauma.

PM to open N'ganj dev projects today

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits Narayanganj today to inaugurate and lay the foundation stones of a number of development projects.

Hasina will also address a public rally to be organised by the local Awami League on Shaheed Manju Stadium at Arahazar.

From the rally venue, she will inaugurate 412 MW combined cycle power plant, Muktijoddha SM Mazharul Haque Auditorium and Community Centre at Arahazar, Narayanganj Circuit House and Sri Jyoti Basu Memorial Library and Seminar Hall at Sonargaon.

She will also lay the foundation stones of some structures, including the main office of Bangladesh Institute of Research and Training on Applied Nutrition-BIRTAN, Primary Teachers Training Institute in Narayanganj, and extension of upazila complex and the extended administrative building at Arahazar.



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists, left out of its new 11-member Chittagong city unit committee, burn banners of BNP city unit General Secretary Shahadat Hossain before BNP's Chittagong city unit office yesterday. They were demanding cancellation of the committee, claiming that only those loyal to Shahadat were included in it.

PHOTO: STAR

BCL factional clash injures six in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least six people were injured yesterday in a clash between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League in the capital during a programme marking National Mourning Day.

The 30-minute clash erupted around 4:00pm in front of the BCL office following an altercation over taking precedence at a queue, said Badiuzzaman Shohag, president of BCL.

Following the clash that injured the six persons, including

two journalists, the committees of eight thana units of BCL in Dhaka have been dissolved, he added.

At least six cocktails went off during the incident, said sources.

BCL insiders said the clash ensued as supporters of the central committee president and secretary of the pro-Awami League student organisation swooped on Dhaka (South) BCL President Anis and Secretary Rana as they had a long standing dispute.

Woman strangled in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was allegedly strangled by an unidentified assailant at Kadertek in Badda of the capital yesterday.

The victim was Mosammat Rashida Begum, 50. Police recovered the body from her house locked from outside around 1:00pm.

Rashida's husband Mohammad Nabir Mollah, a rickshaw-puller, informed police of the matter when he came home for lunch.

She was gagged, while her hands and feet were tied up, said Badda Police Station Sub-inspector Mahmudul Hasan.

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