

CURBING CHILD MARRIAGE Raising social awareness sole remedy

Roundtable told

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Since laws are ineffective in curbing child marriage, the only way to prevent this curse for the country's girls is by creating social awareness, speakers told a roundtable yesterday.

The roundtable, "Preventing Child Marriage and Keeping Girls at School", was jointly organised by National Child Advocacy Forum, and Women and Girls Lead (WGL) in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Presenting the keynote paper, WGL Country Coordinator Mahmud Hasan stated, "Bangladesh has the fourth highest rate of child marriage in the world."

About 71 percent of rural girls and 54 percent urban girls get married before reaching 18 years of age, which often deprives them of their right to education, health and security, he said.

Due to early marriage, girls drop out from schools and are prevented from realising their potential, he added.

Prof Amena Mohsin of Dhaka University's the Department of International Relations, said it was vital to change people's mindset.

"We should not only focus on the girls. The minds of the men need to change if we want to stop child marriage," she said.

She added that local governments could play a significant role in curbing child marriage. "However, it will not happen in the current political scenario."

Addressing as chief guest, Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, said, "Child marriage creates a cycle of poverty. Let us all try to create social awareness to stop child marriage."

HC judge

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The HC on September 29, seeking its directive on the government to form a committee comprising national and international experts to

evaluate the plant's environmental impacts.

The plant's proposed site is just 14 kilometres from the world's largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans.

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she said, under Khaleda's directive, ignited hundreds of Holy Quran in the capital on May 5. "I want to ask you whether any Muslim can burn the Quran," she questioned.

AL lawmaker Shamsur Rahman Sharif Dilu chaired the rally while AL leaders AK Khandker, Mohammad Nasim, Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Dipu Moni, Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury and Shamsul Haque Tuku also spoke.

Hasina inaugurated 30 development projects digi-

tally by pressing switches at the venue.

These include academic buildings of three schools and one college, the administrative building of a university, a madrasa, a road, two upazila health complexes, a fire station, a guest-house and silos.

She also laid the foundation stones of the Padma bank protection work, repairs for a stadium, academic buildings of three high schools, 10 colleges and two madrasas, and an upazila health complex.

Russian firm

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In June, BAEC signed a deal with NIAEP-ASE for pre-construction studies, including feasibility study, environment impact assessment (EIA), and site engineering survey.

NIAEP-ASE is a subsidiary of Rosatom, which will build the nuclear power plant at Rooppur in Ishwardi upazila, Pabna, with two units each having 1,000MW capacity.

The third agreement of the preparatory phase for construction and installation works is expected shortly. It will pave the way for launching the main phase of the project.

DU students

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failed to identify the cancer, said Masum's brother Mahbubur Rahman.

Amjad could not be contacted over the phone.

Dr Mahabubul Islam, director of Labaid, quoting Dr Amjad said, "The patient (Masum) who was asked to be under observation for one year did not consult him regularly. This might be the reason behind his cancer."

Labaid Managing Director Dr Shamim assured the demonstrators of discussing the matter with the departmental teachers of DU Friday over the issue. Meanwhile, Mahbubur sought financial aid from the people for his brother's treatment abroad.

Prison guards

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The demand comes against the backdrop of the recent 30 percent hike of basic salaries of constables to sub-inspectors of Bangladesh Police.

Prison guards now get Tk 400 as risk allowance and their lowest basic salary is Tk 4,500, informed the officials.

"Raising risk allowance was a promise of the jail authorities but no step has been taken. It is not that other police personnel take risks and we do not. In fact, dealing with criminals inside jails is risky too," several prison guards told The Daily Star yesterday.

Jail directorate sources informed that the ministry had been asked to raise the allowance.



BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir addresses a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters in the capital yesterday protesting the verdict against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury giving him death penalty for war crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

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Set up CCTV

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The DMP commissioner instructed law enforcers not to let any cow skin-laden truck leave the capital in the week after Eid-ul Azha to stop cow skin smuggling.

Regarding immersion of

idols at the end of Durga Puja, he said, "The vehicles carrying the idols must use the route permitted by DMP instead of other roads to avoid traffic congestion."

He urged Puja committees to conclude idol immersion before sunset.

RMG workers

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Abdus Sattar, deputy assistant director of Ashulia Industrial Police, quoting Noorzahan Fashion authorities, said the management could not pay the arrears in time due to financial crisis.

He said the factory owner yesterday reassured them that

they would pay it within October 15.

The workers said they would go for tougher movement if necessary.

Maa Stitch Managing Director Mohiuddin Ahmed could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

Special launch

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the terminal during the Eid rush. He said, "Coordination among the involved government agencies will be required this time too."

Pointing out that launch owners were found absent at

crisis moments previously, BIWTA Secretary Mahbubul Alam urged them to stay at the terminal during the Eid rush.

BIWTC Chairman Mujibar Rahman, among others, attended the meeting.

BSMMU mother

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Under this agreement, BSMMU will be officially responsible for monitoring and controlling the academic activities of the nursing institute; particularly for implementing curriculum, conducting examinations and issuing certificates.

Kim Bok-Hee, resident representative of Koica

Bangladesh office, Niru Shamsun Nahar, joint chief of health ministry, Prof Lee Tae Wha, project manager, Yonsei University and Prof Pran Gopal Datta, vice-chancellor of BSMMU, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations in the presence of MM Neazuddin, secretary to health ministry.

Religion-based politics

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Nirmul Committee.

Jamaat-e-Islami recently did so for political gains over the war crimes trial issue, he said.

The press conference was organised in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity to announce a two-day public lecture, "Religion and Politics: South Asia", in Cirdap from tomorrow.

Bangladesh Itihas Sammilani, a civil society platform for the spread of authentic history, will organise the lecture.

Ruling Awami League lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor said secular political forces were also using religion

for their interests and this was confusing since their politics was different from that based on religion.


"Although pro-liberation political forces came to power, religion entered politics in different ways," he said.

The sammilani Convener Prof Muntassir Mamoon said the rise was also a barrier to Bangladesh's economic development and creating instability in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

The threat is acute in Bangladesh since people are unaware of the history of the Liberation War where communal forces were defeated, he said.

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