

NEWSIN brief

Government primary school teachers postpone hunger strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government primary school teachers on Tuesday night postponed their hunger strike till Sunday following primary and mass education ministry's assurance of taking necessary steps.

If their demands are not met by this time, they will boycott all kinds of examination, including the upcoming primary terminal exams, and declare tougher programmes on October 7, said a press release.

Russian nuclear engineering expert team meets DU VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A nine-member "nuclear engineering expert team" led by Prof Olga Vinogradova, project manager of State Atomic Energy Corporation, Russia called on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique at the latter's office on the campus yesterday.

At the meeting, they stressed the need for exchanging more teachers, students and researchers between the countries and building skilled manpower for "Rooppur Power Plant Project", says a press release.

Youth dies as train runs him over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth died as a train ran him over at Jowar Sahara level crossing near Cantonment Railway Station in the capital yesterday.

Masud Rana, 26, was walking on the rail tracks when Kamalapur-bound Silk City Express ran him over around 1:45pm, said Dhaka Railway police.

He came to Dhaka two months ago from Rangpur in search of a job.

Man killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A man was killed in a road accident on Nabinagar-Kaliakaur highway in Polashbari area of Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, on Tuesday night.

Abdul Maleque, 27, a worker of Bengal Plastic at Ashulia, died after a covered van hit his bicycle.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

College student 'commits suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A college student allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in her house at Arapara in Savar municipality yesterday.

Anima Kuddusi Aysha, 20, a first-year student, was found hanging with a rope in the morning by her family, said Savar police.

However, they could not ascertain the reason behind the suicide, police added.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Mob beats 'thief' dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged thief who broke into a Nakhalpara flat, the residents of which were away at work, in the capital's Tejgaon died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after neighbours caught and beat him yesterday.

A neighbour first locked in Md Ismail, 18, a resident of Mirpur Section-1, on the fourth floor flat of a five storey building when she heard sounds and saw from outside that one room was ransacked, said police.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DIABETICS Bangladesh among top ten: Study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is among the top ten countries in the world with the highest number of diabetic patients, revealed speakers at a press conference on diabetes induced blindness, at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

"Bangladesh is in the eighth position with 3.2 million patients. This could rise to 11 million by 2030, putting Bangladesh in the seventh position," said Erica Roy Khetran, country director of Hellen Keller International, citing studies by the organisation.

The press conference was jointly organised by Helen Keller International, INGO Forum, and National Eye Care to mark the World Sight Day to be observed on October 23.

"The people with diabetes have 25 times more likely to become blind. This is because almost all of the people with type-1 diabetes suffer from diabetic retinopathy," said Dr Liaquat Ali, vice chancellor of Bangladesh University of Health Sciences, citing the studies.

This can be controlled by maintaining blood sugar levels and blood pressure, and regular eye examinations, mentioned speakers.

Diabetics who smoke have an extremely high chance of blindness, they said.



Jahangirnagar University Vice Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain along with his wife Ayesha Akter stages a sit-in near the main entrance of his official residence on the campus around 1:00pm yesterday. He started the protest on Tuesday night to counter a fresh sit-in by some teachers, inset, on the other side of the gate, demanding his resignation.

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PALASH KHAN



Religion-based politics threat to S Asia's security, progress

Press conference told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The rise in the use of religion in politics in South Asia, especially in Bangladesh, is a threat to the region's security and progress, said speakers at a press conference yesterday.

Communalism is being propagated in Bangladesh using religious issues and sentiments as tools, said Shahriar Kabir, executive president of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal

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SEEKING BAR ON RAMPAL POWER PLANT HC judge embarrassed to hear petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A junior judge of a two-member High Court bench yesterday felt embarrassed to hear a writ petition seeking to bar the construction of a coal-fired power plant in Bagerhat's Rampal till a proper environmental impact assessment was conducted.

Justice Zafar Ahmed did not disclose the reason for feeling so. Justice Naima Haider is the senior judge.

Deputy Attorney General Mokhesur Rahman told The Daily Star that the HC bench will now send the petition to Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, who will refer it to another bench.

Four Supreme Court lawyers filed the petition with

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Prison guards demand 30pc of basic salary as risk allowance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prison guards in most of the country's 68 jails congregated in their respective correctional facilities and chanted slogans on Tuesday night demanding 30 percent of their basic salary as risk allowance, informed jail officials.

Some of the demonstrators did not even draw their salary, provided on Tuesday, in protest, they added.

However, Joint Secretary to the home ministry Iftekharul Islam said no such incident occurred. "Anything like this in jails would have come to our knowledge," he said.

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A computer-generated overview of the proposed Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant.

Russian firm to develop Rooppur nuke plant engineering design

CITY DESK

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) yesterday signed an agreement with NIAEP, the management company of Russian firm Atomstroyexport, for developing the engineering design for the proposed Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant.

Atomstroyexport is currently conducting the techno-feasibility work of the power plant site, which would serve as the basics of the plant's design.

ASM Feroz, chairman of BAEC, and Valerei Limarenko, president of NIAEP, signed the deal at the site of the plant, inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday, said a press release.

Sergei Kirienko, director general of Russian state energy corporation Rosatom, and Alexander Nikolaev, Russian ambassador to Bangladesh, were present on the occasion, among others.

Under the agreement, NIAEP will develop an engineering design based on survey reports.

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'WRONG TREATMENT' DU students seek compensation from Labaid for fellow

DU CORRESPONDENT

Around 200 Dhaka University students yesterday noon demonstrated for around three hours before the capital's Labaid Hospital, demanding compensation for what they said "wrong treatment" of a fellow.

The victim, Mostafizur Rahman Masum, a 4th year student of political science department, is now suffering from clear cell sarcoma.

In 2012, he underwent a tumor operation from the hospital under Dr Amjad Hossain, when the doctor

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BSMMU mother university of Koica's nursing institute

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) has been declared the mother university of National Institute of Advanced Practice Nurses in Bangladesh, an institution supported by Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica).

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed among Koica, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Yonsei University, Korea and BSMMU yesterday at the ministry's conference room.

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Sit-in
Amar Odhikar Campaign will stage a sit-in on the occasion of Child Rights Week-2013; Venue: In front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Seminar
Jatiya Press Club will arrange a seminar on "The present challenge of the mass media"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Discussion
Ananya Social Foundation will hold a discussion on development of human rights; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 5:30pm.

AGM
Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) Multipurpose Cooperative Society will hold its annual general meeting (AGM); Venue: DRU; Time: 10:00am.