



PROTESTS AGAINST PAK RESOLUTION CONTINUE

1) Protesters burn an effigy of Pakistan's cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan and shout slogans against him as he branded war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah as innocent when Pakistan adopted a parliamentary resolution on December 16 against Mollah's execution. The demonstration was organised in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club by Jatiya Gonotantrik League, Shaheed Kazi Aref Foundation, Gonotantrik Oikya, and Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League. 2) In Hajiganj of Chandpur, people bring out a procession, carrying brooms, putting a garland of old shoes around a portrait of Imran Khan, and burning his effigy. 3) Pakistan's flag set aflame in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali by Mukti Joddha Sangad, Bangladesh Rukhey Darao and Gonojagor Mancha. 4) A protest by the children of freedom fighters against Pakistan's interference and violence of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir. 5) Journalists form a human chain in front of Khulna Press Club in Khulna city. 6) Freedom fighters burn Pakistan's flag in Kotalipara upazila, Gopalganj. 7) Sector Commanders Forum burns it on the press club premises in Brahmanbaria town and destroys Pakistani products.

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RMG workers abstain from work in Gazipur, block highway in N'ganj

CITY DESK

Workers of a readymade garment factory in Gazipur abstained from work for around six hours yesterday over an alleged assault on a colleague while RMG workers in Narayanganj blocked highway demanding their arrears.

Our Gazipur correspondent reports, the workers of Farseeing Knit Composite Ltd at Telihati Faridpur in Sreepur also demonstrated on the factory premises.

They said General Manager Babul Hossain Ratan assaulted Supervisor Ramjan Ali after 10:00pm Friday as he did not comply with his order to continue production for an additional period at the night.

Ratan denied assaulting Ramjan but admitted having

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Aroj Ali Matubbar remembered
113th birth anniversary of the self-taught philosopher observed
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION IN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES Govt assurance barely sees progress

Prothom Alo roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day festival marking the 113th birth anniversary of self-taught and rationalist philosopher Aroj Ali Matubbar ended in Barisal yesterday with a call to preserve, study and follow his works.

The festival featuring a book fair awarding of the Aroj Padak, cultural function, discussion on his life and achievements was organised by Darshanik Aroj Manjil Public Library before the library Matubbar founded in his village home at Lamchhara, 11 kilometres east of Barisal city.

Born to a landless farming family on December 17, 1900, Aroj Ali only

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Comprehensive communication policy stressed
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A comprehensive communication policy should be adopted in the country which will cover all the print and electronic media, said a Dhaka University teacher yesterday.

Addressing a roundtable, Md Saiful Alam Chowdhury also said there were more than 40 rules and regulations but these scattered ones could not deliver good results.

The roundtable on "National Broadcasting Policy" was jointly organised by the Unesco and the Institute of Communication Studies in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

The discussion was to examine the draft of a national broadcasting policy adopted by the information ministry for the visual media.

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, chief executive officer of Boishakhi Television, said,

Ensure people's buying capacity to eliminate malnutrition

Govt urged at discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With only a few days to go before the school year begins, the government assurance to provide pre-primary education to indigenous communities in their mother tongue from 2014 has barely seen any progress towards its implementation, discussants told a roundtable.

Neither have the writers been selected in due time nor have the contents of books and syllabi been selected and teachers from local communities been recruited, they said.

The Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the roundtable, "Educating indigenous community children in native languages: Mainstreaming strategies", at its premises in the capital.

National Education Policy 2010 contained the assurance for the primary level but later the government selected the pre-primary level and reduced the number of languages from five, which are among the most widely used ones, they added.

National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) Chairman Safiqur Rahman said either the NCTB or the regional education boards could issue the textbooks and they were trying to make this happen as soon as possible.

Stressing more symposiums to make the implementation possible, he said, "We will also have to concentrate on ensuring that these children are able to adapt to the

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complications."

Undernourished women often give birth to children with low birth weight, thus creating a vicious cycle of malnourishment, she said.

The discussion, "Child Nutrition: Multisectoral Approach for Investing in the Future" was organised at the capital's The Daily Star Centre by The Daily Star, Brac and Civil Society Alliance for Scaling Up Nutrition.

In his keynote speech, Dr Raisul Haque, programme coordinator of Health, Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP), Brac, said farmers suffering from under-nutrition tended to have lower productivity and lower wages for their works.

"As these farmers have reduced food security, they also become trapped in a cycle of malnourishment," he said.

He stressed strong government leadership and commitment along with public-private partnerships that can enable people to break the cycles of malnutrition. The efforts are needed from different sectors including education, agriculture and health, he said.

Giving an example of an inexpensive but effective way, he said improving birth

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Army personnel work on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Signboard area of Narayanganj yesterday for smooth movement of goods-laden vehicles and to minimise traffic congestion. Although the troops were scheduled to be deployed across the country on Thursday for 15 days to maintain law and order ahead of the January 5 elections, they have already started patrolling some areas against the backdrop of the ongoing nationwide political violence.

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National Immunisation Day observed successfully despite blockade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Immunisation Day 2013 was observed successfully across the country yesterday, despite coinciding with the first day of the BNP-led opposition alliance's 83-hour blockade.

An estimated 22 million children up to the age of five years were targeted by the vaccination drive and most districts reported an attendance rate of 90 percent and above, said our correspondents.

A total of 1.4 lakh sites were set up all over the country to administer polio vaccines to the children.

Hussain Shahid Kamrul Alam, deputy director of National Shishu Hospital in the capital, told The Daily Star

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