

# Shwapno, Star to campaign for food safety Sign agreement

Shwapno, a leading retail chain, signed an agreement with The Daily Star for a campaign to build awareness regarding food safety among consumers.

Executive Director of Shwapno Sabbir Hasan Nasir and Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam inked the deal for the campaign "Thoughts for Food" on behalf of their organisations at the office of the newspaper in the capital.

According to the agreement, articles on flawed food processing system and tips to be aware of it will be published on the third page of the newspaper every alternate Friday from the third week of this month.

Sabbir said food adulteration made

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# Patriarchy plagues adivasi communities too

Finds an ongoing study by Manusher Jonno Foundation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A study has found existence of patriarchal ideologies among the indigenous communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts in contrast to the general belief that indigenous societies are more gender equal.

Ainoon Nahar, professor of Anthropology department of Jahangirnagar University, yesterday presented an extract from her ongoing research "Contribution of unrecognised works of women in Chittagong Hill Tracts: Conceptualisation, Impact and Prospect", at the second session of a two-day programme organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) on Bangla Academy premises in the capital.

The mainstream population has a tendency to stereotype the indigenous communities as matriarchal society and thus more

gender equal, said Nahar, adding, "In fact there are no matriarchal (women leading) communities in Bangladesh, rather some of the communities are matrilineal (descent is traced through the mother)."

The study covered eight indigenous communities living in nine villages of six upazilas of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban.

Both indigenous men and women, hold that women do not do any work, although the study found that rural indigenous women on an average spend 16-20 hours per day in housework, rearing cattle and fowls, farming, collecting food for slack periods and weaving clothes, said Nahar at the programme, marking the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2014.

Since men own most of the properties

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# Attacks on adivasis rising lately

Speakers tell JS caucus' seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Incidents of attacks on indigenous people and grabbing their properties have increased in recent years as the successive governments had not cared much to ensure the rights of the communities living in the hills and plain land of the country, speakers said in a seminar yesterday.

The seminar was organised by the Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous People in Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum in capital and was chaired by law-maker Fazle Hossain Badsha.

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma, who was the guest of honour, said political parties promise to ensure the rights of indigenous people before the elections but they forget about those promises soon after assuming power.

Due to negligence of successive governments, now the existence of indigenous people living in Chittagong Hill Tracts and in the plain lands has become vulnerable, he added.

Presenting the keynote speech titled "Bridging the Gap:

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# NATIONAL BROADCAST POLICY Pro-BNP-Jamaat RU teachers demand cancellation

RU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP-Jamaat teachers of Rajshahi University yesterday demanded immediate cancellation of the National Broadcast Policy 2014.

According to the policy, restrictions have been imposed on the contents of television and radio programmes especially broadcasting armed forces and law enforcement agencies.

The speakers, at a human chain on the campus, alleged that the government has made the policy to gag the voice of media.

It is a violation of the Constitution's Article 39 that ensures the freedom of speech, they added.

They also termed it "black law" of the 21st century which will help the government establish sole autocracy in the country. The speakers urged the countrymen to

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# REASONS FOR AGARGAON AL LEADER MURDER Rivalry over lease of cattle market suspected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Internal feud in the ruling Awami League and rivalry over taking lease of a cattle market ahead of Eid-ul-Azha might have been the reasons behind party leader Jahangir's killing in the capital's Agargaon, said police and locals yesterday.

Jahangir Alam, 45, a leader of ward no-28 unit of AL, was shot dead by some assailants before his West Agargaon residence while he was getting down

from his car on Saturday night. Jahangir was also one of the president candidates of ward no-28 unit of the party, said police.

He was an accused in a case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station for killing Fazlur Rahman in 2011. Fazlu was the then general secretary of ward-41 (now 28) unit of AL, said Biplab Kumar Sarkar, deputy commissioner (Tejgaon division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

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# HC orders stop of construction near Tagore's kachharibari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to immediately stop the ongoing construction of a multiple-storey building near the kachharibari of poet Rabindranath Tagore at Shahjadpur in Sirajganj.

In response to a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh on August 7, the court ordered the chairman of Yarn Merchant Association (YMA), a commercial organisation constructing the building violating laws, to submit a report before it in four weeks.

Yesterday, the HC issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be

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