

Diabetes summit held in Savar

Novo Nordisk, a global healthcare company with 90 years of innovation and leadership in diabetes care, held Bangladesh National Premix Summit 2014 in Savar outside the capital yesterday.

Novo Nordisk initiated the summit with a view to controlling diabetes and its related complications in the huge diabetic population of Bangladesh by ensuring proper glycemic control under the global diabetes treatment guideline, which was discussed in the event, said a press release.

Diabetes is now one of the most common non-communicable diseases and the fifth leading cause of death globally, the release said.

The current diabetic population of 5.08 million in Bangladesh is projected to be triple by the year of 2030, it added.

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To bring that environment, more budgetary allocation is required, he said. "If we get 5 or 6 percent of the total budget, we would get a fantastic environment in the education sector", he said, adding that only 2.18 percent was allocated for education now.

"Skilled and competent teachers must be recruited. An unqualified teacher pollutes the education system, and without qualified teachers quality education is not possible."

Referring to the three systems of education--English, Bangla and Madrasa, Dr Emaz Uddin said this created divisions among students from their childhood.

He suggested merging of the three systems and teaching children English, Bangla and Arabic at the primary level so that they do not face problems to cope with a uniform system.

Prof Pias Karim of Brac University and Prof Abdul Latif Masum of Jahangirnagar University also spoke.

Election to NCC

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Shitalakkhya, while the other was recovered from the river the following day.

Nazrul's widow Selina Islam, Siddirganj BNP's joint secretary Ikbāl Hossain, and Masud Rana are contesting the poll.

The voting will start at 8:00am and end at 4:00pm. Total 16,629 people have been registered as voters for casting ballots.

Police, Boarder Guard Bangladesh and Rapid Action Battalion will be on duty at the polling centres, said the district election office.

Election campaigns have been stopped since Thursday midnight.

The ward-2 covers the areas of Siddirganj's Mijmiji, Painadi, Mouchak, Notun Moholla, Abdul Ali Pool, Hirajhil and Mitali Market.

Well drilling

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was expected to be completed in three months.

Following a five-year joint seismic survey by Petrobangla and German company Prakla Seismos in 1984, Mubarakpur was identified as a prospective site. The government sanctioned Tk. 89.26 crore for the drilling project there in March 2009.

At present, the country produces 2,250 million cubic feet per day (mmcf).

BNP gearing up

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He said they wanted to take to the street this time very carefully with well thought-out plans after making the party men fully ready. "Our central leaders are visiting the districts to... wage a fierce and united movement to force the government to quit and hold a fresh election."

After their rounds, all the teams will submit separate reports to the party high command depicting its organisational conditions in respective districts.

According to sources at the BNP's Nayapaltna central office in the capital, party acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir is leading the team in Manikganj and Munshiganj. He is scheduled to visit Munshiganj tomorrow.

On completion of the tours, the BNP will hold a rally in the capital and announce its next course of action, said the leaders.

BNP standing committee member Hannan Shah said, "We hope we'll be able to set everything for a decisive movement by reorganising our party before Eid-ul-Azha. We've intensified our organisational activities as part of our preparation for the final movement to oust this regime and establish a pro-people and democratic administration through a fresh national election."

"We may launch the ultimate movement any time before or after the Eid-ul-Azha," he said.

Another standing committee member, Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman, said they would give the party men clear outlines of the movement by motivating them as well as mobilising public support in favour of their demand for an immediate election under a non-party administration.

Newly wed woman

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Rajon's phone around 5:42am and requested me to save her." Nitai quoted Tumpa as saying, "They will kill me Baba, please take me away."

"I rushed to her in-laws house from Wari within 15 minutes and saw her body was lying in the bed. They killed my daughter," he added.

Nitai alleged that he gave Rajon TK 3.5 lakh and seven tolas of gold ornaments as dowry during their marriage.

"Three weeks ago, he demanded TK 2 lakh more. As I could not fulfill his demand, he started torturing my daughter," he added.

Rajon was arrested at the hospital following the allegation of the victim's family. A case was filed against him.

People suffer for

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main reason for the tailbacks was that ferries were taking double the usual time to make a trip.

"Each ferry took about an hour to cross the river instead of the usual 35 minutes due to strong currents," he said.

He further said they faced added pressure following the disruption of Mawa-Kawrakandi ferry service in the last few days.

Around 250 goods-laden trucks around 50 buses were stranded at Daulatdia, while 350 buses were stuck at Paturia, said BIWTC sources.

Besides, about 700 trucks were stuck at Paturia Truck Terminal.

Currently, seven Ro-Ro ferries, two K-type ferries and four utility ferries ply between Paturia and Daulatdia.

Boy tortured with

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wall of his house led to the incident, said police and locals.

Over suspicion, the family of Obaidul beat Rakib with an electric wire and tortured him with electric shocks confining him to a room for two hours, they said.

Feni police took the case on Thursday night. Officer-in-Charge Mahbub Morshed said they would look into the matter.

However, none was arrested till yesterday evening.

PM's remarks to influence

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(late president Ziaur Rahman) was involved in the August 15, 1975 assassination, then premier Khaleda Zia, her son [Tarique Rahman] and her cabinet members were directly involved in the August 21 incident."

The August 21 attack killed 24 AL leaders and activists and injured over 300 people. Then opposition leader Hasina narrowly escaped the assassination attempt.

Turning to the government's move to bring back parliament's authority to impeach

Supreme Court judges by bringing the 16th amendment to the constitution, Mahbub said the government wanted to establish its control over judges.

"Although the Sheikh Hasina government has totally politicised the judiciary, it is still in fear that there might be honest judges, who might hold fair trials."

The SCBA chief said, "Whenever the Awami League takes office, they snatch people's basic rights, curb freedom of the press, and destroy the rule of law."

Meher Afroz assures women

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Organisations from the three countries are involved in South Asia Women's Entrepreneurship Development Project recently launched in Sri Lanka.

The team briefed the state minister on market access and trade for women entrepreneurs, promote policy and regulatory environment which supports women's entrepreneurship, information sharing and networking to promote business linkages and trade and capacity building and business skills development.

The Asia Foundation with support from the US Department of State, the Bureau of South and Central Asia is implementing the strategies of South Asia Women's

Entrepreneurship Symposium (SAWES).

The project will advance the New Silk Road Initiative, which aims to build regional economic integration and trade across South and Central Asia through development and implementation of an effective SAWES follow-on strategy that advances priority areas identified.

The delegation also met Nazneen Sultana, deputy governor, Bangladesh Bank; Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, secretary, the Ministry of Commerce; and MD and officials of SME Foundation.

The issues discussed in the meeting included credit, technology, marketing and export promotion on that the three partner countries are working closely.



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