Cops deny BNP permission to protest forced disappearances STAFF CORRESPONDENT

RAIN LIKELY

to hold a human chain in the capital yesterday in programme at the eleventh

BNP spokesperson Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir announced the cancellation of the protest at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan central office, hours before it was scheduled to start. Fakhrul, also coordina-

tration for its denial, the ferocious and murderous" would be exposed before the world if it allowed his tional day.

"The 20-party alliance wants to avoid conflict.

announced on August 25 that they would hold tal and elsewhere of the

Fakhrul said the Awami League leaders had

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Rangpur, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy rainfall is also

likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:18pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40am.

Country's highest temperature 36.4

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 23.2 degree Celsius in Rangamati.

Dhaka Chittagong Rajshahi Rangpur

From right, Shyamal

Police denied the BNP-led 20-party alliance permission observance of International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, compelling it to adjourn the

tor of the alliance, said they would hold the human chain on September 2 in the city, protesting killing and forced disappearances of opposition men "by law enforcement agencies and ruling party cadres". Time and venue will be announced later, he said.

Lambasting the adminis-BNP acting secretary general said the government feared that their "identity as being party to observe the interna-

That's why we came up with the decision [of adjournment]," he said. The political bloc

human chains in the capicountry on August 30.

requested BNP to postpone SEE PAGE 4 COL 7



Dutta, Shykh Seraj, Shawkat Mahmud, Mahfuz Anam, Golam Sarwar, Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, and Barrister Amir-ul Islam at a discussion, "Challenges Before the Media", organised by Editors' Council, in the Cirdap Auditorium of the capital yesterday. The journalists rejected the **National Broadcast** Policy, which they said would thwart the development of media.

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DU CORRESPONDENT

· Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin : Siddique yesterday stressed · formation of an independent broadcast commission · to formulate an acceptable broadcast policy.

He was addressing a · seminar "National · Broadcast Policy: Our : Thoughts" organised by DU · Mass Communication and . Journalism Alumni : Association on the campus.

The commission should comprise representatives from different professions, educationalists and other communities, he said.

Prof Shawkat Ali and Prof · Abdus Salam of the journalism department; Prof Shafiul · Alam Bhuiyan of the film and

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EARTH FILLING OF FLOOD FLOW ZONES

Public works minister ignored DAP

Says urban planning expert Prof Nazrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The housing and public works minister has almost totally bypassed the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) though it is critical for development of the capital, leading urban researcher Prof Nazrul Islam said yesterday.

"He took DAP as a trouble though it was approved by the government," the honorary chairman of the Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) told a conference CUS organised on the occasion of its 42nd annual meeting at the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.

The minister, Mosharraf Hossain, who is head of a ministerial committee on DAP, almost unilaterally endorsed the massive

earth filling of over 8,000 acres of flood flow zones and farmland on August 25 to help illegal housing business though the places are protected by DAP.

In most cases, urbanisation and development plans remain only on papers, while the government authorities give approval to unplanned development on their "discretion", said Prof Nazrul.

The country's urban policy was prepared in 2006 and the national housing policy in 1993 but both documents are still awaiting government approval to take effect, said the expert, who led formulation of both the policies. It is understandable how grave the SEE PAGE 5 COL 6



To Know is to Prevent

Do not suffer in silence from Uterine Fibroid any more!

Sharmila Roy, at 45, is a Manager in a multinational bank in Dhaka. She has had two children both delivered by caesarian section. She was tired of suffering from excessive menstrual bleeding for last four years. Because of this excessive bleeding she was anemic and felt weak in general. She has been diagnosed of having uterine fibroids.

Uterine fibroids are very common non-cancerous (benign) growths that develop in the muscular wall of the uterus. They can range in size from very tiny to quite large. Occasionally, these can even cause the uterus to grow to the size of five to ten month pregnancy. Most fibroids don't cause symptoms—only 10 to 20 percent of women who have fibroids require treatment. Depending on size, location and number of fibroids, these may cause:

- · Heavy, prolonged menstrual periods and unusual monthly bleeding, sometimes with clots; this can lead to anemia
- Feeling of heaviness in lower abdomen
- · Sometimes pain during menstruation
- Bladder pressure leading to a frequent urge to urinate
- Pressure on the bowel, leading to
- constipation and bloating

 Abnormally enlarged abdomen Sharmila's Gynaecologist advised her to have a hysterectomy (removal of whole uterus); Sharmila didn't want a traditional open surgery, which involves removing the uterus through an incision in the abdomen. "I wanted to have a minimally invasive surgery because I couldn't take a lot of

time off my work," she says. Sharmila found exactly what she was looking for at this Internationally Accredited hospital in the city. Last month, she underwent a total laparoscopic hysterectomy. Total laparoscopic hysterectomy is a surgical procedure that allows both the uterus and cervix to be detached from inside the body by laparoscopic instruments and then they are removed through the vagina. The benefits of laparoscopic hysterectomy are well demonstrated in terms of cosmetic benefit leaving behind tiny holes instead of large incisions of open surgery, minimal post operative bleeding, post-operative pain and adhesion, quicker post-operative recovery enabling one to join normal activities earlier.

Instead of an eight-inch long scar across her lower abdomen, Sharmila has only three very tiny scars. She feels she probably should have had a hysterectomy years ago but she was afraid of having surgery. Now she'd say that surgery really

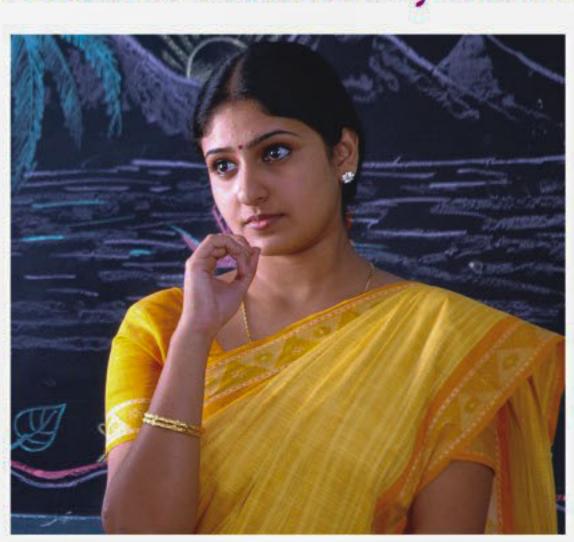
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wasn't that bad at all. Her iron levels are back to normal within six weeks and it's just amazing not having to deal with all that pain and blood loss every month. Hardly a day passes that she doesn't stop and think about the difference it's made.

If she'd had a 'traditional' hysterectomy, there's no way she would have been out of hospital so quickly, nor would she has been going for walks within a matter of three days. And she was back at work within seven days.

Sharmila can't praise the Gynecologist's care highly enough in this International Standard Hospital! "She is clearly so skilled at what she does, and takes genuine care. Her positive attitude was also a great help to me. I was equally impressed with the nursing care, levels of cleanliness and comfort of the hospital - all of which was excellent."

Most importantly all doctors and staffs of the hospital helped Sharmila choose appropriate medical care by giving her full understanding of the reasons for treatment, the risks, and the potential benefits. Females need not suffer in silence from excessive bleeding due to fibroids any more! The right hospital with skilled and experienced Gynaecologist in your city can perform safe and effective laparoscopic hysterectomy to give pain-free comfortable life to you!



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