

Prothom Alo, Brac Bank help poor students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hasna Hena wanted to quit school to relieve her day labourer father of the burden of paying her tuition fees.

However, with the support of some of her teachers, she continued her studies and passed secondary school certificate exam scoring GPA 5.

With a scholarship given by Prothom Alo and Brac Bank, she afterwards went to a college in her hometown Mymensingh and scored GPA 5 in the higher secondary certificate examination as well.

"I want to do something big in my life and help underprivileged girls continue their studies," she said as Prothom Alo pledged to pay for her higher education yesterday.

Like her, 85 "Adama Medhabi" [indomitably talented] students from underprivileged background were accorded a reception by Prothom Alo at the daily's office in the capital.

Recipients of the scholarship who came from across the country were greeted by accomplished personalities including eminent economist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud; Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of Burn And Plastic Surgery Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital; Dr Fahima Aziz, vice-chancellor of Asian University for Women; Muhammed Aziz Khan, chairman of Summit Group; renowned actors Toukir Ahmed, Bipasha Hayat and Chanchal Chowdhury; and singer Kona.

The event featured music, dances, poetry recital and discussions. Addressing the students, economist Wahiduddin Mahmud said, "The fact that people can accomplish great things by perseverance is proven by your results."

Chanchal Chowdhury, who also faced financial hardship in his early life, sang popular songs to greet the students.



(From left) SS Alam Choudhury, director of Programme Support of Shishu Polli Plus; Rajesh Ramakrishnan, managing director of Perfetti Van Melle Bangladesh Pvt Ltd; Abdullah Al Mamun, hotel manager of Four Points by Sheraton Dhaka; and Ashwani Nayar, general manager of Le Meridien Dhaka, following a charity run organised by Le Meridien Dhaka and Four Points by Sheraton Dhaka for Shishu Polli Plus at the campus for the underprivileged children in Sreepur, Gazipur on October 12.

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Abuubaida still maintains

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Haque told The Daily Star.

Following information provided by Abuubaida, the O-level candidate's body was recovered by fire brigade divers from a pond in the capital's Uttara Sector-4 a day after he had gone missing on October 4.

Abuubaida told police he had tried to save Zubair from drowning while the boy was trying to retrieve a football from the pond and that Ismail was a witness to it.

Ismail, however, accused Abuubaida of trying to molest Zubair while swimming in the pond and of drowning him when Zubair resisted.

Sources at microbiology department of Dhaka Medical College stated of finding traces of semen in Zubair's anal tract.

Cash incentive for

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to fishermen as a part of the AIGA were not welcomed by the fishing community as they preferred their profession and sold off the items when Hilsha catching season begin," he said.

He suggested replacing the less-effective Alternative Income Generation Activities (AIGA) programme of the government with clear cash supplement for affected fishermen to cover non-rice daily essential costs.

Muhammad Yunus Farazi, president of a fishermen's association in Lalua union under Kolapara of Patuakhali, said when fishermen asked for nets instead of rickshaws and cattle, they were given low quality nets.

Stating the high cost involved in transporting and distributing VGF rice, Harun-ur-Rashid, chairman of Char-Bhoirab union of Chandpur, said, "With the registration card that government will soon issue to fishermen they can open accounts at Krishi Bank with Tk 10 and receive the government's support directly without any middleman."

PPRC study recommended imposing a one percent tax on Hilsha export to create a Hilsha conservation fund, which in turn can be used for helping fishermen, and building Hilsha brand potential for global market.

DRUG TRADE AMONG BEDES OF SAVAR

Dhaka SP to recommend rehabilitation to PM

He declares at local views-exchange meeting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The superintendent of police (SP) of Dhaka district yesterday declared recommending the prime minister to rehabilitate members of Savar's Bede (snake charmer) families involved in the illegal drug trade through recruitment into the police force, once they fit the initial eligibilities.

This was one of the "need-based opportunities" Md Habibur Rahman plans on offering for, as he said, the community members controlled a substantial amount of the area's illegal drug trade, and for curbing drug abuse which was the main cause for deterioration of Savar's law and order situation.

The opinions came at a views-exchange meeting with some 100 Bede community members and leaders, the Savar mayor and social activists at Savar Model Police Station on the outskirts of the capital.

The community leaders said some 20 of the

nearly 800 families comprising around 20,000 individuals living in Porabari, Kanchonpur, Bokterpur and Amarpur were involved in the illegal trade for losing their livelihoods because of natural calamities and social issues.

The SP also declared recommending garment factory owners to employ the community members, providing education scholarships and building schools.

Mayor Md Refatullah announced providing Tk 10,000 grant for the individuals to start small legitimate businesses.

A committee comprising the local law-maker, mayor, Bede leaders, journalists, social workers and police officials will be formed to implement the assurances and check on the developments, said the speakers.

Legal action will be taken against those not availing the opportunity, the SP said. Police said at least 22 people were arrested in the last three months in connection with the illegal drug business.

Shaheed Minar stigmatised

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dividing the nation over persons respected by the country's 16 crore people," he added.

Referring to the student and cultural organisations who declared resisting holding a wake for Piash at Central Shaheed Minar, Fakhruddin alleged that the monument was

being politicised at the instigation of the government. "Some infants and stupid boys are showing audacity on issues concerning respected persons. Who are they? Who has given them this right? We know Awami had initiated a politics of division in the country. They are instigating the quarter," he added.

2 held with smuggled gold at Dhaka airport

Another with Indian rupee of 1cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials yesterday detained a smuggler with 64 gold bars, weighing around 7.5kg, at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

On a tip-off, they held Abdul Latif, 37, of Chittagong, who arrived from Dubai. He was carrying the bars, worth around Tk 3.75 crore, in a chamber created by placing three cigarette packets side by side inside his bag, said Abdul Matin, assistant revenue officer of Customs Intelligence.

During primary quizzing, Matin confessed to carrying gold bars for a gang for more than a year.

Afterwards, Abul Mansur Shikder of Chittagong, was held with 3kg of gold around, said Assistant Commissioner Farid Al Mamun. Mansur carried the gold in a rice cooker and water-heater.

Meanwhile, Nurul Islam, was detained with Indian rupee of 1 crore. Officials could not ascertain whether the currency was fake till last night.

Classroom shortage

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said, "We have urged the university authorities repeatedly to increase our classrooms, but no steps have been taken."

"Even teachers of the department have no separate rooms," she added.

Prof Faruk-Uz-Zaman, chairperson of the history department, said a department needs a minimum of five classrooms, but they only have three.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin said they were expanding the three-storey Sirajee building, and constructing a four-storey building for the science faculty.

"We will also build new classrooms for the agriculture faculty," he added. He said they will allocate some of the new classrooms to departments which are facing acute classroom shortage.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Azizul Haque, a freedom fighter and former commander of Bakshiganj Sadar union Muktioddha Sangsad, died of old-age complications yesterday. He was 70.

He left behind his wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn his death.

He was buried with state honor at his family graveyard in Majhpara village of Bakshiganj upazila of Jamalpur.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the 19th death anniversary of Jahurul Islam, founder of

Group, said a press release.

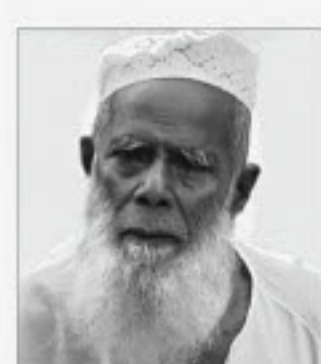
He was born in 1928 and died due to heart failure in 1995.

On this occasion, a doa and a milad mahfil will be held at his village home in Bhagalpur of Kishoreganj.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend to pray for the departed soul.

Shafiuddin Ahmed

CITY DESK



Today is the 2nd death anniversary of Alhaj Shafiuddin Ahmed, one of the

organisers of the Liberation War, politician and social worker.

On this occasion, recitation from the holy Quran and milad mahfil were held on Friday at his village Khaishakhali under Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi.

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