

EFFECTIVE RURAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Training, monitoring must of microcredit recipients

Discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is necessary to properly train and monitor people receiving interest free microcredit from the government, speakers said at a discussion at the social services department yesterday. They also emphasised the need to involve local people, and ensure proper coordination among the ministries and departments to make the Rural Social Services (RSS) programme successful. The Ministry of Social Welfare arranged the discussion "Social Media Adda" where 18 deputy commissioners of the country and about 3,000 people participated through Skype. Nasima Begum, secretary to the social welfare ministry, said they will start the RSS

programme at seven upazilas in the seven divisions as a pilot scheme. She said under the RSS programme, a baseline survey would be conducted to identify people living below the poverty line, and work which is suitable for them. "We will also see to their [poverty-stricken people] need for microcredit and other assistance," she added. She said the social ministry would provide microcredit to those people who could not get loans from other concerned departments due to shortage of funds. The government's target is to make Bangladesh a middle-income country by 2012, said Abul Kalam Azad, senior secretary to the PMO, who moderated the programme.

Malaysian coalmine explosion

FROM PAGE 5 bodies' were taken to the Sri Aman Hospital. Police identified the injured Bangladeshis as Md Jakir, 36, and Maha Bubur, 26. However, officials at Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur could not confirm the identities. The fire started about 450m below the tunnel's entrance of the coal mine located about 3km from the Kuching-Sri Aman main road in Sarawak province at 8:45am when 119 miners, including 10 Bangladeshis, were working.

The blast was believed to have been caused by sparks from a faulty extractor fan which leaked gas, causing an explosion in a 69m-deep tunnel. "There was an explosion when a switch for the conveyor belt was turned on," Sri Aman Fire and Rescue Department Chief Ranger Moos said. The mine has been closed until the Department's Hazardous Materials Team evaluates the safety of the tunnel. The last explosion at a coal mine in the state killed four Chinese nationals in Abokin 2012.

HC clears way for Joj Miah

FROM PAGE 3 seeking removal of Joj Miah's statement recorded by it. In the petition, Ujjal also prayed to the HC to direct the lower court to expunge Joj Miah's statement, saying his deposition was not acceptable since he had earlier given confessional statement as an accused. The then BNP-led alliance government had reportedly made a Joj Miah drama to divert the direction of the investigation. In 2005, Joj Miah, a petty criminal, was implicated in the case and the then Criminal

Investigation Department obtained his "confessional statement". Joj Miah on September 30 this year narrated before a Dhaka court how he had been forced by three CID officials into incriminating himself. The grenade attack was carried out at an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital on August 21, 2004 that killed its 24 leaders and activists, and injured 300 others. The then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina narrowly escaped death.

Body of missing girl found

FROM PAGE 5 POISONOUS liquid on Saturday midnight. The body, which was sent to Dhaka

Medical College morgue, bore several injury marks, said police and morgue sources.



Dr Harun or Rashid offers advice to a patient at a health camp at Dr Farida Haque Memorial Ibrahim General Hospital at Kaliakoir on Saturday. National Healthcare Network organised the camp at the hospital, built on a land recently donated by Barrister Rafiqul Haque, where some 12 renowned doctors provided free treatment to over 150 patients in observance of the world diabetes day.

Demonstrations bring

FROM PAGE 5 A section of teachers continued their demonstration, which they began on November 1, demanding that they be promoted from assistant professor to associate professor, and from associate professor to professor. The teachers also staged a sit-in before the administration building, said university sources. Meanwhile, 152 temporary officers and employees of BRUR who were illegally appointed during tenure of the former vice chancellor Dr Abdul Jalil Miah demonstrated demanding regularisation of their jobs. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AKM Nurul Nabi said the teachers instigated the demonstration programmes. He said promotion of teachers is a long process. The VC added that it is overwhelming for them to deal with so many issues at once.

Man's body found in cousin's almira

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Police recovered the body of a man from an almira in a house in Lalbagh of the capital yesterday. The body of Alauddin, 28, an employee of a fish wholesale market, was found in his cousin Sumon's house. Lalbagh police detained Sumon suspecting his involvement in the incident. Officer-in-Charge Nurul Muttakin of Lalbagh Police Station said acting on a tip-off, they raided Sumon's house. Locals told police that Alauddin went missing after having a conversation with Sumon on Saturday around 1:00pm.

AL behind terrorism

FROM PAGE 5 Chairman Tarique Rahman. He claimed the AL has been trying to tie the BNP with militancy and terrorism. Referring to the recent clash between two factions of BCL at the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, he said BCL has made all educational institutes a battlefield.

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FROM PAGE 3 rooms to relieve the examinees of any disturbances. Mostafizur urged the political parties not to enforce any programme that disrupts the exams.

Unauthorised

FROM PAGE 5 illegal occupancy narrowing the passage causes severe hindrance to movement of pedestrians, said a Lalmatia resident, who often uses this footpath. Most of the vendors being evicted from the Khamarbari road found an alternative free space around Agargaon intersection in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, said a high police official requesting anonymity. But some of them with high-level backing pressed their way and encroached upon the busy pavement again caring little about public suffering, he said.

Easy access

FROM PAGE 5 Otherwise, arsenic-related diseases might spread again, he warns. Principal Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office Abdus Sobhan Sikder, Buet teacher Dr Mujibur Rahman and DPHE Chief Engineer Khaleda Ahsan also spoke at the workshop. She will visit development projects funded by Sweden and make a field visit to Khulna division to study efforts for climate change adaptation.

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NEWS IN brief

5 Africans deported from country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Special Branch (SB) of Police deported five more African nationals on Friday on charge of staying illegally in Bangladesh. Four of the deported are from Cameroon and one is from Uganda, said an SB official. With this, a total of 30 foreigners have been deported from the country in November.

Sust VC blames BCL for Thursday's clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet Vice chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (Sust) in Sylhet yesterday blamed Bangladesh Chhatra League for Thursday's clash on the campus that killed an outsider activist of a faction and injured 20. Prof Md Aminul Haque told The Daily Star, "We won't shoulder the responsibility of Chhatra League's internal feuds." The district and city BCL, at a press conference Saturday, said the incident occurred due to the failure of the Sust authority in tackling the situation.

RU teachers demand trial of Prof Shafiul Islam's killers

RU CORRESPONDENT Over a hundred teachers of Rajshahi University under the banner of "Progressive Teachers' Society" demanded trial of those responsible for the murder of Prof AKM Shafiul Islam yesterday. The teachers made their demand at a rally on the campus. They also staged a two-hour long sit-in afterwards. They declared a three-day long mass signature campaign demanding punishment for the killers as well.

Man found dead in hotel in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A man was found dead with his throat slit in a hotel, where he checked in, at the capital's Farmgate last night. Police could not confirm his identity immediately. Gonesh Gopal Biswash, officer-in-charge of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station, said the body was recovered from a room on the fourth floor around 10:00pm. According to the hotel authorities, three men had rented the room in the morning, and the murdered man was one of them. Since the incident, the other two did not contact the hotel.

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Package No.: G-39 under REREDPPI
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- The Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development (RERED)-II Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the procurement of Photovoltaic (PV) Testing Equipment.
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- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **US\$ 15,000.00** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

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IN MEMORIAM

SHAFQUAT KHALIL CHOUDHURY
 Today is the 14th death anniversary of our eldest son SHAFQUAT KHALIL CHOUDHURY. There will be a milad Mahfil at our residence at Baridhara, Dhaka on the 28th November (Friday), 2014 after Magreb. All well wishers, friends and relatives are requested to attend the Milad Mahfil and offer prayers for the departed soul.
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