

# Govt must protect adolescent girls

Save the Children workshop told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government must focus on ensuring social protection for adolescent girls for sustainable development of the country, said discussants at a workshop yesterday.

Save the Children organised the workshop titled "More Investment in Social Protection for Adolescent Girls-Bridging the Policy Gap" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Social protection means protecting adolescent girls from child marriage, dropping out of schools, poverty and sexual and physical exploitation; and improving their health and nutrition, said speakers.

Addressing the function, Women and Children Affairs Secretary Tariq-ul-Islam said currently there are no government programmes targeting protection of adolescent girls.

"We have a plan to provide financial support to around 7,000 girls under the VDG (vulnerable group development) programme," he informed.

Besides, special focus will be given on adolescent girls' health and nutrition, he said.

Country Director of Population Council, Bangladesh Ubaidur Rob said around four lakh incidents of child marriage occur in the country every year.

These girls who marry early give birth to underweight babies amidst high neonatal and maternal mortality risks, he viewed.

Hagar Russ, director of Child Rights Governance (CRG) of Save the Children, Bangladesh said the country's progress depends on adolescent girls, and so they should get priority in different public policies and programmes.

Presenting a paper, Suralini Fernando, CRG officer, said poverty reduction, improved health and nutrition, and ending child marriage are the key components of social protection of girls.

Around three dozen representatives from different child rights organisations attended the workshop and placed recommendations to this end.

The suggestions include—upgrading stipend programme for girls up to higher secondary level, involving religious leaders in adolescent girls' protection programme and sufficient government allocation for them.

## WVA Meena Bazar in capital on Saturday

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WVA International Meena Bazar will be held on Saturday at Banani Chairman Bari Field Road-1 in the capital.

Entry cards will be available at Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) office at house-405/A, road-27, Dhanmondi as well as at the entrance gate on Saturday.

The WVA organises the fair every year to raise funds for its charitable projects.

## Govt busy hiding

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cost of the Surdarbans," said noted columnist and writer Syed Abul Maksud.

Bapa General Secretary Dr Abdul Matin said the shipping and environment ministries were protecting the interests of businesses and indirectly assisting to destroy the forest.

Meanwhile, over 100 students of Rajshahi University formed a human chain on the campus, accusing the government of failing to assess the impact of the spillage even after 10 days and urging necessary steps to save the Sundarbans.



Suralini Fernando, officer at Child Rights Governance (CRG) of Save the Children, addresses the workshop "More Investment in Social Protection for Adolescent Girls-Bridging the Policy Gap" organised by the children's rights organisation at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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## BCL creates

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rallies and use of mega-phones.

The ban order states that appropriate punitive measures will be taken against the perpetrators by law enforcers, who were asked by the RU authorities to enforce law and order on the campus since 2009.

The procession was stopped by the proctorial body and cops at Tukitaki Chatter within some 15 minutes after commencing around 12:30pm.

Police had not entertained his request to arrest the perpetrators, rather had showed them the way out, Prof Tarikul Hasan told The Daily Star, adding that he had informed the Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) commissioner of the matter.

RMP Commissioner Md Shamsuddin asked talking to the officer-in-charge (OC). Motihar Police Station OC Alamgir Hossain said the perpetrators fled before they reached the spot.

Leading the procession, Vice President Rashedul Islam Ranju said it was over the demand for a new executive committee's formation.

## Top criminal

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gunned down Sattar, former president of ward no 48 of Jubo Dal, on Sunday near his residence at Tannery intersection of the area.

Earlier, Bulu had been arrested in the case.

## Sylhet police sue 800 over OC's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police sued 800 people over the death of officer-in-charge of Osmaninagar Police Station Mostafizur Rahman who "fell sick" while he was trying to quell Wednesday's clash between two groups of auto-rickshaw drivers and backed by local residents in Balaganj upazila of Sylhet.

Sub-inspector Anwar Hossain on Wednesday night filed the case with the police station making Goalabazar Union Parishad Chairman Ataur Rahman Manik Mia, also general secretary of Osmaninagar thana unit of BNP, the prime accused.

Vandalism and assault on police are other major charges brought against 100 named accused, said Neamul Hasan, acting superintendent of police, Sylhet.

Mostafizur "fell sick" while he along with his team was trying to bring the situation under control in Goalabazar area. He died of a heart attack at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, said physicians there.

Police yesterday also arrested 38 people in the case and seized about 40 auto-rickshaws for running those illegally.

## Nahid again promises

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and corruption only to earn extra money, is not enough, said the minister at the 16th convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on its Bashundhara campus in the capital.

The minister also urged the private universities to be reasonable in fixing all their charges including admission and tuition fees, considering the socio-economic context of the people.

Convocation speaker Dr A Majeed Khan, also IUB founder president, urged all to stop discriminating between public and private universities.

IUB Trustee Board Chairman Rashed Chowdhury, IUB Founding Trust Chairman Saifur Rahman, and its Vice Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman also spoke.

A total of 1,163 students received degrees. Five of them got the Chancellor's Gold Medals and 83 received special accolades for their academic achievements. Maeesa Ayesha, an English student, was the valedictorian.

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## Abducted boy's body found in septic tank

Five held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police yesterday recovered the body of a boy from a septic tank in Sharifpur area of Gazipur a day after his abduction.

They also arrested five persons -- Zakir Hossain, Saker Hossain, Pappu, Sajid and Jewel -- in this connection.

On Wednesday, Jakir with his associates took Sajedur Rahman, 10 from his house for playing football, said police.

Later, one Faisal demanded Tk 40,000 as ransom from Sajedur's father over the phone which he failed to pay.

The abductors kept Sajedur tied in the septic tank where he died inhaling toxic gas, said police.

## Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

SM Belayet Ali Khan alias Abu Sahan, former Kawkhali Sadar Union Parishad chairman, died at a Dhaka hospital yesterday. He was 78.

Former Kawkhali upazila-unit president of Jatiya Party, he left behind his wife and a daughter.

## CHTC for

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government punish the culprits and give compensation and security to the victims.

The CHTC said the government must rehabilitate the affected people and ensure safety and security of all indigenous people of Naniarchar and other areas in CHT.

Its statement said, "Many of these attacks can be traced back to disputes over land conflicts. The CHTC and other stakeholders have repeatedly requested the government to amend the Land Dispute Resolution Commission Act 2001 and make the land commission functional."

# NEWSIN brief

## Man killed being pierced by falling bamboo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rampura man resting in bed met a tragic end yesterday after a large piece of bamboo pierced him in the belly after going straight through the tin roof of his one-storey residence on slipping from ropes being used to pull it up to the roof of an adjacent five-storey building in the capital.

Hawking for a living and a resident of Nasir Tek area, Mohammad Ali, 50, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital by the locals where doctors declared him dead.

Nurul Islam, owner of the building whose exterior was getting a new plaster layer, was arrested over negligence charges.

## Buddhist youth festival begins in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Aiming to develop relationship among Buddhist youths, the two-day "3rd Buddhist Youth Festival" began at Muslim Institute in Chittagong city yesterday.

## Govt must ensure

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home," said Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Addressing as chief guest, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain said the government was preparing a database of returnee migrants.

"We are considering introducing a six-week training instead of the existing three weeks for female migrant jobseekers," he mentioned. Shaheen Anam opined for extending the training period, adding that there must be residential facilities for female jobseekers at the six-week training.

She also suggested that the government look for new job markets for female migrants outside the Middle Eastern countries.

Earlier, the ministry brought out a colourful procession from Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban to BICC, organised a discussion and presented scholarships to migrants' children.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali spoke as chief and special guests respectively. **MALAYSIAN LEGALISATION**

The Malaysian cabinet's extension decision took into consideration the major impact the deportation of some 3,52,000 foreign workers, including Bangladeshis, will have on businesses and the economy, The Star Online quoted the Malaysian home ministry.

A 2011 Malaysian government amnesty allowed foreign workers to first get registered and then either get legalised by this month or return home by upcoming January without facing any penalty. Of the around two lakh Bangladeshis who had registered, some 20,000 to 25,000 could not complete the legalisation process, said the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment sources.

The Malaysian employers and construction contractors had stated that the deportation will fuel the shortage of manpower in the industry, especially the housing sector.

The Barisal city discussion was organised by Brac, the Barisal district administration and the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.

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