

TV channel owners' assoc seeks justice for ETV chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Association of Television Channel Owners (Atco) urged the government to ensure justice for Abdus Salam who is an Atco member and chairman of Ekushey Television (ETV).

In a recent press statement, Atco also said the ETV authority had informed it on January 7 of allegations by viewers that the channel's broadcast in several regions including Dhaka has been unavailable since January 5.

The statement was signed by Atco Vice-President Anjan Chowdhury and General Secretary Shykh Seraj.

Salam was held on January 6 from his Karwan Bazar office and shown arrested that afternoon in a case filed under the

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Winners of a book reading programme of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro raise candles amidst the evening's dimming light in the capital's Ramna Batamul yesterday celebrating their endeavours.

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Read books, be enlightened

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro concludes reading competition prize giving ceremony with the call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent personalities yesterday urged children to acquire the practice of reading books regularly and become enlightened human beings.

Addressing the concluding session of a two-day prize giving ceremony of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro (BSK) at the capital's Ramna Batamul, they also called upon parents to cooperate with their children so that they can grow moral and ethical values.

The BSK has been organising the annual programme for 13 years in Dhaka under its book reading programme.

In 2014, 30,000 students, from class VI to X of 93 schools in Dhaka city, contested in the book reading competition while 6,092 of them were selected in four categories -- "Shagoto Puraskar", "Shuvechha Puraskar", "Ovinandon Puraskar", and "Sera Pathok Puraskar".

Winners in both the first and second categories got one book each while those in the third category got two books and the fourth category winners got three books each.

The BSK founder, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, suggested that the children should not get carried away by the greed of money, but rather they should acquire honesty, morality

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AL leader, businessman shot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people including a ward-level Awami League leader were shot by unidentified criminals in a picnic boat cruising on the river Shitalakkhya near Munshiganj yesterday.

With leg injuries, Abdul Mukim Hawlader, 55, president of ward-35 unit of AL in Dhaka, and Jahidul Islam, 50, were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Both of them are members of PWD Thikadar Samity, an association of contractors.

Jahidul said around 100 contractors were in the boat casting off from Sadarghat in the morning.

The incident occurred during a cultural event, said Jahidul. Contacted, Abul Khair, officer-in-charge of Munshiganj Sadar Police Station, said they were informed of the incident.

Open public spaces vanishing despite protection laws

Say town planners, architects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Open and public spaces which at least nine acts, policies and plans say should be kept and maintained in urban areas are rapidly disappearing from cities, planners and architects told a discussion in the capital yesterday.

Not only private enterprises and individuals but different government agencies are also frequently grabbing the spaces flouting rules, they told the talks on Dhaka's future organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) and Centre for Development Communication at Planners Tower.

"The government has moved to establish housing development projects on over 1,500 square kilometres of flood flow zones on the city's outskirts violating the wetland protection act," said BIP General Secretary Akhtar Mahmud.

Altering the nature of flood flow zones will turn out disastrous for future generations. "Strict enforcement of existing laws is enough to ensure that future generations have a more liveable city," he said.

Maruf Rahman, a BIP research group member, said structures should face water bodies rather than having those on the sides or behind. "None of the existing flood

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Tashfin I Huq passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tashfin I Huq, founder partner of Rahman Rahman Huq, an accounting firm, died at his Karachi residence in Pakistan on Friday, aged 80.

He breathed his last at 1:30pm Bangladesh Time, says a press release.

Huq is survived by his wife Shahana Huq, daughters Katrin Huq and Amrin Huq, and son Faisal Huq.

He had a lot of relatives and friends both in Pakistan and Bangladesh.

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