

JS body for expansion of electrification in CHT

BSS, Dhaka

The parliamentary standing committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) affairs ministry yesterday suggested the ministry to increase communication with the power ministry for further expansion of electrification in the CHT.

At its 9th meeting in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban the committee also recommended fixing fund allocation rate for development activities and giving appointments to the vacant 1st and 2nd grade posts in three hill districts.

State Minister for the ministry Bir Bahadur Ushwe Sing M, the committee chairman and its members attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, the parliamentary standing committee on fisheries and animal resources ministry at its 7th meeting recommended procuring new animals for the Dhaka Zoo and securing its land with barbed wires.

It also recommended involving foreign agencies,

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People dump rubbish into the river Surma polluting its water. The photo was taken in Keane Bridge area in Sylhet city yesterday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Former ETV reporter Kanak remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kanak Sarwar, a former reporter of Ekushey Television, was remanded for five days yesterday, a day after he was shown arrested in a sedition case filed over telecasting a "false, fabricated, and provocative" speech of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman on January 5.

The sedition case was filed against Tarique and ETV Chairman Abdus Salam on January 8, and Kanak was held following the confessional statement of Salam.

Detectives arrested him in the capital's Shabbagh area on Tuesday.

Police sought to remand him for 10 days after producing him before a Dhaka court, Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, President of Jatiya Press Club Kamal Uddin Sabuj and General Secretary Syed Abdal Ahmed issued a joint statement expressing concern over the arrest and remand of Kanak.

"We think the government's attitude is a kind of threat to the independent media," the statement said.

The journalist leaders called for his release.

Kanak was sacked by the ETV authorities on January 15.

BAGERHAT MARKET 'MASSACRE' Sheikh Siraj Master implicated again

At tribunal-2, witness implicates Forkan Mollik in killing of three, rape of woman in Patuakhali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday said he saw war crimes accused Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master slitting the throat of his uncle while his fellow Razakars hacked 18 others to death in Bagerhat during the Liberation War.

The 19 were rounded up from Kandapara village and slain in the nearby market by the same name on June 18, 1971, Ahmed Ali Sheikh told the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The 25th witness, who saw the massacre from a nearby garden, said, "Accused Siraj Master first stabbed my uncle in the waist. When uncle fell to the ground, Siraj bayoneted him to death."

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67pc brick kilns illegal: Poba

Unlawful use of wood as fuel rampant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 67 percent of the country's 8,500 brick kilns are running without the permission of the Department of Environment, said Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba) at a press conference yesterday.

However, an annual government report shows that there are only 5,879 brick kilns of which only 2,778 kilns have permissions of the DoE or district administration, speakers mentioned.

According to the report, the number of drum-chimney brick kilns is 301. However, a recent survey on types and management of brick kilns, conducted by Poba across the country, reveals that the actual number of such kilns is 1,900 and all of those use wood to burn bricks which is a punishable offence as per environmental laws.

Those 1,900 kilns with short-chimneys use around 25,52,960 tonnes of wood while brick kilns with 120-foot chimneys also burn wood, contributing to clearing forest and causing severe health hazards.

Currently those brick kilns are producing around 40 lakh bricks while 18 tonnes of coals or 1,800 mounds of wood are needed to produce one lakh bricks, speakers said at the press conference where the survey findings were presented.

Abdus Sobhan, executive general secretary of Poba, delivered the keynote speech in the conference at Poba office in the capital where Monzur Hasan Dilu, and Atiq Morshed, Poba's secretary and coordinator respectively, were also present.

Road accidents kill 6, injure 16

CITY DESK

Road accidents killed six people and injured 16 others in four districts yesterday.

In Natore, Abdul Mumin, 32, of Rajshahi died and two people were injured when an army van and a mini-truck collided head-on on Natore-Pabna highway in Parkol area of Baraigram upazila.

Meanwhile, Shuvra Begum, 26, of Manikpur village died when a mini-truck ran her over on Bonpara-Hatiquimul highway in Manikpur area of the upazila.

In Naogaon, two people died and another was injured when a truck hit a rickshaw-van carrying them in Bagchara area of Bagchara village in Mohadevpur upazila.

The deceased were Ramjan Ali, 20, and Somiron Chandra, 50, of Faratpur village.

In Chittagong, five people including four staff of Chittagong University were injured in a head-on collision between a car and three-wheeler on the university campus.

In Narayanganj, an unidentified person died and four others were injured as a bus of Bangladesh army rammied into a three-wheeler on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Shonarkhali area.

In Rugganj area, Jasim Uddin, 38, of Jalia village died and four others were injured as a truck ran them over.

Children exploited for political mileage

BSS, Dhaka

Political involvement of children is an open secret that people prefer to ignore considering the problem to be a minor one that will fade away as time passes.

However, confession of two street children in Chittagong who were arrested with bombs has thrown into sharp relief the depth of children's involvement in criminal activities.

Sohel and Kabir Hossain were arrested with a petrol bomb and a crude bomb in Ishakerpul area of the city.

Shah Md Abdur Rouf, assistant commissioner of Kotwali zone of Chittagong police, quoting the boys, said, "In exchange for a sum of 500 Taka, street children hurl bombs at vehicles during the ongoing blockade and hartal of the BNP-led alliance."

A Bakolia ward BNP leader hired the kids for this heinous act, claimed the policeman.

Additional Commissioner (crime and operation) Banoj Kumar Majumder said a list of people who hire kids to throw bombs is being prepared.

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Violating environmental laws, brick kilns in Bandarban have been using firewood to burn bricks leading to deforestation in the area. The photo was taken at BBC Brick Kiln yesterday. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Two student bodies against university in Rangamati

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Parbatya Chattagram Pahari Chhatra Parishad yesterday urged the government to refrain from establishing Rangamati Science and Technology University and Rangamati Medical College before the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord's complete implementation.

"Establish primary, secondary and higher secondary educational institutes instead and let the indigenous children receive primary education in their mother tongues," said a statement issued by the organisations.

As the region severely lacks schools and teachers, it termed the attempt of establishing the university and medical college illogical.

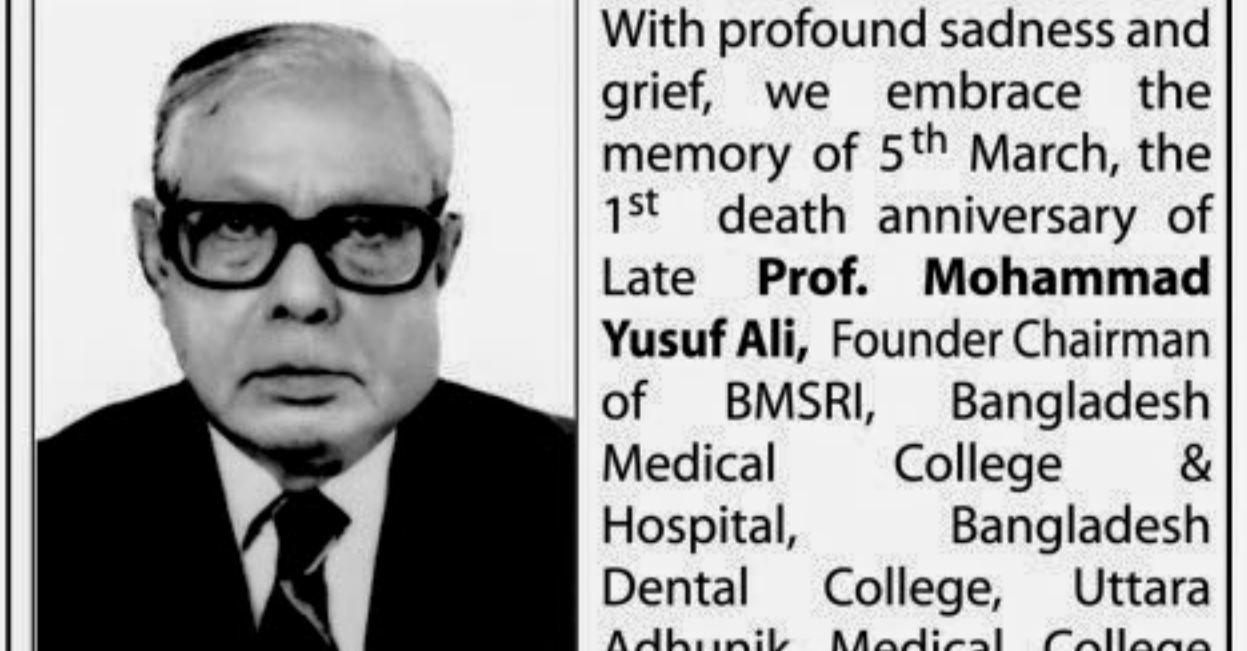
"Majority of the schools provide poor standard of education while there are vast areas with no schools at all," it said.

Considering the state of literacy among the indigenous students, it is understandable that a few of them would be eligible to study in the planned higher educational institutions, it added.

The government is yet to ensure the rights of indigenous people living in the CHT and effectively implement the peace accord which was signed in 1997, it said.

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To mark the day, Doa and Milad Mahfil will be held on **5th March 2015, Thursday at 4.30 PM at his residence - 3/5, Block-C, Lalmatia, Dhaka.** All relatives, friends, Co-workers and well-wishers are cordially requested to attend the Doa Mahfil and pray for the salvation and eternal peace of the departed soul.

Deceased's Family

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Baqi Billah passes away

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His works include the Public Library, TSC, the National Memorial (supervision), mausoleum of three national leaders, Tongi Bridge, Modhumita Cinema Hall, and Navana building.

Man dies from heart

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Saiful Haque, ASP in Feni, denied the allegation of arrest threat. Law enforcers conduct drives every night to arrest accused fugitives as several cases were filed in the last two months in connection with subversive activities in the area, he said.

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