

Media role imperative for HIV prevention

Say speakers at Dhaka Ahsania Mission press confce for World AIDS Day on Dec 1

CITY DESK

The mass media should play a vital role in building massive awareness about HIV/AIDS for saving people from the deadly disease, said speakers at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) organised the conference at its Dhanmondi office with support from Save the Children marking World AIDS Day to be observed on December 1, said a press release.

Referring to a report of UNAIDS, Deputy Director of Save the Children Sheikh Masudul Alamin said in Bangladesh an estimated 309 children (aged 0-14 years) were living with HIV in 2014 and the estimated number of new infections among children was 63 while women accounted for 30 percent of newly reported cases.

Community-based HIV prevention and treatment interventions by including the most marginalised groups need to be scaled up, said speakers.

Director General of Press Institute of Bangladesh Mohammad Shah Alangir Hossain attended the programme as chief guest and DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam was in the chair.

Two get Yes cards in Comilla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Comilla regional round of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2016 concluded yesterday with two participants qualifying for the next round.

Over 50 candidates round held at Comilla Jangalia area.

The main round were Nadeem Sarker, runners-up of the

A total of 14 competitors passed the first competition, which was a written test. The participants were given Tk 500 each to shop for ingredients, and then 30 minutes to prepare their dishes using the ingredients.

From the cooking round, four people were chosen and of them Mamun and Masum were given the "Yes" cards. The other two are on the waiting list.



Two competitors -- Mamun and Masum -- hold "Yes" cards after the conclusion of the Comilla regional round of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2016 yesterday.

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PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN Holistic approach needed

The Daily Star -UNFPA roundtable told; in port city another discussion advocated for more compassion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has made many achievements in empowering women but still there remain concerns in some areas, particularly violence against women, which need to be addressed, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

There are many laws and policies to stop violence against women but those are not being implemented properly, said the speakers stressing the need for a holistic approach, involving all stakeholders, and reformation of several laws especially discriminatory family laws.

The roundtable titled "End Violence against Women and Girls: 16 Days of Activism against GBV" was jointly organised by The Daily Star and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Lori Kato, deputy representative of UNFPA in Bangladesh, mentioned, "Bangladesh is ranked as the worst country in Asia and pacific in terms of child marriage."

Syed Shahnoor Wahid, special supplements editor of The Daily Star, moderated the event where Prof SM Wahiduzzaman, director (college and admin) of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, Kamrun Nahar of Naripokkho, Shamima Parvin of UNFPA, and Ayesha

Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, also spoke.

Meanwhile in a meeting in Chittagong Press Club, speakers said it is possible to reduce repression on women, if police, lawyers, judges and other people work with compassion from their respective positions.

Bangladesh Manobadikar Bastobayan Sangstha (BMBS) and Naripokkho jointly organised the programme with support from Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).

BMBS Secretary General Advocate Sigma Huda said in many cases, police officials trick uneducated people into filing first information report in a way that would be favourable for them as well as for the accused.

However, representatives from police said it is the influential quarter that pressures them and force them not to conduct investigation in a fair way.

Speakers also mentioned that the number of false cases of women repression is also increasing.

Supreme Court Justice Krishna Debnath, who was the chief guest, said women are being blamed for creating such situation, however, in reality men or the influential quarters are "using women for lodging false cases".

MJF Director Rina Roy moderated the event where Naripokkho member Habibun Nesa also spoke.

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Man held for raping 9yr-old girl in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was handed over to police yesterday for allegedly raping a nine-year-old girl in Kamrangirchar area, outside the capital, on Thursday.

Abdur Rahim, 50, was beaten and locked in his house by locals on Friday night after the incident.

Quoting locals, Inspector (investigation) of Kamrangirchar Police Station Shaker Md Zubair said Rahim, a neighbour of the victim, called her inside his house and raped her.

The girl, who became sick afterwards, told her mother next day, he said.

NEWS IN brief

3 UN peacekeepers of Bangladesh Army sustain injuries in Mali mortar attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three UN peacekeepers of Bangladesh Army have sustained minor injuries in a mortar attack by rebels in Mali.

After taking primary treatment, two of them resumed their duties, said a press release of Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) yesterday.

The other person was out of danger, it added.

Altaf new president, Omar secy gen of BFUJ faction

UNB, Dhaka

Altaf Mahmud and Omar Faruk were elected president and secretary general respectively of a faction of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) yesterday.

They were elected through a direct election of the union, which was held on the Jatiya Press Club premises in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country.

Besides, Zafar Wazed was elected vice president, while Amiyo Ghatak Pulak joint secretary.

Two stabbed in capital over turf for begging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two hermaphrodites, also known as hijras in Bangla, were stabbed by another group of hermaphrodites while they were begging for money in Karail slum area of the capital's Banani yesterday.

Jhuma, 24, and Hridoy, 18, followers of Swapna hijra in Moghbazar, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Swapna told The Daily Star that five followers of Masuma hijra attacked them and, at one stage, Masuma stabbed them. Al-Amin, one from the group, was also injured while trying to resist Masuma.

Confirming it, Banani police said there had been a conflict between the groups for days.

Two held with 1 lakh Yaba in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion arrested two persons with over one lakh Yaba tablets in Dhaniyala Para of Double Mooring area of Chittagong last night.

MA Mobin, 44, and Shamsuddin Ahmed Sabuj, 25, are staff of SA Paribahan, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Shaheda Sultan of Rab-7. The seizure and arrest were made at the office of the Paribahan, he said adding that the two were being interrogated.

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A procession themed "Global climate march for a safe and clean Bangladesh" brought out by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon heading towards Shahbagh from the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday. A cross-section of citizens including quite a few very prominent ones participated in it ahead of the Paris climate conference tomorrow.