

Cops, media should work hand in hand

IGP Shahidul tells views-exchange meeting in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday stressed the need for cooperation between police and media.

He was speaking at a views-exchange meeting titled "The role of media and police in ensuring public security" at a city hotel.

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, chief executive officer of ETV, moderated the function while Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Asaduzzaman Mia gave the welcome address.

Media's assistance is essential for establishing the rule of law, emphasised IGP Shahidul.

The IGP said if human rights were violated and justice hampered, media could project it for concerned institution to find a solution.

DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman said media is the reflection of a democratic state.

Initiative has been taken to create positive attitude among the police personnel through training and monitoring activities at the field level to ensure accountability, he added.

DMP Joint commissioner (crime) Krishna Pada Roy read out a written statement.

Duty of police is to ensure security and media's job is to collect and publish information related to crime. The role of media and police is complementary and cooperation-based, he said.

Advocate SM Rezaul Karim said that the people's trust in police will be restored if law is strictly enforced on the influential people.

Civil society and print and electronic media members including journalist Nayeemul Islam Khan, Major General (ret'd) Mohammad Ali Shikder, Acting Editor of Daily Jugantor Saiful Alam, former IGP Nurul Huda, Prime Minister's Information Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Bangladesh Protidin Editor Nayeem Nizam, Prof Salimullah Khan, columnist Syed Abul Maksud, journalist Abed Khan and Prof Sadeka Halim participated in the meeting.



Nu A Prue Marma, a BBA student of Chittagong University, receives Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd's scholarship award from Finance Minister AMA Muhiith at Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in the capital yesterday.

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Europe chapter of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee formed

Tarun president, Ansar GS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Europe chapter of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee has been formed with Tarun Kanti Chowdhury as its president and Ansar Ahmedullah general secretary.

The formation came at the All European Conference of the committee on March 31 at SENSUS auditorium in Stockholm Sweden, says a press release.

The committee's acting president Shahriar Kabir, chaired the conference "Bangladesh Genocide, Trial of the Perpetrators and Deradicalizing Muslim Diaspora in Europe."

The event was addressed, among others, by Fredrik Malm MP, Justice Syed Asif Shahkar, Ulf Gustafsson of IHEU Sweden, Mona Strindberg of UN Association Upsala, Erik Hedlund, the committee general secretary Kazi Mukul, Bangladesh High Commission in London Press Minister Nadeem Qadir, and Bangladeshi Ambassador in Sweden Golam Sarwar.

Rab man dies in road crash in capital

Two others in Jhenidah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rapid Action Battalion member was killed as an unknown vehicle hit him in the capital's Uttara early yesterday.

Md Habibur Rahman, 41, was posted to the intelligence wing of Rab at its headquarters.

Police rushed him to a local hospital, said Abu Bakar Mia, officer-in-charge of Uttara (East) Police Station.

Later, he was shifted to Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka where doctors declared him dead, said Mufti Mahmud Khan, director of Rab Legal and Media Wing.

Habibur joined Bangladesh Army on October 8, 1992 and was posted to Rab on August 11 last year, Rab sources said.

Our Jhenidah correspondent adds, two people were killed and a Jessore-bound passenger bus from Kushtia turned turtle as its driver lost control over the steering on Dhaka-Khulna highway before Kaliganj Mobarakganj sugar mills gate in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah yesterday, said police.

The deceased were Hashem Ali, 45, of Barobazar in Kaliganj, and Munsia Mia, 40, of Khulna, helper of the bus driver.

The injured were admitted to Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex and Jessore Medical College Hospital.

Small help makes big difference

DBBL scholarship awardees tell stories of change in their lives; 2,153 win this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When Farzana Ahmed was studying hard to achieve the highest score in the SSC examinations in 2013, her father was struggling to put together a paltry Tk 2,000 required to register for the public exam.

She was so saddened that her father Amzad Hossain, employee of a small business, had to borrow the money at a high interest rate.

"We had to struggle to survive with the only earning of my father. Besides, my elder sister is physically challenged. So I had a dream...to end the hardship," said Farzana, who hails from the suburb of Khulna city.

She now studies medicine at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College in Dhaka, which became possible thanks to the scholarship offered by the Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd (DBBL).

"I was happy as I passed the SSC exam with GPA 5, but then frustration gripped me as my family did not have the minimum ability to finance my future education," she told DBBL's scholarship award ceremony at Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in the capital yesterday.

She learned of the scholarship programme from a newspaper and took no time to apply for it. And she won it, to her utter disbelief.

With the scholarship money, Farzana completed her higher secondary education from

Khulna's MM City College last year and then took admission to the medical college. With her extraordinary results, she applied to DBBL again, and the bank could not refuse her.

For five years, she would not be worrying about financing her education.

"I want to serve people as a doctor. Many go abroad for treatment...I dream of a high standard health system so that they all take healthcare at home," she said.

Farzana is one of the thousands of talents, who came from insolvent families and are on the way to see their dreams come true with DBBL's support.

Yesterday, 2,153 students, who passed HSC or equivalent exams in 2015 and are studying at the graduate level, were given scholarships. The winners get Tk 6,000 annually for reading materials and clothes, and monthly Tk 2,500 until they graduate.

According to a DBBL statement, since 2001, a total of 38,563 students at higher secondary and graduation levels came under its scholarship programme. Many have already completed studies and are either doing good jobs or businesses, it said.

Roxana Afroz Moni is one of them. She completed her higher secondary education and graduation in economics at Dhaka University with the financial help of DBBL, and has become a lecturer at Debendra Government College in

Manikganj through the 33rd BCS exam.

"The DBBL scholarship has changed my life. I am grateful to DBBL," said Moni.

Speaking on the occasion, Law Minister Anisul Huq said he was moved by DBBL's exceptional initiative for the social cause.

Apart from education, DBBL also supports programmes in health, environment, disaster management and research to complement the government's plan to eliminate poverty.

"The private sector's participation in the process is appreciable," Huq said.

Finance Minister AMA Muhiith said DBBL's scholarship programme was the largest in the private sector and many others were inspired by it.

The government will also increase its budget in education, which is the key to development, he said.

DBBL Chairman Sayem Ahmed hoped that the scholarship winners would help others establish Bangladesh as a developed nation.

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Benoit-Pierre Laramée said he was pleased to learn that 50 percent of the DBBL scholarships went to female students, which was a sign of inclusive development.

DBBL Managing Director KS Tabrez said the bank was proud to be a partner in promoting talents. "We dream of a knowledge-based society," he said.

4 extortionists arrested in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested four alleged extortionists in Chittagong city's Halishahar area early yesterday.

The arrestees are Abdul Mannan Zitu, 27, and Jalis Mamun, 30, of Eid Gaon area; Kamal Pasha, 45, of Shahnagar village in Hathazari, and a woman.

Halishahar police said by talking over cellphones, the gang used to trap youths into taking intimate photographs with the woman. Later, the gang used to demand money from them by threatening that they would spread the snaps through internet otherwise, they added. A snatched iPhone was also seized from them, said police.



Visitors at the stall of Daily Star Books yesterday, during the first day of the Chaitra Book Festival at Nalinikanta Bhattasali Gallery of Bangladesh National Museum. Daily Star Books is one of the ten organising publishers of the festival, which will continue till April 12 from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Cops foil pro-BNP event in capital

Party to protest countrywide tomorrow against arrest warrant for Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday foiled a discussion of pro-BNP agriculturists in the capital as the organisers allegedly did not take prior permission from the law enforcers.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir was scheduled to attend as the chief guest. Agriculturists Association of Bangladesh (AAB) arranged the programme marking the Independence Day at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB) at 3:00pm. Witnesses said police took position there around 2:00pm and obstructed the organisers from holding the programme. Fakhru, however, did not go to the venue.

AAB Member Secretary Hasan Zafir Tuhin said police barred them though they had taken permission from the venue authorities. "Police said we could not hold any programme with the BNP secretary general there," said Tuhin. He claimed no-one had ever taken permission from police to arrange such programmes there. Mamun Shah, assistant sub-inspector of Tejgaon police, told reporters that he had gone there as part of his duty and claimed he did not know anything regarding the matter. Mazharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon police said the organisation did not even inform them, let alone taking permission.

Meanwhile, the party planned to stage demonstrations across the country tomorrow, protesting an arrest warrant issued against its Chairperson Khaleda Zia, announced Rizvi Ahmed, senior joint secretary general, yesterday. A Dhaka court on Wednesday issued the arrest warrant against Khaleda and 27 others in connection with a case filed for an arson attack on a passenger bus in the capital's Jatrabari on January 23 last year, where one person was killed and 30 others injured.

Prof Noorunnahar Fyzennessa

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ideals of Begum Rokeya in enhancing women's education and establishing their rights," said Prof Salma Akhter.

An active proponent of women's rights, Dr Noorunnahar Fyzennessa was provost of Rokeya Hall, the first elected woman member of DU syndicate, the first female member of Pay Commission and president of Dhaka City Mahila Parishad.

A documentary, featuring life and works of Prof Noorunnahar, was screened at the beginning of the programme.

DOA MEHFIL



Mrs. Rahima Wahid, wife of Late Advocate Syed Abdul Wahid breathed her last peacefully in sleep on Friday, 25th March, 2016 at her residence. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to join in a Doa Mehfil to be held at her residence "Lavender" House # 27, Road # 6, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka on Monday, 4th April, 2016 after Asr prayers.

Brig. (Rtd) Sarwar Hossain, Suraiya Sinowar (Chinu) Dr. Syed Saiful Wahid, Syed Shahirul Wahid

Reinforced ground floor columns

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order several years back, the government has not yet instituted the building authority without which enforcement of the existing building code is impossible.

Eminent civil engineer Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, currently vice-chancellor of Asia Pacific University, conducted the discussion.

Prof Sekender Ali of Buet's civil engineering department, Md Kabir Ahmed Bhuiyan,

president of The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, Prof Saiful Amin of Buet, Md Murtuza Alam, managing director of Engineering and Research Associates Limited, Rudba Choudhury, architect of BTI, Md Sohel Rahman, executive engineer of Public Works Department, Abdul Quayum, an associate editor of Prothom Alo and Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, also spoke.

Refaz left behind his wife, four sons, and two daughters.

He was buried with state honour at Muktagacha municipal graveyard yesterday, attended by leaders of different political parties and freedom fighters.

War hero passes away in negligence

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League. Since then, he gradually became victim of various diseases, family members informed.

He suffered a brain stroke in 2004 and the left part of his body became paralysed. The family continuously struggled to maintain his treatment as the expense kept on increasing, they added.

on March 13 at Mymensingh Press Club, seeking the government's help but to no avail, said Moazzem Hossain, eldest son of Refaz.

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HSC, equivalent

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Diploma in Business Studies exams.

Some 654,114 male and 564,514 female examinees will appear in the HSC and equivalent examinations at 2,452 centres.

Apart from 2,452 centres in Bangladesh, the exams will also be held in seven overseas centres where 262 students will take part.

This year, 11 more papers under six subjects have been included in the newly introduced creative question system for the examinations.

Physically challenged students will be given 20 minutes extra time while autistic ones will get 30 minutes.

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