

Hindus assured of foolproof security during Durga Puja

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Police yesterday assured the Hindus of foolproof security during the upcoming Durga Puja in Chittagong division and several other adjoining districts.

The assurance came from Deputy Inspector General SM Moniruzzaman of Chittagong Range at a meeting with Puja Uddjapan Parishad leaders at his office.

A total of 50,000 security personnel including police, Ansar, border guards and Rab will be deployed at 3,594 temples of 11 districts under the range, said SM Moniruzzaman, who chaired the meeting.

At the meeting, superintendents of police in the 11 districts -- Chittagong, Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Comilla, Bandarban, Khagrachhari, Rangamati, Cox's Bazar and Feni -- were present.

The DIG urged the Parishad leaders to install

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This covered van flipped on its side while the wheels were being replaced, leaving a helper of the vehicle dead on the spot. The photo was taken near Tiger Pass roundabout in the port city yesterday evening.

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Death in septic tank sparks protest at MMC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The recent recovery of a body from a dormitory's septic tank prompted Mymensingh Medical College students to demonstrate yesterday, demanding tight security at the dorm.

They brought out a procession on the campus and staged a sit-in in front of the main gate of the institution in the town's Charpara area.

The students sought police camp, a CCTV camera and a ban on outsiders' entry to the male dormitory in Bagmara area around one kilometre off the campus.

College sources said they held the programmes boycotting classes.

Principal Prof Anwar Hossain, however, said all the scheduled classes were held.

Some agitating students said they postponed their programmes following an assurance from the principal of meeting their demands.

An academic council meeting will be held today to discuss security for the students, said the principal.

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Govt targets 30pc enrolment in technical education: Nahid

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said the government had set a target of 30 percent enrolment in technical education by 2030 aiming to transform Bangladesh into an economically developed country.

"In 2009, there were only one percent of the students enrolled in the technical education while the current enrolment is 14 percent," he told an orientation function at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB), an official release said.

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Responding to call of humanity

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Rohingya refugees undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) have got the hospital authorities and Patients' Welfare Association (PWA) beside them.

Both the authorities have come forward with treatment materials and medicines for the injured Rohingyas at CMCH.

According to CMCH sources, a total of 90 Rohingya refugees have been under treatment at the hospital. In the meantime, 16 have been released from the hospital till Thursday while two others succumbed to their injuries.

"We are providing them [Rohingyas] with all the medicines and other treatment materials available at the hospital," said Dr Kamal Uddin, head of Neurosurgery at CMCH.

If they need any additional medicines and treatment materials, which are not supplied to the hospital, the hospital authorities contact the Patients' Welfare Association (PWA),

ROHINGYA TREATMENT AT CMCH

he said.

PWA bears the treatment cost from their own fund, the doctor added.

Seventeen-year-old Khaleda Akter was admitted to the hospital on August 29 with bullet injuries in her left leg.

Her aunt Bilkis Banu, who was attending Khaleda, said, "The hospital authorities supply all the medicines as we don't have money to buy them from outside." "We share the food supplied by the hospital for Khaleda as we don't have money to buy food from outside."

Besides, some kindhearted people voluntarily help them, said Dr Kamal, adding, even the doctors of the hospital sometimes contribute to the treatment cost of injured Rohingyas.

Bullet-hit Md Junaid is undergoing treatment at neurosurgery ward of the hospital. He underwent a surgery on

Thursday.

Abdur Rahman, an attendant of Junaid, said the hospital authorities provided Junaid with the medicines and other treatment materials. "We do not have money to buy medicine from outside," he said, adding, "A man in the hospital also gave me Tk 1,000 as I told him I don't have money."

Regarding treatment of refugees, Brig Gen Jalal Uddin, director of CMCH and the president of PWA at CMCH, said, "We are providing treatment materials and medicines available at the hospital to the refugees. Besides, PWA provides fund for the materials or medicines, which are to be bought from outside."

The PWA is a branch of social welfare division and its fund comes from the general people of the country, he said.

Around 400,000 Rohingyas entered into Bangladesh almost empty handed facing persecution by the Myanmar security forces.

ROAD ACCIDENTS Six lives lost

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and 15 others injured in road accidents in three districts on Friday and yesterday, according to our correspondents.

In Bagerhat, two people were killed and at least 15 others injured as a bus hit a truck parked beside Dhaka-Khulna highway in Faltita area of Fakirhat upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Nasrin Akter, 25, of Daibayahati of Morelganj upazila; and Monir Sheikh of Baloibuniya village in the upazila, said police.

The injured were admitted to Fakirhat Upazila Health Complex, Khulna Medical College Hospital and other local hospitals. In Jessore, Ridoy Hossain, 20, son of Alamgir Hossain and a student of Khajura Siraj Uddin Degree College, died after a goods-laden truck hit his motorcycle in Labutala area of Sadar upazila yesterday.

Another truck hit an unidentified motorcyclist while he was crossing Jessore-Jhenidah highway in Khairtola area of Sadar upazila on the day.

In Chittagong, one person was killed as a covered van flipped on its side while its wheels were being replaced in the city's Tiger Pass area yesterday. The deceased, Jahir, 17, of Fatikchhari upazila, was the helper of the vehicle's driver.

Meanwhile, domestic help Kohinur Begum, 55, wife of Shajahan, died as a truck hit her in Sadarghat area of Chittagong on Friday night.

Jamalpur freedom fighter Khoka dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Shafiqul Islam Khoka, a freedom fighter and former lawmaker from Jamalpur-3 constituency, died of a cardiac arrest in the capital's United Hospital on Friday. He was 70.

He left behind four daughters and a son. Khoka, commander of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Jamalpur district unit, was given state honour at Shahi Masjid in Jamalpur town yesterday morning.

State Minister for Textiles and Jute Mirza Azam, among others, mourned the death.



IUB debate competition concludes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day international English debate competition titled, "IUB Ascension 2017" concluded at Independent University of Bangladesh yesterday.

Under the high school category, Mastermind School became the champion while European Standard School the runner-up.

Dhaka University's Institute of Business Administration became the winner while Khulna University of Engineering and Technology the runner-up under the novice category.

Under open category, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore became the winner while International Islamic University Malaysia the runner-up. Prof M Omar Rahman, IUB vice-chancellor, and Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of IUB trustee board, were present.

Work to kickstart in a month

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project. We divided the 102-kilometre rail track construction works in two lots to expedite the work. Deploy more manpower and complete the work within the deadline," he said.

The project is very important, which is why it was included in the list of fast-track initiatives. Once it is completed, it will boost the tourism sector, he

added.

He also said the loan agreement with a Chinese company to implement the Padma bridge rail link project will be signed within a few weeks.

A representative of CREC of China also hoped the deal will be signed within the next month.

Mofazzel Hossain, secretary in-charge of the ministry, also spoke at the event.

Include human mobility

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disproportionately forceful in developing countries, especially among the poor and vulnerable populations.

Observing that people will respond to these impacts with a combination of strategies, including mobility, they said human mobility manifests in various forms in communities affected by disasters and environmental change: evacuation, temporary or protracted displacement, migration as adaptation, internal or cross-border movement, planned relocation and other types.

The workshop concluded with recommendations to integrate human mobility

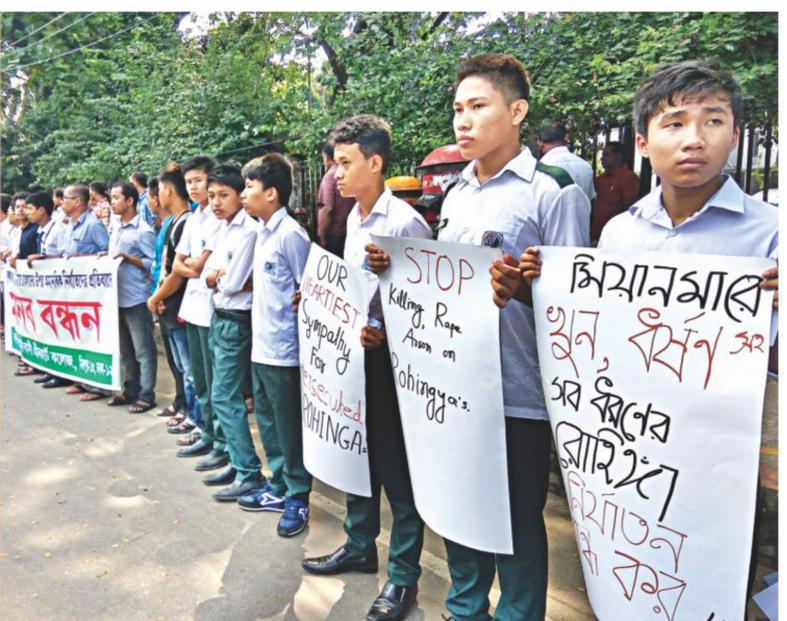
provisions in national policies and programmes to implement their respective countries' international commitments regarding climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE) of Nepal, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS), and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) jointly hosted the workshop.



A visitor looks at a painting at an art exhibition in New York, USA. The month-long exhibition of works of eight Bangladesh artists was launched at the Eye for Art gallery on Franklin Street on September 12. The works of Murtaja Baseer, Rafiqun Nabi, Jamal Ahmed, Kazi Rakib, Ranjit Das, Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Sheikh Afzal Hossain and Goutam Chakraborty are being displayed there. The exhibition will end on October 10.

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Students of Banophool Adibashi Green Heart College form a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting persecution of Rohingyas in Myanmar.

PHOTO: STAR

EC preparing

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the major elections to the six cities before the 11th parliamentary elections likely to be held in late December 2018.

This commission wants to arrange the major city elections in fair and neutral manner for gaining public trust before the next national election, EC officials said.

Taking part in the EC's ongoing dialogues, many civil society members, media persons, and political parties also suggested that the EC should achieve public confidence through its impartial activities and make its neutrality visible ahead of the general election.

The tenure of Gazipur city's mayor will expire on September 4, 2018; Sylhet's on September 8, 2018; Khulna's on September 25, 2018; Rajshahi's on October 5, 2018; and Barisal city's on October 23, 2018.

The election to four city corporations -- Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet -- were held on June 15, 2013, and the maiden polls to Gazipur City Corporation on July 6, 2013.

In 2013, BNP-backed mayoral candidates were elected in five cities defeating pro-AL contestants.

Under the present commission, the Comilla City Corporation election was held on March 30.

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