



Covered vans and trucks lying idle at a stand in Chittagong city's Nimtala area after goods-laden transport owners and workers enforced a 48-hour strike in greater Chittagong yesterday.

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Prof Hannan passes away

CITY DESK

Prof MA Hannan Feroz, founder and president of the Board of Trustees of Stamford University Bangladesh, died of brain stroke yesterday morning, said a press release.

The Stamford family mourned the death and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 18th death anniversary of Iqbal Ansari Khan Henri, a freedom fighter, Rotarian and social worker, says a press release.

Henri was actively involved in the Language Movement. He was a joint secretary of the National Democratic Front and vice-president of student unions' of Jagannath College and Dhaka College. He authored three books including the Third Eye and The Babri Mosque.



UNSC must go tough on Myanmar

NHRC chair tells roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) must take a strong stance against the Myanmar government for the ongoing persecution of Rohingyas in Rakhine State.

It also must put pressure on Myanmar to take back Rohingyas from Bangladesh, he said. "There should be a durable and sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis," he said at a roundtable titled "Possible Protection for Rohingya Children". Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the programme at its office in the capital in association with Unicef.

AKM Khairul Alam, additional secretary and also director of the department of social service at the social welfare ministry, said his department and ministry will prepare a list of Rohingya orphan children and undertake programme for their betterment.

Sharmin Khan, deputy country director of Handicap International, said One Stop Crisis Centres (OCCs) should operate in the Rohingya camps.

Humaira Farhanaz, UNFPA national programme officer for gender, adolescent and youth, said adolescent girls and young women are vulnerable to sexual abuse. Even, young boys are also being victims of sexual abuse, she said.

Monira Hassan, education specialist from Unicef in Dhaka, said the immediate solution to the crisis is to provide relief to the Rohingyas, while mid-level solution is to educate them and the long-term solution is to force Myanmar to take them back.

Tania Nusrat Zaman, head of child rights and protection of Plan International Bangladesh, said there are Rohingya children who came here alone. For them, foster care is needed, she added.

Showvik Das Tamal, assistant external relations officer of UNHCR Representative in Bangladesh, spoke among others.

HC summons

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However, the law does not specify which court is supposed to hold the trial if an adult is accused in a case under this law.

Earlier, on August 14 last year during hearing four bail petitions, the HC had ordered secretaries to the law and justice; and legislative and parliamentary affairs divisions under the law ministry, and the social welfare ministry to explain the "ambiguity" in the Children Act, 2013 over the holding of trial of an adult accused in a case filed under this law.

As they did not provide any explanation, the HC on October 31 last year asked the three secretaries of the government to explain in three weeks why a contempt of court rule should not be issued against them for not complying with its previous order issued last year on August 14.

As the secretaries did not respond to the order, the HC on October 15 issued the summon against the social welfare secretary.

PLAIN LAND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Land commission sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should form a separate land commission for the plain land indigenous people, said indigenous rights activists at a workshop yesterday.

It should also provide more assistance to the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Land Commission for ensuring the land rights of the minority group, they added.

They also urged the government to take necessary measures regarding false cases filed against the indigenous people over land disputes.

The workshop was organised by Kapaeeng Foundation at a hotel in the capital with an aim to strengthen networks among the indigenous rights defenders.

The workshop was held under a two-year project, supported by the Australian High Commission, said the organisers.

Sanjeeb Drong, secretary general of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, said, "It's the responsibility of the government to ensure

the land rights of the adivasi people."

Without ensuring it, the country cannot achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), he added.

Ajoy Mree, a rights activist from Modhupur, said the government declared the Modhupur forest as a reserve forest in 1984.

So, at times, those living in the area get charged with false cases. As a result, they are living in fear of eviction, he said.

Shanti Bijoy Chakma, general secretary of CHT Headman Network, alleged although the CHT has a separate land commission, it does not have any visible activities due to the government's inadequate support.

James Dillon, second secretary (direct aid programme) of Australian High Commission, Pallab Chakma, executive director of Kapaeeng Foundation, and Shohel Chandra Hajang, project coordinator of the foundation, were also present.

Road crashes kill four

CITY DESK

Four people were killed and 10 others injured in road accidents in the country in the last two days.

Our Manikganj correspondent reports, two passengers were killed and at least 10 injured as a Paturia-bound bus of Soudia Paribahan overturned on Dhaka-Paturia highway at Arpara near Paturia Ghat in Shivalaya upazila yesterday afternoon.

The dead could not be identified immediately. Locals and fire officials rescued the injured and admitted them to Shibhalaya

Upazila Uthli Health Centre.

Our Dinajur correspondent adds, Farzana, three-year-old daughter of Delwar Hossain of Ranipur village in Chirirbandar upazila, died when a covered van hit her while she was walking to her father's shop on Ranirbandar-Chirirbandar road in the village.

In another accident, Sudhin Karmaker, 60, of village Kamarpara in Ghoraghat upazila, died after a battery-run three-wheeler hit his bicycle from behind near Charmatha on Dinajpur-Bogra highway in the upazila on Saturday.



There's an old Bangla proverb which roughly translates into "if you waste candles during daylight, you won't be able to burn those at night when you need them". Streetlights on many of the roads in the port city's Jamalkhan area remain lit during the day. As a result, it not only wastes money and energy, but also makes residents suffer in form of load shedding. The Chittagong City Corporation is responsible for maintaining the streetlights. The photo of this road in the area was taken around 11:00am yesterday.

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16 young trade union leaders trained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixteen young leaders from trade unions have completed a three-month training course on various issues including labour policies, workers' rights and leadership skills in Dhaka.

They were given certificates at a ceremony in a Dhaka hotel on Saturday.

The leaders from the country's RMG, construction and transport sectors, and the government services like postal and telecommunications participated in the training under a programme, "Academy of Work".

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) launched the training in April this year.

Gregorian Alumni Club

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"torch of wisdom" to the future nation-builders.

"In addition to fellowship among our old acquaintances, this also gives us a platform for serving the society we all are indebted to," said Prof Jamilur, also chief adviser of the club.

Thousands of Gregorians are working across the globe in leading positions in respective fields.

"To encourage fellowship among them, and also with other alumni of notable academic institutions, the Gregorian Club has been formed with Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury at the helm," Gregorian Shahidullah Azim, president of the club, told the audience at the inaugural ceremony.

Among other alumni, Syed Marghub Murshed, Nasser Bakhtiar, Nurul Mazid Humaun MP, Justice Syed Dastagir Hossain, Justice Shahidul Huq, Mahfuz Anam, Ambassador Alimul Huq, Dr Tanvir A Khan, Osman Ali Khan, Dr Saad Andalib, Abul Ahsan Chowdhury, Taqsem A Khan, Uzair Afzal, Akhter Matin Chowdhury, Dr Salehuddin Ahmed and the founding executive committee members of the Gregorian Club were present at the inauguration ceremony, which was conducted by Gregorian Syed Ahsan Habib.

The club has already accepted more than 200 Gregorians as its members from home and abroad. After the formal inauguration, the members and their spouses enjoyed the open house entertainment throughout the day with traditional foods from old Dhaka, said the release.

Founded by Father Gregory De Groote, a Belgian Benedictine priest, in 1882 at Luxmibazar of old Dhaka, the school has been producing nation builders for more than 135 years now and setting many historical records in education and humanitarian activities. It was named after Pope Gregory I (540-604).

Bangladesh's first Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad, Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, former President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, renowned jurist Dr Kamal Hossain, eminent educationist Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, noted journalist Ahmedul Kabir, and famous music exponent Mustafa Zaman Abbasi are among the luminaries who went to the school.



Participants at a workshop organised by the Faculty of Engineering and Technology of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu was present as the chief guest while the university Vice Chancellor Rear Admiral ASM Abdul Baten as special guest.

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