



Garbage containers continue to occupy a portion of this road in the Moghbazar Wireless Gate area in the capital. The open containers not only spread malodour, but also create an obstacle for oncoming traffic, especially those coming down the flyover. Meanwhile, leftover construction materials and makeshift stores on the footpath impede movement of pedestrians. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

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AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Mistreatment stunts children's mental growth: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Violent behaviour or mistreatment by parents and teachers stunt children's mental growth, said discussants yesterday.

Prothom Alo in association with DANO organised the discussion titled, "Raise children to be self-reliant", at the Bangla daily's office in the capital.

The speakers suggested controlling negative emotions and raising positive attitudes among children at the early age. They said children develop their behavioural patterns, attitudes and decision-making capacity from peers, parents, neighbours and teachers. They noted that effective parenting and awareness can help in this process of developing personality.

Addressing the programme, Kendrio Kochi Kachar Mela Chairman Khandaker Ibrahim Khaled said a child's personality is not inherited, but rather a learning process.

Unicef Education Manager Mohammad Mohsin said abusing or humiliating children

can prevent them develop positive emotions. "Preventing them from asking questions can make them vulnerable. We should raise them as self-learners instead. All these factors increase their adaptive capacity," said Mohsin.

Laila Khondkar, director of child protection at Save the Children, said the government should take initiatives to implement the laws pertaining to children strictly and raise awareness about parenting.

Stressing the need for playgrounds in residential areas and at schools, Kochi Kachar Mela member Adib Kibria called for reducing the load of study and homework.

Project director for indigenous children's education Meherun Nahar said early schooling of indigenous children should be in their mother tongue.

Actress Moutushi Biswas, Associate Prof Shahana Nasrin of Dhaka University and Associate Prof Sultana Algin of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University also spoke.

## Road crashes kill six

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and four others were injured in road accidents in the country in last two days.

Our Pirojpur correspondent reports, an elderly man was killed and four other people were injured when a battery-run auto-rickshaw hit them at Howlader Hat in Kawkhali upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased is Abdus Salam, 70, of Shialkathi village. The injured were given first-aid.

In another accident, Abu Abdullah, 3, son of Ibrahim Munshi of Kachubaria village, died when a locally-made motorised three-wheeler hit him while he was playing near his house at Kachubaria village in Mathbaria upazila in the district.

Police seized the auto-rickshaw but the driver fled away. A case was filed.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports, a woman died after a battery-run auto-rickshaw ran her over on Dhupni-Kanchibari road at Bashertol in Sundarganj upazila

while she was crossing the road yesterday.

The deceased is Asiron Bewya, 70, of village Maruyadaha. Locals torched the vehicle. The driver managed to flee.

Our Kurigram correspondent adds, a motorcyclist, Tariq Aziz Palash, 35, son of Bashir Ahmad of Sonahat Madrasa Mor area of Bangasonahat union, was killed as a truck hit his vehicle from behind on Bhurungamari-Sonahat road in Pateswari Bazar area of Paikerchhara in Bhurungamari upazila yesterday.

Police confiscated the truck and arrested its driver.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, an engineer was killed as a bus hit him in AK Khan Gate area in Chittagong city on Friday late night.

The deceased is Momen Farhan, 25, of Laxmipur district.

In another accident, a staff of a steel factory in Kumira, Mostafa Kamal, 55, of Brahmanbaria, died as a pickup van hit him while he was crossing the road at Kumira in Sitalunda upazila yesterday.

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**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office in Cox's Bazar invites interested national organizations to submit concept notes for its 2018 Program in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh for following sectors:

- Primary Health Care
- Distribution of non-food items
- Child Protection
- Education program
- Community Mobilization, Self-Reliance and Livelihoods
- Reducing Risk of SGBV and Improving Quality of Response
- Maintaining access to safe water and sanitation
- Safe, Adequate and Appropriate Shelter
- Site Development and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- Comprehensive nutrition project

This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) is open to only national NGOs who wish to participate in UNHCR's operation in the above mentioned sector areas in 2018, participating in achieving common goals and objectives. **Note that existing UNHCR partners do not have to participate in this call for expression.** Based on the concept notes received, UNHCR will select the most suitable and capable national partner for the relevant sectors and areas.

The interested organizations are invited to collect details for the EOI and templates by requesting through the mail at [bgdcoprg@unhcr.org](mailto:bgdcoprg@unhcr.org). The deadline for submission of concept note is **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**.

UNHCR reserves the right to reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reasons thereof.

### Nahid

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director of Nari Unnayan Shakti; and Saleha Kader, principal of Cherry Blossoms International School Dhaka.

Earlier in the day, the minister inaugurated the two-day congress, where several ministers, education-alists and social activists took part, said the release.

The award authorities nominated Nahid in May this year citing his contribution to the Bangladesh's education sector, it said.

Speaking at the ceremony, the minister said the country has progressed significantly in primary and secondary education.

On Friday, the ministry and its departments accorded a reception to Nahid for his achievement, the release added.

### Reps from writers

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storyteller Rakhil Raha, also the writers' unity president.

They also placed 14 proposals drawing attention of the cultural affairs ministry, Bangla Academy and the authorities concerned to ensure standard of the book fair.

The proposals include giving importance to all the writers irrespective of party and ideology and opening an independent cell at the fair to solve the issues of writers' honorarium.

They said the publishers, who sell books without any contract with writers, should not be allowed to set up stalls.

### Ensure

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means affordable housing, he clarified, adding that all stakeholders and mechanisms should be involved, and funds should be allocated to bring housing solutions for all.

It is more complex than what it is thought of, he added.

Salma A Shafi, urban specialist, Centre for Urban Studies, said bringing housing solutions for all demands more research; data on requirements of different income groups, availability of land and financing are also necessary.

Unplanned urbanisation in Bangladesh created a risky, vulnerable living condition in cities, while it should have been the other way round, said Khurshid Alam, assistant country director of United Nations Development Programme.

Since disasters like earthquake does not happen frequently, people tend to take the risks it involves very lightly, said the experts. And so making them aware is a huge and important task in dealing with such disasters, they underscored.

The speakers also stressed the importance of taking all people -- disabled, indigenous, elderly, children, women -- into consideration when the government takes up any development agenda.

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