

# DUSTY DHAKA



This road in the capital's Jurain area has turned into a dust bowl due to the ongoing construction work and digging of roads for installing utility ducts. Stretching upto Jatrabari, the dilapidated road remains covered in dust. People going about their daily business wearing masks have become a regular phenomenon there. Clockwise from top left, Vehicles ply the dusty road. An on-duty police official. Two youths head towards their destinations. A bus conductor. A youth covering his nose with a packet of bread. Even the person who sells the protection masks has to wear one to protect himself from the dust menace. The photos were taken on Friday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## 20 YRS OF CHT PEACE ACCORD Govts cool on its full execution Sultana Kamal tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Treaty is not being implemented fully due to a lack of interest of the successive governments, said former adviser to a caretaker government Sultana Kamal.

"Those who were supposed to implement the treaty didn't do so. It has become difficult to implement the accord due to a lack of political interest of the successive governments," she said. "Almost 20 years have passed since the treaty was inked. But still there is no significant achievement in its implementation," the rights activist told a discussion in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

The Association for Land Reform and Development and the International Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission jointly organised the programme marking 20 years of the CHT treaty.

Goutam Dewan, convener of Chittagong Hill Tracts Nagarik Committee, in the keynote paper said it is necessary to mention a specific timeline for implementation of the accord.

He also suggested holding Zila Parishad elections at three hill districts immediately. "Preparing a voter list of permanent residents in Chittagong Hill Tracts areas is also necessary in this regard," he added.

Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir said hill people are eagerly waiting for a complete implementation of the treaty.

National Human Rights Commission member Banchita Chakma, Bangladesh Adivasi Forum General Secretary Sanjeeb Drong, and ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda, also spoke.

On December 2, 1997, Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord was signed between the government and the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), an organisation of indigenous communities in the CHT.

## ENSURING BASIC RIGHTS OF HAOR CHILDREN Govt, NGOs should work hand in hand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Both the government and non-government organisations (NGOs) should work on a priority basis to meet basic needs like education and healthcare of the children living in Haor areas, said speakers at a dialogue in the capital yesterday.

They said the children in Haors get limited access to various fundamental rights and needs, comparing to the children of other areas.

Save the Children, JAAGO Foundation and The Daily Star organised the dialogue on "Our Deprived Children in the Thoughts of Youth: Policy Action to Overcome the Existing Difficulty" at Shilpakala Academy.

The event was organised under a programme called "Bridging the Gap" as part of the global "Every Last Child" campaign by Save the Children to ensure basic rights of marginalised and deprived children of Bangladesh.

A team of young volunteers visited two most disadvantaged areas -- a haor in Habiganj and a slum in Rayerbazar. They talked to children, learnt about their conditions. At the dialogue, they narrated their experience.

Zayem Bin Tajid, a volunteer, said, "Children in those areas have little access to education... and they do not get sufficient medical services."

"Children (in the haor area) have to go to school by boats... many of them are not even aware of water-borne diseases..." he added.

Speaking at the discussion, Md Mujibur Rahman, director general (DG) of Directorate of

Bangladesh Haor and Wetland Development, said at least 24 percent people live under poverty line in the country.

Of them, 18 percent are from Haor areas, he said, adding that most of these children do not have access to education and other facilities.

"NGOs need to work on primary education in Haor areas," he suggested, adding that the government is also trying to take different measures to help the people in the areas.

Emphasising the importance of cultural activities, Anjir Liton, director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy, said children living in the cities can participate in different cultural activities but those who are living in the remote areas cannot.

Underscoring the need for investing in children, Afrin Ara Begum, additional secretary (budget) of Finance Division in the Ministry of Finance, said none should be left behind, not even children, if the country wants to gain the status of a middle-income country.

Kazi Rowshan Akhter, DG of Department of Women Affairs, said a concerted effort is needed to ensure the rights of the deprived children in remote areas.

Dr Ishtiaq Mannan, deputy country director (programme operations) of Save the Children, called upon the youths to be vocal and work together to ensure the rights of the children.

Prof Abul Kalam Azad, DG of the Directorate General of Health Service, and SM Haroon-or-Rashid, DG of Bangladesh Television, also spoke.

## BNP casts doubt over Rohingya repatriation deal with Myanmar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday raised questions over the agreement signed by the government with Myanmar over sending Rohingyas back to their homeland.

"It is a good initiative that you [the government] signed a treaty with Myanmar quickly... What will we get from the agreement?" BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said at a programme in the capital marking 53rd birth anniversary of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman.

Fakhrul said, "The foreign minister [AH Mahmood Ali] has briefed today [yesterday] that those who have arrived here since 2016 will be repatriated to Myanmar. They didn't talk about the rest of the Rohingyas."

He also raised questions on signing treaty with Myanmar without involving the United Nations and different countries, which were mounting pressure on Myanmar for the violence unleashed against Rohingyas.

## NEWS IN brief

### Undergraduate math Olympiad held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shovon Sourav Datta, a student of applied mathematics department of Dhaka University won the 1st position in the 9th Dhaka South Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2017 held at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) yesterday, said a press release.

Bangladesh Mathematical Society and AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation organised the programme, hosted by the department of basic sciences and humanities of UAP.

Professor Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice chancellor of UAP, handed over crests and certificates to the first 10 winners who will join in the final round of National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2017 to be held next month. Some 76 participants from different universities of Dhaka South zone took part in the contest.

### Rotary distributes Tk 35cr interest-free loan among poor

CITY DESK

Rotary International, Bangladesh has so far given an interest free loan of Tk 35 crore to the poor people under its Combat Hunger Project, said speakers in a seminar in the capital on Friday.

Besides, training and necessary market information were also provided to the loan receivers to help them utilise the loan properly.

Dr Qazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmed, chairman, Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation, was the chief guest of the seminar presided by former district governor and chairman of the project Magfur Uddin Ahmed.

### British Council Book Reading contest winners awarded

CITY DESK

Green University Language Center (GULC) organised the prize giving ceremony of British Council Book Reading Competition at the university on Thursday.

Kirsty Crawford, programme director, Libraries Unlimited from British Council, Bangladesh attended the programme as the chief guest while Prof Md Fayyaz Khan, pro-vice chancellor of Green University, chaired the event held in the capital, said a press release.

A total of 632 students of the university received certificates and gifts. Deans and chairpersons of different departments along with the center director were also present.

### Muslim High School alumni reunion Dec 22

UNB, Dhaka

A reunion of alumni of Dhaka Government Muslim High school will be held on the school premises near Bahadur Shah Park in the old part of the city on December 22, said a press release on Saturday.

The alumni have been requested to register their names by November 30. The interested persons may contact Syed Mojumder Ali at 0191495469 to know details of the registration process.

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## Govt forced public servants to join rally

Alleges Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday alleged that the government is using the public servants for political purposes.

The government has committed a mistake by forcing the public servants to join the Suhrawardy Udayan rally marking the international recognition of the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, he said.

In a statement, issued on Tuesday, Cabinet Division asked all the public servants to join the rally. Terming it unlawful, Rizvi said public servants are not forced to join a political programme in any democratic country.

He was speaking at a human chain organised by Pirojpur Nationalist Forum in Dhaka in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital.



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### বিষয়ঃ ৩৭তম বিসিএস পরীক্ষা-২০১৬ এর লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উভীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা অনুষ্ঠান প্রসঙ্গে।

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ৩৭তম বিসিএস পরীক্ষা-২০১৬ এর লিখিত পরীক্ষায় বিসিএস-এর সাধারণ ক্যাডারের পদসমূহের জন্য উভীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা আগমী ২৯.১১.২০১৭ তারিখ হতে শুরু হবে। সাধারণ ক্যাডারের রেজিস্ট্রেশন নম্বর ০০০০০৯ হতে ০৬০৮৬১ পর্যন্ত প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষার বিস্তারিত সময়সূচি এবং নির্দেশাবলি সরকারি কর্ম কমিশনের ১৪.১১.২০১৭ তারিখের ৮০.০০.০০০০.২০০.০৬.১৫৫.১৭-৭৫৮ নং বিজ্ঞিপ্তি প্রকাশ করা হচ্ছে।

২. উক্তখন, প্রার্থীদের নামে ডাক্যোগে কেনে সাক্ষাত্কারপত্র ইন্সুল করা হবে না। কমিশন কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত উপরোক্ত প্রতিক্রিয়া নং ১ ও ২ নং অনুচ্ছেদে নির্দেশনামতে প্রার্থীদের কমিশনের ওয়েবসাইট

(www.bpsc.gov.bd) হতে সাক্ষাত্কারপত্র ডাউনলোড করে সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

৩. উক্তখনিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি কমিশনের ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশিত মৌখিক পরীক্ষার উপরোক্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেখার জন্য সহায়তাপ্রদ ভাউন্টি করে নির্দেশ করা হচ্ছে।

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