Justice demanded for Payel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Demanding road safety and capital punishment for the culprits behind the killing of North South University student Saidur Rahman Payel, teachers, students and guardians of Government Muslim High School formed a human chain in front of the school in Laldighi area yesterday.

Payel was found dead in Munshiganj on July 23, after he was thrown into a canal by employees of a Hanif Paribahan bus after being injured trying to board the bus after getting off on the highway.

Speakers at the human chain also demanded Tk 10 crore in compensation for Payel's family.

Students of City College, Government Mohsin College, JM Sen College and activists of Prajanma Bangladesh expressed solidarity with the human chain.



Students, teachers and guardians form a human chain in front of Government Muslim High School in Chittagong city yesterday, demanding justice for North South University student Saidur Rahman Payel.

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62pc of 11-15yr old

Dr Imtiaz, an associate professor of the department of women and gender studies at DU, said their SRHR education programme has been working towards preventing gender-based violence.

They have come up with initiatives such as an app, "Challenger Mamu", where a young person can anonymously ask questions regarding sex and sexuality. He said keeping the young population in mind, they also

arranged puppet and television shows focusing on sex education.

Over 10,000 boys and girls were beneficiaries of the initiatives.

As a result of the initiatives, boys' dependency on pornographic materials as a source of learning about SRHR decreased significantly, the study mentioned.

The initiatives also helped increase parents' awareness, it added.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, the chief guest at the programme, stressed the need for safe use of internet and cyber security.

Lawmaker Nahim Razzaq said children should be taught moral values and ethics at schools.

Sharmeela Rasool, chief technical adviser to UNDP's human rights programme, also spoke.

Matia for Bangladesh, Australia cooperation in agriculture

UNB, Dhaka

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday emphasised the need for exchanging genetic resources between Bangladesh and Australia for developing stress-tolerant varieties of crops. Addressing a workshop at

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (Barc), the minister welcomed a joint effort of Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and Bangladesh's Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) and National Agricultural Research System (Nars) in developing stress-tolerant varieties, particularly of pulses and oilseeds as Bangladesh is running deficit in their production.

KGF organised the workshop --"Promoting pulses, oilseeds, maize and other crops in stress-prone areas in Bangladesh".

The agriculture minister said, "Considering the recent development process of expansion of industries in the north, we need to develop agriculture in the south, which was once known as granary of Bangladesh. We need to develop sustainable production system with profitable farming options."

She said, "There is a scope for further productivity gain with genetic manipulation through increasing photosynthetic efficiency of major crops, which will require support of international science."

She also said the use of modern technologies like nanotechnology, GMO, hybrid, growing more crops with less input, conservation and precision agriculture, conserving soil health and natural resources have been given adequate attention in the recently formulated National Agricultural Policy 2018.

In a keynote presentation, Chief

Executive Officer of ACIAR Prof Andrew Campbell said, "Australia (through ACIAR) has been working in Bangladesh for over 20 years. This region is crucial for global food security and a high priority for ACIAR."

KGF Executive Director Dr Wais Kabir made the welcome remarks. Australian High Commissioner Julia

Niblett, ACIAR Regional Manager for South Asia Dr Protibha Singh also spoke with Barc Executive Chairman Dr Md Kabir Ikramul Haque in the

Course for journos on curbing extremism begins at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second professional certificate course for media professionals on "Preventing Violent Extremism" began on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS) of DU organised

the five-day programme on its premises in association with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). CGS Director Prof Imtiaz Ahmed and Associate

Professor of International Relations at Jahangirnagar University Shahab Enam Khan trained the participants on the first day.

A panel of experts will give academic training to the participants on combating violent extremism in the next sessions.

Top militant leader

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with the killing and he was not present at the place of occurrence. So, the remand should be cancelled, he added.

Dipan, 43, publisher of Jagriti Prokashani, was hacked to death at his office in Shahbagh on October 31, 2015. Later, his wife filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station accusing unknown persons.

Detectives have so far arrested three members of

Ansarullah Bangla Team. They confessed to their alleged involvement with the killing. Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime officials

arrested Abdullah from Chittagong Medical College Hospital on July 17 for his alleged involvement with the murders of blogger and writer Avijit Roy, Jagannath University student Nazim Uddin Samad, USAID staffer Xulhaz Mannan and his friend Mahbub Tonoy.

Abdullah was placed on a four-day remand in Xulhaz-Tonoy murder case. After completion of his remand on July 22, he confessed to his involvement in the double murder.

JOY: App to combat

children, while it will also work against criminals."

A total of 12 crore people in country use mobile phones now and such apps will definitely be useful for the users, she added.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy director Anjir Liton; Krishna Pada Roy, additional commissioner (Crime and Operations) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police; and Nasima Begum, secretary to Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, also spoke at the programme.

No scope for dialogue

About a recent speech of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on dialogue, Quader said, "If he gives any conditions, I'm not ready to call him."

Regarding the three city corporation polls -- Rajshahi,

Sylhet and Barishal, he said, "The polls will be held peacefully. I'm optimistic of winning in the three city polls." In reply to another question, he said, "How the next

general election will be held is a decided matter. It will be held under the Election Commission as per the constitution." Regarding the expansion of the grand alliance, Quader

said, "Our alliance might be expanded...There are many pro-liberation political parties who want to join us." "There are also many parties who want to take part in the

polls by forming separate alliances," he added.

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Ex-FAO rep praises ACC DG Munir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former FAO Representative in Bangladesh Mike Robson has appreciated Muhammad Munir Chowdhury, Director General (Admin) of Anti-Corruption Commission, for his relentless combat fo good governance and against corruption, environmental pollution and human rights violations.

"He has proved his dedication for improvement of governance, reducing corruption and eased civic life by conducting stringent enforcement drives in port and energy sector, enviorment, land and dairy and food safety sectors," said Mike in a letter signed by him. He is now Plant Protection and Production Officer at FAO in Italy.

Since joining as ACC's DG, Munir Chowdhury has taken various steps to reduce corruption in the Commission, and introduced drives at serviceoriented government offices to control graft and lessen public harassment.

Rab seeks authority

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the home secretary said the new narcotics law is on the cards, and they will try to include random tests in the draft of the law. One of the points in the action plan is drug tests for all

government and non-government jobs. The secretary said they are also thinking of implementing drug tests during admission at different educational institutes. The Rab DG also proposed setting up of special courts in all 64 districts with retired judges and govern-

ment officials, to dispose of drug-related cases and ensure judgement of the accused who have already been arrested in connection with drug cases. About appointing retired judges, he said it would be a timeconsuming matter if they want to appoint new magis-The government should establish an isolated jail where all prisoners of drug-related cases will be kept so

that they can be rehabilitated easily after release, he further proposed. The Rab chief suggested finding out an island in Bay of Bengal or a vacant place for establishing the jail. There is a capacity to keep 36,614 prisoners in 68 jails

across the country, but currently there are nearly 90,000 inmates in the jails. Of them, 44 percent are drug-related prisoners, Farid Uddin said while addressing the workshop. The nationwide anti-narcotics drive will continue, the

secretary added. DNC Director General Jamal Uddin Ahmed presided

over the workshop. He said they have arrested around 13,000 people in 12,000 narcotics cases in last one year. "We are running our activities with a limited manpower but trying to improve our operation everyday by implementing different initiatives," he said.

The home secretary said a proposal has been sent to increase the manpower of DNC from its current 650 to 6,700, and expressed hopes that it will be approved soon.

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Girls' schools should have

schools, as per the government's directives. "But, the activities of Girl Guides in schools are not up to the mark. But once it was there. I saw that in my childhood."

Hasina directed the education minister, primary and mass education minister and officials of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association and Bangladesh Scouts to build girl guides team in every school. "I think all girls' schools should have units of Girl Guides," she said.

She said the government has directed the officials to expand scouting in the country, and they have taken steps to this end.

The premier mentioned that there are 10 zones of Girl Guides. In some places,

the activities are going on in rented offices while some have own places but no offices.

"I think offices should be constructed there. We've constructed a 10-storey building in Dhaka. If offices are set up in zonal areas, the activities of Girl Guides will further be expanded."

Earlier, Hasina inaugurated a 10-storey building of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association on Bailey Road in Dhaka and Shatabdi Bhaban of Bangladesh Scouts at Kakrail from the same venue.

She also laid the foundation stone of some other development projects at various places relating to scouting and Girl

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