Workers fall sick inhaling toxic gas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 13 workers fell sick after inhaling toxic gas at Carriage and Wagon Workshop of Bangladesh Railway at Pahartali in Chattogram yesterday. They were admitted to Bangladesh Railway Hospital in CRB

area. Later, eight of them were transferred to the burn unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital, informed Md Sohel, stenographer to the divisional medical officer of railway. FM Mohiuddin, divisional superintendent at the workshop, told The Daily Star that some workers were disman-

tling parts of a power car at the workshop's Carriage Heavy Repair shop around 10:30am. Suddenly, gas leaked out from a pipeline and a fire broke out, he added.

"Other workers rushed there with fire extinguishers. They too fell sick after inhaling toxic gas while dousing the blaze," he said.

Dr Rafiq Uddin Ahmed, assistant professor at CMCH burn unit, said the workers inhaled excessive carbon dioxide. "Though there is no sign of external burn injuries, patients are not out of danger yet. They are being given oxygen therapy and kept under observation," said the doctor.

Meanwhile, officials of Fire Service and Civil Defence alleged that the incident took place due to an unsafe work environment at the workshop. Moreover, the workers did not have any protective gear on while extinguishing the fire, said Jashim Uddin, deputy assistant director of the depart-

Asked, workshop superintendent Mohiuddin said they had provided necessary safety gears to the workers but they were reluctant to use those.



A railway worker undergoes treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

'Open fire if anyone tries to snatch ballots'

EC Rafiqul tells police in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Election Commissioner Rafiqul Islam yesterday directed law enforcers to open fire, if anyone tries to snatch ballot box in the upcoming phase of upazila polls.

"Law enforcers will have to take action if anyone tries to snatch ballot box. If necessary, they will open fire," he said.

The election commissioner made the remark while speaking as chief guest at a views-exchange meeting on law and order situation at the conference room of the district's deputy commissioner (DC) office.

The meeting was convened by district administration ahead of upcoming upazila parishad polls. Three upazils of the district - Rupganj, Araihazar and

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BU students protest VC's 'razakarer bachcha' remark

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Students of Barishal University (BU) protested the vice-chancellor's (VC) remark, calling them "razakarer bachcha", and boycotted classes to press home their fivepoint demand.

The demands included immediately holding BU student union election, issuing student identity cards, allowing students to take exams without fine in case of boycotting, increasing the number of buses, constructing footbridge on highway and withdrawal of remarks with apology from VC.

claimed that the VC arranged Independence Day programme on campus without inviting students, and after they protested this action, he called them razakarer bachcha on Tuesday.

Professor Dr Imamul Huq, vicechancellor of BU, denied the allegation. He said the students became agitated after the university hosted a lunch programme only for distinguished guests.

However, there was better food available at BU hostel and canteen, and other programmes were arranged by BU authorities with students' participation.

"Student union election was not included in the BU act, so we need an amendment for it," the VC explained.

Denying the allegation of calling all students "razakarer bachcha", the VC said, "How can I say that while sons and daughters Seeking anonymity, students of freedom fighters study in BU. I only said that if anyone tries to foil any programme on Independence Day, he or she would be razakarer bachcha."

> "A vested quarter is trying to create instability on BU campus to stop the renewal of my tenure as VC," he suspected.

fined Tk 10 lakh for polluting canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Department of Environment (DoE) in Chattogram yesterday fined a confectionery Tk 10 lakh, for discarding untreated effluents into a canal at Patiya upazila of Chattogram.

The fine was imposed on Fulkoli Sweets, after a hearing at DoE office in Khulshi.

Muktadir Hasan, assistant director of Chattogram DoE, told The Daily Star that the company was discharging untreated effluents into the nearby Sergeant Mohiuddin canal instead of using the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP).

More than 500 students of the adjacent Union Krishi High School were enduring this polluted environment, he said.

"DoE fined them Tk 10 lakh for harming the environment and ordered them to run the ETP,"he said.

MA Sabur, general manager of Fulkoli Sweets told The Daily Star that DoE fined them for not upgrading the ETP. However, he denied releasing effluents into the canal.

Ctg confectionery | Arable land must not be destroyed for dev: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Re-emphasising the need for formulating a master plan to protect arable land, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the authorities concerned to be more cautious when undertaking development projects.

"Be careful so that arable land is not destroyed in the course of development activities," she said.

The prime minister came up with the directive after the oath-taking ceremony of Panchagarh district council chairman at her office. Hasina said the develop-

ment of each district and upazila should be done as

per their demands and requirements, and re-emphasised formulating a master plan. While formulating the plan, the environmental issue should be kept in mind, she said. The PM also said mills, factories and other establishments will have to be built

while protecting the environment.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the oath-taking ceremony.

The prime minister administered the oath of office to newly-elected Panchagarh District Council Chairman Mohammad Anwar Sadat.

were present.

following the death of former chairman Md

Amanullah Bachchu on January 9 this year.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Md Tazul Islam, Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon, LGRD State Minister Swapan Bhattacharya, PM's Principal Secretary Md Najibur Rahman and PMO Secretary Sajjadul Hassan

The by-election to Panchagarh District Council was held on

February 28 in which Anwar Sadat was elected chairman. The post of the chairman fell vacant

American corner launched in Rajshahi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl Robert Miller inaugurated "American Corner" in Rajshahi yesterday. The corner was opened at

Varendra University, a private university in Rajshahi, featuring American books, magazines and newspapers.

The US ambassador said there are American corners in Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna and Sylhet; now Rajshahi has one too. Through it, students will be able to get information about the US easily.

The corner is mainly for students, but it will also be useful to people of all classes and professions.

Prof Dr M Saidur Rahman Khan, former Bangladesh high commissioner to the United Kingdom, also spoke at the programme.



Barishal University students boycott classes yesterday and demonstrate on campus against the VC's alleged derogatory remarks.

DIAZ MURDER

BCL leader Arman remanded

CU CORRESPONDENT

A Chattogram court yesterday placed Mohammad Arman, former organising secretary of Chittagong University (CU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), on a two-day remand in connection with BCL leader Diaz Irfan Chowdury murder case.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Mohammad Shahidullah Kaiser passed the order after investigation officer of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) produced Arman before the court with a five-day remand prayer, said Chatogram Court Inspector Bijan Kumar Barua.

On March 20, CID officials arrested the BCL leader from Chandgaon area in the port city.

On November 20, 2016, body of Diaz, then assistant secretary of BCL central committee, was found hanging from the ceiling of his room near Chittagong University.

His mother filed a murder case on November 24 against 20 persons, including then CU assistant proctor Anwar Hossain and then president of CU unit of BCL

Mohammad Alamgir Tipu.

WASH PROJECTS

Lack of data, evaluation slowing progress: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unavailability of data, absence of result-based evaluation and inadequate budget allocation in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector are slowing down the progress in ensuring sustainable man- Alam. agement of water and sanitation for all, speakers at a roundtable said vesterday.

To overcome this situation, they suggested an integrated budget for WASH sector with a focus on using surface water, to reduce pressure of groundwater.

Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the roundtable at CA Bhaban, in association with Water Aid Bangladesh and Unicef.

Speaking as chief guest, Shamsul Alam, a member of the General Economic Division of the planning commission, spoke on the current

scenario and government plan on

WASH sector.

"We are saying [we have ensured] improved water for 87 percent [of the population], but that excludes arsenic contamination... We are still lagging behind in South Asia," said Shamsul

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Mentioning that 79 percent of the water used in Bangladesh is underground water, he warned that it could bring "tremendous consequences". "The government has plans in

this regard... we are switching to surface water quickly," he added. Conducted by Sohrab Hossain,

associate editor of Prothom Alo, policymakers and experts from different government and nongovernment organisations participated in the discussion.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker SEE PAGE 4 COL 1



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার মেরিন ফিশারিজ একাডেমি



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