

Students visit Matarbari thermal power plant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of students from Matarbari High School recently visited the Matarbari coal-based thermal power plant.

Some 30 students went to the site on April 28 upon invitation from the construction company responsible for the project – Hyundai Engineering and Construction Company.

During the visit, the project officials briefed them about developments of the project as well as the future of the power

plant through a PowerPoint presentation.

Project Manager GY Lee said the company undertook the initiative to give students an idea about thermal power plants.

“In the last four months, at least 250 students of eight institutions visited the site and learnt about the power plant project,” he said.

Headmaster of Matarbari High School Md Reza Khan said the students were not aware of the project before, and were happy after visiting the site.



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RMG workers demand arrear payment

Demonstrate in front of BGMEA Bhaban

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More than one thousand workers of a garment factory in Chattogram city yesterday morning surrounded BGMEA Bhaban for two hours as the owners had suddenly closed the factory without paying outstanding salaries and other benefits.

The workers of Golden Horizon Limited Factory of Sunman Group of Companies at Nasirabad industrial area brought out a procession from the factory at 10am before demonstrating in front of BGMEA Bhaban.

Nazma Begum, general secretary of Golden Horizon Limited Workers Union, told The Daily Star that they have not been paid in the last two months, and owners put up a notice declaring the factory closed without paying due salaries.

“They made this declaration abruptly without consulting any of the 1,200 workers or paying the



The workers stage a sit-in before BGMEA Bhaban in Chattogram.

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outstanding salaries worth around Tk two crore,” she added.

Probir Chowdhury, officer-in-charge (OC) of Khulshi Police Station, said they communicated with BGMEA

and factory owners, and they are trying to get the authorities to solve the issue.

The Daily Star could not reach any official from the factory for comments despite repeated attempts.

Noted citizens

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Executive Director of Research Initiatives Bangladesh, Meghna Guhathakurta; and Prof Gitiara Nasreen of Dhaka University.

In another statement, Amrai Pari Paribarik Nirjaton Protirodh Jot also expressed their grave concern yesterday over the death threat against its chairperson Sultana Kamal.

The statement signed by its co-chairperson Shaheen Anam also demanded starting legal procedure against the persons who threatened the three noted personalities.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission and Sammilita Shamajik Andolon also protested the death threats and demanded exemplary punishment of those behind the threats.

Four-year-old

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train came under stone attack near Daulatpur station. Bayezid later succumbed to his injuries at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on June 11.

In a probe of the incident, railway authorities found a minor responsible for throwing the stone; he told the probing team he threw the stone while he was playing in the field, Ashim Kumar said.

Railway authorities then formed more than 20 groups of officials, railway police and staffers who conducted an awareness

campaign against stones thrown at trains from slums developed on both sides of railway tracks in both western and eastern zones of railway.

Following the month-long campaign, the incidents had come down, but are on the rise again, he said.

“Throwing stones at trains is a punishable offence, and can endanger safety of anyone in the train,” the railway official said. He said he would propose launching another phase of the campaign against the crime.

Land owner

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Following the incident, Sub-inspector of Banani Police Station Milton Dutt filed the case where he said that the accused showed utter negligence to human life and property by violating building construction rules, by not keeping safe exits, and not implementing fire safety measures.

“This led to the death of 26 people, the injury of over 100 others and the damage

of properties in adjacent buildings,” the statement read.

The two, along with Liakat Ali Khan alias Mukul, 57, chairman of Rupayan Group -- the builder company, leaders of the building management committee, and some unidentified persons were charged for the death of people due to negligence.

The accused committed the offences as part of their ill motive to make financial benefit, it stated.

Facilities still

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12 percent of them -- respectively in the madrasas and schools -- always remain absent from classes during menstruation because of the inadequate facilities.

Besides, over 57 percent female students in madrasas and 25 percent in schools sometimes skip classes for the same reason.

The study also found that most teachers at the institutions do not deliver proper lectures on the textbook chapters about sexual and reproductive health, due to uneasiness and social taboo.

A big fraction of the girls use cloth instead of sanitary napkins during menstruation. But social taboo on menstruation is so strong that none of them dare dry the clothes in direct sunlight at open space, which is a must, the report said.

To overcome the situation, the study suggested that the government ensure that all educational institutions in the country must provide proper toilet facilities for female students.

It also recommended authorities to distribute sanitary napkins to the institutions, so that students can avail those free of cost.

Speakers at the roundtable urged the government to increase budgetary allocation for sexual and reproductive health of adolescents.

Reviewing the study findings, Rokeya Kabir, executive director of BNPS, said the government cannot escape responsibility of such basic need of women, and it should increase budget in this sector.

“Bangladesh has made huge progress in many aspects. Despite that, why do girls have to remain absent from class due to lack of toilet and napkin facilities?” the noted rights activists added.

Addressing the discussion as chief guest, Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, director general at the Directorate General of Family Planning, said ensuring menstrual hygiene is not only a matter of cleanliness, it is also an issue for the overall health of women.

He said the government has almost no budget shortage right now, while foreign funds are available enough as well. Therefore, it is possible to increase the budgetary allocation for this sector.

Essay contest

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A jury of eminent writers will select the winners.

Prizes will be awarded in September, marking the birth anniversary of Ahmad. For online submission, send a Microsoft Word file using the font SutonnyMJ to abulmansurahmad@gmail.com. Address for physical submission is: Emran Mahfuz, coordinator, Abul Mansur Ahmad Essay Contest 2019, The Daily Star Centre, 64-65 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka 1215.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Support to Joydevpur-Debogram-Bhulta-Madanpur Road (Dhaka Bypass) PPP Project

Corrigendum

In the last para of the Advertisement “Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Independent Engineering (IE) Services for Upgrading of Joydevpur-Debogram-Bhulta-Madanpur (Dhaka Bypass) Road (N-105) into 4 Lanes Through Public Private Partnership” published in this newspaper on May 5, 2019 on Page 4, the advertiser's name has been wrongly printed as Md. Sobuj Uddin Kha. The correct name will be Md. Sobuj Uddin Khan and should be read as such. This inadvertent error is deeply regretted.

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USAID

FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Request for Concept Paper for “Local Works Bangladesh Activities”

The United States Agency for International Development, USAID/Bangladesh is seeking Concept Papers for Fixed Amount Agreement/s (FAA) from registered Bangladeshi non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for the program entitled “Local Works Bangladesh Activities”.

Interested Bangladeshi non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are requested to visit www.grants.gov for detailed information.

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Withdraw substandard food items within 24 hrs

Rights group serves legal notice

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A rights group yesterday served a legal notice to authorities concerned asking them to seize or withdraw substandard food products from markets in Bangladesh within 24 hours.

Conscious Consumers Society (CCS) served the notice, requesting the authorities to take legal action against those responsible for producing substandard food items which are harmful to health.

Barrister Shihab Uddin Khan sent the legal notice on behalf of CCS saying that Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) has reportedly found 18 substandard food items and directed 47 food manufacturers to give reason for violation of the relevant standard.

The items include mustard oil, drinking water, vermicelli, turmeric, chili and curry powder, salt, ghee, flour, noodles, and biscuits.

He also requested to take legal action against companies producing the substandard items within 24 hours.



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