



As buses, cars, and motorcycles alike rush through the busy Mohakhali rail crossing, pedestrians play a dangerous game of jaywalking perpendicularly across. The photo was taken yesterday.

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The reason medical care works is because of nursing'

Says Harvard Prof Goodman at Int'l Nurses Day event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is a growing need for skilled nurses for betterment of the country's health sector, said speakers at a programme yesterday.

They said nurses are an inseparable part of the sector as they play a significant role in providing health services to patients.

Marking International Nurses Day, AYAT College of Nursing & Health Sciences (ACNHS) organised the programme in Dhaka's Maniknagar Bishwa Road area. The institution also inaugurated classes of first-batch students, enrolled in a four-year BSc nursing course.

This year's Nurses Day theme is "Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit". According to WHO, nurses and midwives account for nearly 50 percent of health workforce.

Of the 43.5 million health workers in the world,

around 20.7 million are nurses and midwives, yet 50 percent of WHO member states report to have less than 3 nursing and midwifery personnel per 1,000 people.

For all countries to reach SDDs on health and wellbeing, WHO estimates the world needs an additional 9 million nurses and midwives by 2030.

At yesterday's event, National Professor Dr Shahla Khatun asked nurses to be role models by serving people in need.

Harvard University Professor Annekathryn Goodman, guest of honour at the event, said nurses are the ones who mainly take care of patients.

They communicate with physicians, and better understand condition of a patient as they spend more time with them than doctors, she said. "The reason medical care works is because of nursing," she added.

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RATNAGARBHA MA AWARD

35 mothers to be honoured today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty five mothers will receive the "Ratnagarbha Ma Award 2018" today, an award given to mothers whose children have become successful in their respective

Poet Asad Chowdhury has been chosen for the "My Dad Wonderful" award.

The awards will be conferred in a ceremony at Dhaka Club, organised by Azad Products Limited. The announcement was made in a press conference at Azad Products' office.

Abul Kalam Azad, managing director of Azad Products, said the award was introduced in 2003, to show respect to mothers and encourage them in educating children.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun will attend the ceremony as chief guest.

Bureaucrats to blame for failure of CHT accord

Says ex-NHRC chief Mizanur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Initiatives to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord 1997 have not been successful due to noncooperation from several unscrupulous bureaucrats, said former chairman of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

"I [as NHRC chairman] held a series of talks with CHT leaders, army officials and others; they welcomed my initiatives... There is context of full implementation of the treaty. [But] we have some trust issues with each other; some bureaucrats are liable for this," he added. Mizanur was addressing the publication ceremony of a

Problems and Solutions) by Mongol Kumar Chakma. Bangladesh Adivasi Forum organised the programme at the DVA auditorium in Dhanmondi.

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"If the nature of the problem is political, then the solution must be political; no economic or military solution is viable," he said about the solution of CHT problem, adding, "All other problems will be solved automatically if the land issue is solved."

"The situation in the hills is not good now; human rights are being violated there," said Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Adivasi Forum. "The problem of CHT should be seen through the eye of the hilly people."

"State and powerful people think the state become strong by snatching voting rights and making them [the general people] powerless. But the state is defeated if it dishonours its people," he added.

Poet and journalist Sohrab Hossain said, "The CHT peace accord is said to be implemented; but the land commission has not been implemented in 22 years of the accord. It's shocking." Dipayan Khisa, information and publicity secretary

of Adivasi Forum, presented the summery on the book while Purna Dewan presented the writer's profile at the programme.

3 held with fake notes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police claimed to have arrested three members of a currency counterfeiting gang and seized fake notes amounting around Tk 46 lakh from their possessions in Kamrangirchar area of Old Dhaka on Friday.

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The arrestees are Jibon, 28; Jamal Uddin, 32; and Babul, 24.

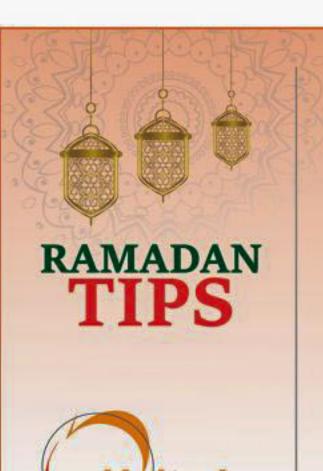
According to police, the forgers become active ahead of Eid, as a lot of money changes hands during the period for shopping.

Masudur Rahman, commissioner deputy (media) of DMP, said a book titled "Biborno Pahar: Parbotto Chattogram - Sangkat team of Detective Branch conducted the drive in East Rasulpur area around 5pm and arrested Sabuj and Jamal from a house. Fake notes of Tk 7 lakh were seized from them.

> Gleaning information from the duo, law enforcers raided a house in Islambagh of Chawkbazar around 7:30pm and arrested Babul with fake notes of Tk 38.68 lakh, he added.

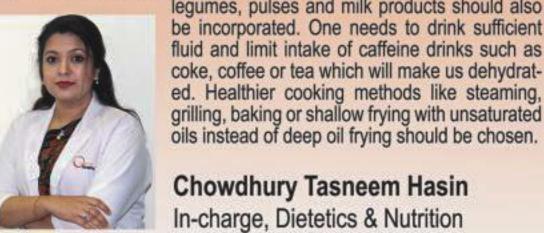
> A laptop, two printers and equipment for printing counterfeit notes were seized during the drives.

In primary interrogation, the arrestees said they used to circulate the notes in Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna and other districts. A case was filed with Kamrangirchar Police Station.



Fasting and Diet Plan

The Holy Ramadan is ideal to cultivate good dietary habits. In both sehri and iftar, complex carbohydrates like fruits, vegetables, brown rice & bread, chick peas and dates should be included. This will increase the feeling of fullness and prevent constipation. These longer-to-digest foods will sustain energy level longer. Proteins like lean meat, fish, eggs, legumes, pulses and milk products should also



coke, coffee or tea which will make us dehydrated. Healthier cooking methods like steaming, grilling, baking or shallow frying with unsaturated oils instead of deep oil frying should be chosen.

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DEV PROJECTS IN KALAPARA

30,000 families affected: report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 30,000 families were displaced and lost occupational opportunities due to land acquisition for ongoing development projects in Patuakhali's Kalapara, according to a fact-finding report of Life and Nature Safeguard Platform (LNSP).

In a separate report, the newly- 2 formed platform also said land 🚉 acquisition process for Matarbari coal power project in Cox's Bazar was flawed, and did not reflect the affected people's opinion properly.

at a dialogue on "Development policy and crisis of life and nature", arranged by LNSP at The Daily Star Centre. It was attended by green activists, rights

The reports were presented yesterday

activists, and affected people. The fact-finding report on Kalapara

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BYLC awards 6 alumni

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) yesterday

awarded six young leaders for their contribution to society. BYLC's second alumni award ceremony was held at the

Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the

Speaking as chief guest, Md Zahid Ahsan Russel, state

minister for youth and sports, said, "Over the past 10

years, BYLC has played an important role in equipping our

youth with important life skills and helping them become

In his remarks, BYLC President Ejaj Ahmad said,

"Through the alumni awards, we wanted to recognise

the potential of our alumni and showcase value of youth

The 2019 BYLC alumni award winners are Mohammad

Nakib, recipient of the Prime Minister's Gold Medal 2016,

for excellence in education; co-founder of Campaign

RED Rubina Akter for social impact; Lt Sumaiya Afreen of

Bangladesh Navy for professional excellence; photographer

Kazi Md Jahirul Islam and filmmaker Sadia Tabassum for

art and culture; and Abu Sayed Al Sagor, co-founder of BD

Assistant Limited, for entrepreneurship and innovation.

POWERING YOUR BUSINESS



Guests and participants of the dialogue at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

is based on visit of an LNSP team to the port, a navy base, and three coal-based upazila's three unions -- Champapur, Dhankhali and Lalua -- on January 27-28 this year.

the three unions have been acquired, while five percent of the upazila's total land have been acquired for 15 different projects including Payra sea

power plant projects.

These development projects have posed threat to hilsa sanctuary and It says that about half of total land in fish breeding, limited fishermen's and farmer's employment opportunities, and also posed threat to local environment and ecosystem, it says. SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

JUSTICE FOR TANIA

Nurses demand death for rapists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wednesday.

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Nurses yesterday threatened to go for tougher movement if rapists and killers of Shahinoor Akter Tania are not given capital punishment.

Demanding justice for Tania, leaders of Bangladesh Nurses' Association (BNA) formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club.

Speakers there said all those involved should be given exemplary punishment so that no one dares to repeat such brutality. Tania, a nurse of Ibn Sina Hospital's Kallyanpur branch,

night, when she was returning home in Kishoreganj's Katiadi. Autopsy found evidence that she was gang-raped and murdered, Kishoreganj's civil surgeon said on

was raped and murdered allegedly on a bus on Monday

Since the incident, different organisations have held protests across the country, seeking justice for the 24-year-

At yesterday's event, BNA President Kamal Hossen Patwary said they will go for tougher agitation programme if the perpetrators are not given highest punishment. Its General Secretary Asadujjaman Jewel said the

incident is a blow to the existence and dignity of nurses in the country. President of BNA Sir Salimullah Medical College

Hospital branch Jorina Khatun said, "We don't feel safe anywhere, not even at workplaces." Nurses and students from various nursing institutions

took part in the event. Participants also urged the authorities concerned to ensure workplace safety for nurses.



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