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Pragatishil Chhatra Jote yesterday brought out a torch rally on the Dhaka University campus demanding removal of gas price hike, and increasing education allocation to 25 percent in the national budget.

'State must look after youth' Speakers tell discussion on extremism

Speakers at a conference yesterday said the state has to take responsibility in ensuring that the youth of the nation are not derailing into extremism and militancy. For this, the state must look after youths that they are growing properly in family surroundings, with quality education and health support, they said. National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCAF) arranged the conference on "Preventing extremism through involving youths" at the auditorium of Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh. Addressing the conference, NGCAF President and governance campaigner Badiul Alam Majumder said whether youths will derail to the path of extremism largely depends on the state's actions. If required steps are not taken, youths may turn into a burden on the country, he said. Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam said vested groups -- which do

not want Bangladesh's prosperity -- are involved in influencing and derailing the youth into militancy. Mentality of accepting differing opinions has to be developed among youths since childhood, she said. Supreme Court lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua said many youths who remained outside the so-called educated group are more vulnerable to extremism. "What project [to look after the youths] has the state taken for them?" he questioned. Addressing the event as chief guest, Deputy Speaker of the parliament Fazle Rabbi Miah said youths were successful in earning the country's independence in 1971 as well as in other historic movements. If youths could succeed in the past, present-day youths should also overcome challenges, he said. Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights Co-chair Aroma Dutta also spoke. Some youths, who are beneficiaries of an ongoing NGCAF project "Sampreeti", supported by MJF, shared their learnings on extremism at the programme.

Muktijuddho Moncho demands Quader's apology

Muktijuddho Moncho -- a platform comprising descendants of freedom fighters -- yesterday continued their protest against Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader regarding his remark on membership of the party. They again demanded unconditional apology from the AL lawmaker, and threatened to make him retire from the party post otherwise, by staging countrywide protest. Speakers at the programme, in front of National Museum in Shahbagh, alleged that a reactionary faction of Awami League is trying to accommodate Jamaat-Shibir activists in the party by dropping devoted leaders. "Being the general secretary of a pro-liberation party, you [Obaidul Quader] cannot give such a speech which contradicts the party's ideology," said Al Mamun, general secretary of Muktijoddha Sangsad Santan Command's Dhaka University unit. "Offer unconditional apology and

'ONE HOUSE, ONE FARM' PROJECT Officials accuse authorities of 'recruitment business'

Officials of the government's "One House, One Farm" project yesterday demanded regularisation of their jobs at Palli Sanchay Bank, in line with law. In a press conference at Jatiya Press Club, they also raised allegations of irregularities of top officials of the bank in the recruitment process. Md Solyman, joint general secretary of the project's employees' union, said according to the act under which the bank was formed, officials of the "One House, One Farm" project should be appointed permanently at the Palli Sanchay Bank on a priority basis. "The bank authorities appointed new manpower through illegal recruitment business. They did not appoint us," he said. He said police has already arrested the bank's senior officer Tofail Ahmad for receiving Tk 44

lakh as bribe for appointments, but some others who are involved in this corruption are yet to be arrested. He demanded a circular for regularising jobs of those staffers of "One House, One Farm" project who were appointed before June 2016. "We have been working at the bank on temporary basis for three years without any salary," Solyman said. "If we do not get any circular in this regard immediately, we will announce tougher programmes," he said. He said the bank authorities recruited 149 senior officers, despite a stay order of the High Court about such appointments. Solyman urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to take necessary measures against this corruption. The Palli Sanchay Bank emerged from the government's One House, One Farm project, which is now named "My House, My Farm".

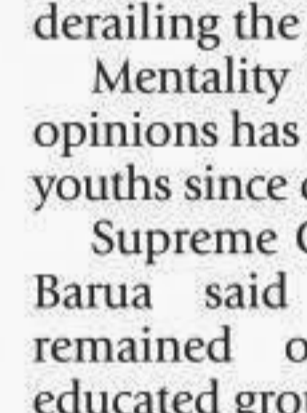
126 people killed by lightning in May-June: report

At least 126 people were killed by lightning strikes across Bangladesh in May and June this year, according to data compiled by a non-government organisation. "Save the Society and Thunderstorm Awareness Forum" said it gathered the data from at least 10 local and national newspapers, some online portals and television channels. The victims include 21 women, seven children and 98 men, the organisation said in a media statement yesterday. Most of them were killed while fishing or bringing cattle back home from the field. Some of the victims died while sleeping in houses made of corrugated tin-sheets, and standing under trees. Fifty-three people were also injured by lightning strikes during this period. The organisation highlighted climate change, decreasing the number of tall trees, installation of mobile phone towers, and global warming as reasons for the increase in lightning strikes. It said rising temperature will also lead to a higher number of lightning incidents.

Judges, lawyers should be well-versed in commercial laws: CJ

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain yesterday said judges and lawyers should have good idea about country's commercial laws and latest development. "Business is the main part of a democratic society, but commercial transactions do not get much encouragement in our country. Judges and lawyers should be well-versed in country's commercial laws and latest development. It is now necessary to introduce one-stop service immediately to develop business environment," he said. The chief justice said these while addressing a seminar titled "Commercial Legal Practices and Recent Developments in Bangladesh" at Supreme Court Judges' Sports Complex. Presided over by Supreme Court Special Committee for Judicial Reforms chairman Justice Muhammad Imman Ali, the seminar was also addressed by UNDP Bangladesh Resident Representative Sudipto Mukerjee, among others. The chief justice said the country would concentrate on tackling challenges of commercial laws, trade arbitration and agreement. "It was always on demand to modernise or update laws on arbitration to resolve commercial disputes quickly, considering growing international trade activities. Bangladesh has formulated new arbitration law by revoking the old one," he added.

19th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Today is the 19th Death Anniversary of our beloved father Mr. Musharraf Hussain Chowdhury. He was a Vanguard soldier of language movement of 1952 and in recognition for this contribution he was awarded Ekushe Padok. He was also the former Managing Director of Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. The family members of late Musharraf Hussain Chowdhury have requested all his relatives, friends, former colleagues and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul. Rume, Jamee, Sadee, Shapna, Mitu, Neetu 07-07-2019

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CONVENTION
Rural Development Forum marking 40 years of Cirdap
Venue: Cirdap Auditorium, Topkhana Road
Time: 9am

DISCUSSION
Exploring the Realities of Adolescent Girls & Boys
Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali
Time: 10am

WORKSHOP
Rope craft for climbing
Venue: Peak69 Adventure Camp, Elephant Road
Time: 5:30pm

CONVENTION
Sunday Salsa Socials
Venue: Cuppa Coffee Lounge, Gulshan-2
Time: 7pm

Sharp rise in crime due to worsening law and order: Fakhrul

BNP yesterday alleged that incidents of killing, rape and other crimes have seen a sharp rise, due to a serious slide in law and order situation. "They [the government] has created an anarchic situation across the country. Law and order have collapsed; now we see people are being stabbed to death in broad daylight," said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir. Speaking at a human chain in front of Jatiya Press

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Talented young people have to lead the fight against drugs

IGP tells students

Terming drugs a major obstacle to building a healthy society, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mohammad Javed Patwary yesterday urged meritorious young people to come forward to lead the movement against it. Addressing a programme marking distribution of stipend among meritorious children of members of Bangladesh Police at PSC Convention Hall, the IGP said police have also declared a war on drugs. "The movement against drugs will have to be spread everywhere. Talented young people will have to come forward to lead this movement," he said. A total of 201 students who obtained GPA-5 in HSC and equivalent examinations as well as A Grade in three subjects in A-level exams in 2018 were given stipends at the event. The IGP gave away crests, certificates and cash among the recipients. Chiefs of police units in Dhaka, senior officers, guardians of students and their family members were present at the programme.

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