



Workers of Alif Apparels Ltd staged a sit-in yesterday at Mirpur Road in Shyamoli after they found the factory closed without prior notice. Traffic movement was stopped from 8am until 11am. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

ANTI-MOSQUITO DRIVE

Penal Code to be used if combing operation faces obstacle: Atiquel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Penal Code will be used to hand down punishment to any house owner who obstructs the “combing operation” to kill Aedes mosquitoes, said Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Atiquel Islam yesterday.

“From now on, if city corporation officials face any obstacle during the drive by any house owners or if they refuse to cooperate, then we will use Penal Code 1860,” said the mayor at a meeting organised by DNCC, to evaluate the recent mosquito-killing and cleanliness drives, at Spectra Convention Centre in Gulshan-1.

Ward councillors of DNCC attended the meeting.

Presiding over the programme, Atiquel said, “Our officials faced obstructions during recent drives. We had to wait 45



LGD Secretary Helal Uddin, LGRD Minister Md Tazul Islam and DNCC Mayor Atiquel Islam at the event.

minutes to get inside a building.”

Some homeowners even did not let them use lifts, saying their lift was out of order, he said sharing experience of a recent drive.

Emphasising responsibilities of the citizens and ward councillors, the mayor said the drive should continue round the year to keep mosquitoes in check.

A magistrate of DNCC said clause 187, 269 and 270 of the Penal Code can be used to hand out jail sentences and fines for not cooperating with a public servant, or for negligent or malignant “act likely to cause infection of disease”.

Speaking as a chief guest, Local Government and Rural Development Minister Md Tazul Islam said, “We will cooperate to fight against Aedes mosquitoes. We request councillors to play an active role.”

He also said Aedes mosquitoes have become a menace across Asia now, and the government is trying their best to control it.

DNCC Secretary Rabindra Sri Barua was also present at the programme.

Make technical courses must at secondary schools

JS body recommends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended for making technical courses mandatory at all secondary schools.

“We have recommended for making technical courses mandatory for all students sixth grade to tenth grade at all general stream secondary schools,” committee member Fazle Hossain Badsha told The Daily Star after a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

He said they made the recommendation with a target of developing skilled and efficient human resources for the country.

Badsh added that the committee also instructed authorities concerned to increase their monitoring on educational institutions, about completion of syllabus in due time.

At the meeting, the committee also held detailed discussion on International Mother Language Institute Bill-2019.

Standing committee chairman Afsarul Ameen presided over the meeting, that was also attended by its members -- state minister for education Mohiubul Hasan

Chowdhury, lawmakers AKM Shajahan Kamal, Abdus Sobhan Miah, and Golam Kibria Tipu.

Mohiubul Hasan Chowdhury said introduction of mandatory technical courses at all general-stream secondary schools was an education ministry plan which is under implementation.

“After discussion on our plan, the committee supported it,” he added.

Education ministry officials said the government has plans to expand technical and vocational education at all schools and madrasas.

To this end, the education ministry is set to introduce Secondary School Certificate (vocational) at 640 schools and madrasas from next year.

It is also planning to introduce a compulsory technical course for students of sixth grade at all 30,000 schools and madrasas from 2021, top officials of Technical and Madrasa Education Division (TMED) said.

They added that such courses will be offered to students up to eighth grade gradually in following years.

Parliament’s 4th session to begin on Sep 8

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fourth session of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad will begin at 5pm on September 8.

President Abdul Hamid called the session yesterday exercising the power bestowed upon him as per clause (1) of article 72 of the constitution, according to a press release of the parliament secretariat.

Before the House goes into session, the business advisory committee of the Jatiya Sangsad is scheduled to hold a meeting at parliament with Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair to fix the duration and businesses of the upcoming session.

Duration of the fourth session is likely to be short, sources at the parliament secretariat told The Daily Star.



Visitors go through photos displayed at “One Click One Story Photography Festival” organised by Photographers Club Bangladesh at Drik Gallery yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

HEALTH HACK

It's time to return to a regular diet after the red meat extravaganza during the holidays. Here's how you can do it:

1. Make use of seasonal fruits and vegetables in cooking or eat them as snacks and salads.
2. Cook meat in a different way for a change. Grill or oven-bake some chicken.
3. Keep your digestion system in check. Eat foods that are rich in fibre and make sure you drink lots of water.

DHAKA TODAY

LECTURE
In Memory of Bangabandhu
Venue: Shilpakala Academy
Time: 4pm

EXHIBITION
Evergreens Bonsai Society 2nd Annual Bonsai Exhibition
Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
Time: 3pm-8pm

MEMORIAL PROGRAMME
Shotoborsher Pothe Bangabandhu
Venue: National Auditorium, Gallery 5, Shilpakala Academy
Time: 12pm-8pm

THEATRE
Desire Under the Elms
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Time: 6:30pm

SEMINAR
Deradicalization of Youth Among Displaced Children
Organiser: Young
Venue: House 8, Dhanmondi 4/A
Time: 5pm

BEAUTY WORKSHOP
Blow Drying
Organiser: Sheba.xyz Beauty
Venue: DevoTech Technology Park Level 6, House 11, Road 113/A, Gulshan 2
Time: 10am

THEATRE
Domer Madar
Troupe: Natyam Repertory
Venue: Experimental Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: 7pm

DEATH OF LAWYER IN PANCHAGARH JAIL HOSPITAL No proof of murder but probe report finds mismanagement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The judicial committee formed to inquire into the death of Advocate Palash Kumar Roy in Panchagarh Prison Hospital has not found any proof of murder but has noticed some mismanagement and irregularities in the hospital.

Palash -- a lawyer of Dhaka Bar Association -- who was in Panchagarh jail in connection with a defamation case, allegedly set himself on fire on April 26 at the prison hospital. He died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital's burn unit on April 30.

The judicial committee formed by the High Court in May this year has handed over its probe report to the HC last month through its registrar's office, and the report was produced before the HC during hearing of a writ petition yesterday.

After going through the probe report, the HC bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Md Badruzzaman said “apparently,

this is a case of suicide” and asked the office concerned to send the probe report to the home secretary and inspector general of prisons.

The bench also ordered the home secretary and inspector general of prisons to submit their statements over the probe report to the court by October 15.

Earlier in the day, writ petitioner Barrister Syed Sayedul Haque Suman read out from some parts of the probe report saying that there was unabated use of gas lighters in Panchagarh prison, there was no fire extinguisher, close circuit television (CCTV) camera and jail superintendent, a diploma nurse was discharging the duties of a doctor and a murder case accused was working at the surgical department of the prison hospital.

The writ petitioner also said it took 24 hours, after Palash Roy set himself on fire, to arrange his treatment.

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BIRTH CENTENARY OF BANGABANDHU Celebration fund to be spent under direct purchase method

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will spend the fund for the celebration of birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman under direct purchase method (DPM).

Cabinet committee on economic affairs yesterday approved a cabinet division proposal in this regard at a meeting chaired by Agriculture Minister Mohammad Abdur Razzaque in the secretariat.

Officials of cabinet division told The Daily Star that the government will celebrate the birth centenary of Father of the Nation at home and abroad, beginning from March 17, 2020 for next one year.

For this, the National Implementation Committee for the Centennial Birth Anniversary Celebration will spend necessary funds to arrange various events.

Government has allocated Tk 100 crore in this fiscal's budget for the celebration.

The implementation committee will appoint an event management firm to organise the events.

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