

IRONIC... Although these placards were meant to generate awareness on keeping the environment clean to prevent dengue, they ended up littering this spot near Jatiya Press Club. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Social accountability

FROM PAGE 3 Badiul Alam Majumder, country director of the Hunger Project Bangladesh, said there was no need to create parallel institutions for ensuring good governance at the local level. Rather, constitutionally mandated bodies should be made effective.

He also questioned the condition of the Union Parishad being self-reliant in terms of resources and funds. Government funds should benefit all, reaching the grassroots, he said. The study cited that though the government had

established the institutions, it did not allocate central funding for their operations. There is also a lack of awareness among people. While

UP members pay more attention to the opinions of influential people, the marginalised believe they don't have the right to hold UP members accountable.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said it was important to challenge the longperceived notion that those who provide services are more powerful and those who receive them are less powerful.

It is the service providers' responsibility to give services and people's right to receive them, she added.

Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of Campaign for Popular Education, said citizens' engagement was necessary to ensure proper services.

The main obstacle to turning Union Parishad effective, as per the study, is that UP members are less likely to be competent, committed and representative of the community, which the minister acknowledged.

Minister Tazul Islam sought support from civil society members, NGOs and researchers to formulate guidelines on how to address the issues and ensure good governance at the UP level.

Mirza M Hassan, senior research fellow and head of governance and politics cluster at the BIGD, presented the study. He also spearheaded the study.

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Youths

Bangladesh; Abed Khan, editor, the Daily Jagoron; Rubana Haque, president, BGMEA; Tropa Majumdar, director and head of Expressions Social; Apon Ahsan, CBO, Expressions Ltd; Mohit Kamal, renowned psychiatrist and author; Abdul Mannan, DC, Counter Terrorism Unit, Bangladesh Police; Sadia Afrin, director, Leaping Boundaries; Maulana Zakir Hossain, trainer, Imam Training Academy; and Muhammad Ferdous of Brac Community Development for Peace, were present at the seminar.

Govt needs to be creative

explaining how Bangladesh succeeded in obliging Myanmar to take back Rohingyas during two major influxes in 1978 and 1992. Zafrullah also recommended alternative options to make Myanmar take back Rohingyas, and criticised the role of India in the crisis.

"India has misled us more: they say they are beside us; on the other hand, they have remained absent at all resolution meetings of the UN."

About a grand rally organised by Rohingya refugees earlier this week, he said, "The foreign minister preemptively said he knows nothing... But it [holding rally] is not a problem; they [Rohingyas] haven't said anything against Bangladesh.'

He also suggested the government give importance on support from Muslim countries including Turkey, Malaysia and

Association leads the delegation. The other members are Thatiama Kabir and Kazi Sharwar Habib from Japan; Mohammed Yaseen Chowdhury, Engineer Ashraf Ur

Sazzad Hossain from Singapore.

says a press release.

(FOBANA) in New York, USA.

CITY DESK

NRB-CIP team to join

A 10-member delegation of NRB-CIP Association, leading

organisation of Bangladeshi expatriates, will join the 33rd

conference of Bangladeshi Association in North America

participate in the three-day event -- to be held from today

to September 1 at Arina Nassau Coliseum at Long Island,

Mahtabur Rahman Nasir, president of NRB-CIP

Rahman and Abul Kalam Azad from Oman; MR Khan

Shaheen from Hong Kong; Kazi Shah Alam June from

Sweden; Abdul Aziz Khan from Qatar; and Dr Mohammed

More than 10,000 Bangladeshi expatiates

FOBANA conference

Indonesia. Presided over by Ambassador Humayun Kabir, acting president of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI); Prof Sadeka Halim and Prof Lailufar Yasmin of Dhaka University; and former ambassador Kazi Anwar Masud spoke in the programme. A number of former diplomats, academics,

attended the event. Ambassador Humayun Kabir said, "All [countries] are interested in investing in Myanmar and Myanmar is taking advantage of it. We are in the same situation and we should also use it." About the role of ASEAN, he said, "We should go to ASEAN...

NGO representatives, and students

[Because,] ASEAN influences Myanmar a lot." Fahmida Khatun, executive director of Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD) discussed the economic background of the Rohingya

Syndicate approves

Akhtaruzzaman told this newspaper they will take further

actions following the recommendations. DU Proctor AKM Golam Rabbani said they will send

letters to the students' permanent addresses, hall offices and respective departments to let them know about the suspension. On June 23, Criminal Investigation Department of

police pressed charges against 125 people, including 87 DU students, under the Public Examinations Act and the Information and Communication Technology Act. Three days later, a Dhaka court issued arrest warrants

for 78 of the 125 accused in a case filed over their alleged involvement in question paper leak of DU "Gha" unit admission test in 2017. The CID had arrested 47 of the 125 suspects, including

the alleged mastermind, Alip Kumar Biswas, a suspended assistant director of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan, at different times.

Most of them are now out on bail.

Three more

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the court, a three-member medical board led by him performed the postmortems of 26 people in connection with the Holey Artisan Café attack on July 3, 2016.

"Besides, I conducted the autopsies of AC Robiul Karim [of DB] and OC Salauddin Khan [of Banani Police Station] on July 2, and a man named Shawon on July 9," he said. Robiul and Salauddin

Khan died after splinters hit them, Sohel said. Eight accused, now

in jail, were produced before the tribunal during yesterday's hearing.

Nupur returns home

FROM PAGE 5 and they charged Tk 2.5 lakh to Tk 3

lakh for each, said Dr Sium, an assistant professor at NICVD. Dr Sium said NICVD would operate this kind of surgery regularly as the essential

equipment are available at the hospital. "We'll also train other surgeons in this regard," he said. He extended his sincere thanks to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for allocating

special budget to NICVD for importing the instruments. About the initiative, Dr Sium said they had planned to introduce the surgery at

NICVD about one-and-a-half years ago. "There were some issues, including funding and approval from higher authorities, which needed to be addressed.

failed recently. He

general Mirza Fakhrul

Islam Alamgir and the

are allegedly involved

in conspiracy over the

Rohingya issue.

referring to BNP.

international NGOs which

After failing to gain any

safety movement, they have

political interest through

chosen this issue, he said,

Terming his party a

"defender of democratic

values", Quader blamed

BNP for initiating toxic

politics in the country.

a wall between us by

through the August 21

grenade attack, though

national election," he

claimed.

their brutality.

the PM sat for a dialogue

with you centring the last

He said that BNP should

apologise to the nation for

With BMA president

in the chair, the discussion

Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin

was addressed, among

others, by the platform's

former secretary general

Chancellor Shahidullah

Sharfuddin Ahmed

"You [BNP] have built

assassinating the Father of

the Nation Bangabandhu

and raised this wall further

the anti-quota or road

The prime minister's directives in this regard made things easier for us. She encouraged us to go ahead and ensured all kinds of support," he said. About the risks involved and success

rate of a minimally invasive surgery, the

physician said, "It's a complicated surgery

as it's conducted through several tiny cuts. So surgeons need to be very careful about avoiding injuries. However, this surgery makes patients feel more comfortable during their recovery period." Dr Sium said a minimally invasive surgery is an advanced form of an open

heart surgery. "It is being practiced in many countries across the world for the last threefour years."

Dr Sium said they advised Nupur to come to the hospital again for follow-up.

Prof Syeda Nurjahan BNP trying FROM PAGE 3 FROM PAGE 5

prayers today. Prof Nurjahan was born on December 21, 1939 in suspected a connection Dhaka. After completing MBBS from Dhaka Medical between BNP secretary

> College, she obtained MRCOG and FRCOG degrees from London. She was a professor and head of gynaecology and obstetrics department at CMC. She retired as principal of CMC in 1997.

After her retirement, she served as the pro-vice chancellor of BGC Trust University and was the health affairs advisor of Chattogram City Corporation mayor during the tenure of late ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Her book "Clinical Guide to Obstetrics and Gynaecology" is a reference book at different medical colleges.

Bangladeshi project wins

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Palestinian Museum; Public Spaces Development Programme from the Republic of Tatarstan in Russian Federation; Alioune Diop University Teaching and Research Unit from Senegal, and Wasit Wetland Centre from the UAE.

The Aga Khan Award was established by His Highness the Aga Khan in 1977, said the press release. During the nomination process, more than 9,000 building projects

have been documented. Five projects located in Bangladesh have received the award in previous years.

Dhaka 5th least safe city

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Six cities in the Asia Pacific moved into the top 10 in the index this year. Besides Tokyo, Singapore, Osaka and Sydney, the others are Seoul (South Korea) in eighth place and Melbourne (Australia) in 10th.

Other cities on the list are are Washington DC (USA) in seventh and Copenhagen (Denmark) which tied with Seoul for eighth place.

A total of 10 new indicators were added this year, including the existence and speed of emergency services, the existence of a disaster plan and the ability to defend infrastructure against cyber-attacks, the report added.



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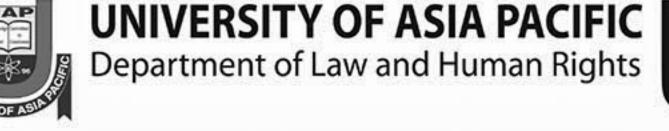
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