

# UN Day rally at NSU



City Desk

North South University (NSU) in association with the university's Model United Nations Club organised a rally marking "United Nations Day 2019" yesterday on its campus in the capital's Bashundhara R/A.

Benajir Ahmed, chairman of NSU's Board of Trustees, was the chief guest at the rally. Prof Ismail Hossain, vice chancellor (in-charge), presided over the programme, said a press release.

NSU Model UN Club, founded in 2013, has been dedicated to enlighten students about the

significance of the UN. Benajir Ahmed appreciated contribution of the UN to the establishment of world peace.

The Model UN Club will be organising "UN Day Celebration 2019" at the university.

This event will consist of a celebration rally and daylong information booth to provide students further details about the UN.

Among others, deans of different schools, directors of various departments, department heads, senior officials, faculty members and guardians were present during the event.

# Snakebite causes 6,000 deaths annually

## Venom vaccine to be available at upazilas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Zahid Maleque yesterday said the government is working to make venom vaccine available at upazila level hospitals all over the country to reduce deaths from snakebite.

"We have undertaken an initiative to make the antivenom available at district level. But we will have to take this to upazila-level because snakebite is more frequent there," he said at a seminar.

The Director General of Health Services (DGHS) and World Health Organization (WHO) Bangladesh jointly organised the seminar at InterContinental Dhaka.

Snakebite causes over 6,000 deaths and some 7,00,000 people get bitten by snakes annually in Bangladesh, said the minister, referring to statistics.

He said venom vaccines should be available at all hospitals so that patients can be treated efficiently.

Addressing as chief guest, he said snakes are entering rural households and posing threat to people's lives because of habitat loss amid unabated destruction of bushes and forests.

"The way we are killing snakes, there will be no snakebite in near future. The animal will become extinct," he said, adding that snake species are important for nature's balance.

WHO Bangladesh Representative Bardan Jung Rana stressed updating statistics related to snakebite casualties in the country.

The available data is old. However, it is still alarming, he said.

Former DGHS director general Prof MA Faiz said snakebite is widely "neglected" in Bangladesh because of lack of knowledge among people.

Referring to the government's target to reduce snakebite deaths by half within 2030, he said it is possible to achieve the goal by taking preventive measures, ensuring primary treatment of patients and providing them with the vaccine scientifically.

Health Services Division Secretary Ashadul Islam and DGHS Director General Abul Kalam Azad, spoke at the programme among others.

At the programme, the "National Guideline for Management of Snakebite 2019" was formally launched.

# 'Broadcast Act' will protect journalists' jobs

## Says Hasan Mahmud at discussion

Bss, Dhaka

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday said the government will work with broadcast journalists and workers to ensure legal protection of their jobs and other facilities.

"Let's work together to save the TV industry. The legal protection will be ensured if the Broadcast Act is passed," he said, addressing a meeting to discuss problems in the broadcast media.

Broadcast Journalist Centre (BJC) and Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) jointly organised the discussion with PIB Director General Zafar Wazed in the chair.

He said Awami League gave the first private TV licence in 1996. "Now around 34 private TV channels are on air while 44 channels got licences."

As the industry flourished, Hasan Mahmud said some problems were created, including the fall in advertisement and its rate in TV media. Now the industry needs combined efforts to sustain itself.

The minister said, "I'm working relentlessly for the betterment of the journalists after taking charge of the ministry. But I need all out support from all stakeholders. It's our responsibility to give protection to journalists as they are the mirror of society."

Hasan said, "After the digitalisation of this sector, the interest of the country's media and its employees will be ensured."

He said discipline has been established in the electronic media sector following different steps. The government will take actions if there is any irregularity. He also said airing Bangladeshi advertisements in foreign channels has been stopped.

Senior journalist Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, BFUI President Molla Jalal, DUJ General Secretary Sohail Haider Chowdhury, BJC trustees Mohammad Babu, Munni Shaha, Mamunur Rahman Khan and BJC Chairman Rezaun Haque Raza also spoke.

# Women held

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that she might have died from internal bleeding.

Victim's father Janu Mollah, an auto-rickshaw driver, said that Jannati started working for the family when Sayed Ahmed was posted in Bogura.

On Tuesday morning, he received a phone call from Jannati's employers, saying that his daughter was unwell and if he wanted to see her, he should come to Dhaka immediately, said Janu Mollah.

Jannati's employers have a seven-year-old son and they have two other domestic workers, said OC Biswas. "We are interrogating them," he said.

# PM in Baku for NAM

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The prime minister will be staying at Hilton Baku during her visit.

This morning, Sheikh Hasina will join the welcome ceremony of the 18th NAM Summit at Baku Congress Centre.

Along with other NAM leaders, the PM will attend the opening ceremony of the summit at the Plenary Hall of the congress centre.

She will later join the working luncheon for the heads of delegations at the Luncheon Hall of the centre, and the plenary session.

Hasina will attend the official reception to be hosted by Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev at Heydar Aliyev Centre. Tomorrow, she will join the plenary session, the working luncheon for the heads of delegation and the closing ceremony of the summit.

On the sidelines of the NAM Summit, the prime minister is expected to meet a number of heads of state or government, foreign ministry sources said.

Concluding her four-day visit to Azerbaijan, Hasina will depart Baku Heydar Aliyev International Airport for home by a special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines at 11am (local time) on Sunday.

The flight is scheduled to reach Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at 7:45pm (BST) the same day.

NAM was established in the midst of collapse of the colonial system and the emancipatory struggle of the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and other regions of the world, and at the height of the Cold War.

NAM has 120 member countries, 17 observer countries and 10 observer organisations. Its first summit was held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1961.

Azerbaijan, located at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and Western Asia and populated by 10 million people, is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country, where 96 percent of its citizens are Muslims.

# Samrat sent

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confined in jail until the investigation is completed.

Earlier on October 15, Samrat was placed on a total 10-day remand in the two cases filed with Ramna Police Station under arms and narcotics control acts.

Another IO, Sub-inspector Abdul Halim interrogated Samrat for five days in remand in the case filed under the narcotics control act.

On October 6, Rab members arrested Samrat, former president of Dhaka South Jubo League, and his close aide Enamul Haque Arman, former vice-president of the same unit, in Cumilla after raiding a house near Indian border.

Rab members at a press briefing said they had seized two torture devices, a pistol with five bullets, two hides of kangaroo, 1,160 yaba pills and 19 bottles of foreign liquor from there.

A Rab mobile court, led by Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam, sentenced Samrat to six months' imprisonment for possessing wild animal hides and another six months for possessing illegal liquor.

Rab filed the two cases against him with Ramna Police Station the next day.

# We want a normal

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On October 5, Geneva Camp residents blocked nearby Ghaznabi Road, protesting frequent load shedding.

Some outsiders took the opportunity -- vandalising shops and houses in the camp and police vehicles as well as looting valuables, they claimed.

Over 50 people, including 15 policemen, were injured as Geneva Camp residents and law enforcers clashed in Mohammadpur during the demonstration.

Police filed a case against 51 named and many unnamed persons with Mohammadpur Police Station after the incident.

Camp residents requested to remove the names of central leaders of SPGRC and general dwellers from the FIR to stop harassment and demanded arrest of the culprits who were involved with vandalism.

Meanwhile, refuting allegations, police said they are only arresting people with specific charges.

Urdu-speaking people had migrated to the then East Pakistan from the Indian state of Bihar during the 1947 Partition. They have been living in the camp since the end of the 1971 Liberation War.

The camp, also known as "Bihari Camp", is a densely populated settlement of more than 40,000 people, where each family with eight to 10 members on average live in one room, and around 90 people share a latrine.

In a written statement, Harunur Rashid, one of the leaders of SPGRC, said that they have been enduring load shedding for around five to eight hours every day in the camp. Children suffered badly with their studies being hampered, as examinations are knocking at the door, he said.

Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) said the camp residents did not pay electricity bills worth Tk 33 crore, which were earlier provided by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

When asked about the electricity bill, SPGRC's general secretary Shawkhat Ali said they have national identity cards of Bangladesh but still live in squalor in the camp.

They said they would pay electricity and all other bills once they are rehabilitated. Citing media reports, they said the government has shown willingness to provide flats for Urdu-speaking people -- on monthly rent or installment basis. They said the amount is not reasonable considering their income. Instead of flats, they demanded land.

There are over five lakh Urdu-speaking people living in 70 camps across 13 districts.

# ACC sues UP chairman over stealing relief rice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued a union parishad chairman and three others in Pabna on charges of stealing relief materials.

They are Khandaker Md Atiar Hossain, chairman of Ataikula Union Parishad; Milon Hossain; Uzzal Hossain, the UP chairman's driver; and Rabiul Islam, a rice trader.

Mostafizur Rahman, deputy assistant director of ACC, filed the case.

According to the case statement, local administration seized 16 sacks of relief rice from Rabiul's shop on August 15.

The UNO concerned raided the UP office and seized 22 more sacks of rice. ACC later found that they kept the rice for sale.

ACC also sued a deed writer assistant and his wife for embezzling wealth worth Tk 48.63 lakh.

Shahidul Alam, assistant director of ACC in the district, filed the case against Jahid Hossain, a deed writer assistant at Ishwardi land registration office; and Asma Parvin, his wife.

# Decentralise

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Speaking as special guest, Prof Shamsul Alam, senior secretary of Bangladesh Planning Commission, said that the issue of climate change is being rightly addressed in the government's programmes.

Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, chairperson of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), stressed on efforts to reduce the rate of rural-urban migration.

# A museum waiting

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He admitted that the museum was not organised, but assured it will be once it is shifted.

"The space will be doubled there. Once the relocation is complete, we'll add more exhibits and work on popularising the museum," he added.

Except for Fridays, Postal Museum is open six days a week, from 9am to 4pm. It's also free to visit.

By the time these correspondents left the museum, it was almost closing time. As there were no other visitors, the old guard locked the door and bade farewell. "When you visit us next time, it will be at the new place and you'll enjoy it more," he said in a hopeful tone.

That optimism also lingered with these correspondents as we started climbing down the uneven stairs and started whistling the lines from Sukanta's immortal poem elegantly rendered by Hemanta -- "Runner chutchehe tai jhum jhum ghonta bajche raat e/ runner cholechhe khoborer bojha haat e..."

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