

ROHINGYA CRISIS

Speakers call for joint risk assessment in Cox’s Bazar

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a discussion in Cox’s Bazar emphasised on conducting a joint risk assessment in Cox’s Bazar, as locals affected by Rohingya crisis are not getting fair share of benefits of development programmes.

An effective and holistic development plan should be taken based on it, they told a meeting on Thursday, says a press release

COAST Trust and UNHCR jointly hosted the event, “Together for Better Rohingya Response until the Repatriation and Facilitating Development in Cox’s Bazar” .

Speakers called for making education the top priority in development planning, and ensuring participation of local civil society organisations (CSO) and union parishads (UP) at all levels.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury of COAST Trust and Abu Mushed Chowdhury of Cox’s Bazar CSO-NGO Forum moderated the discussion, where KM Abdus Salam, director general of the NGO Affairs Bureau, was present as the chief guest.

Barrister Manzoor Hasan of Center for Peace and Justice of Brac University; Shireen Haque of Naripokkho; disaster management experts Abdul Latif Khan and Nayem Gowhar Warha; Manuel Manoise Periera,

Cox’s Bazar chief at IOM; Hinako Talki, senior operations manager of UNHCR; and Jinnat Shahid Pinky, assistant commissioner of the district commissioner’s office, also took part in the discussion.

Salam said the NGO Affairs Bureau is trying to ensure coordination in programmes for Rohingyas and locals. “We should consider that a portion of the funds are earmarked for the local area,” he said.

Hinako Talki said UNHCR is implementing about 80 programmes in the area, and many are working on infrastructure development.

Latif Khan said instead of identifying the risks or problems separately, a joint risk assessment is needed.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said the government has nine mega projects in Cox’s Bazar including airport, railway, power plant and shelter. “Every effort must be made to keep Cox’s Bazar free from terrorism to ensure that there is no obstacle in implementing the projects,” he said.

Upazila chairmen and vice-chairmen, chairmen of union parishads, teachers, students, journalists, representatives of civil society, national and international NGOs and UN agencies, and in-charges of six camps also attended the programme.



Job-seekers continue their hunger strike unto death for the third consecutive day in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club. Their four-point demand centres around extending the minimum age for entering public sector jobs to 35. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Aminul Quader Khan passes away

CITY DESK



Aminul Quader Khan, deputy general manager of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, passed away in a road accident at Panchdona of Narsingdi on Wednesday.

He was 58, said a press release.

He was coming to Dhaka from his workplace in Sylhet.

Initially after the accident, he was severely wounded. He died while being taken to the capital.

Aminul left behind his wife and two daughters to mourn his death.



A group of women -- who travelled to Dhaka in hopes of getting winter clothes and blankets as donations -- take shelter on the pavement in front of Saudia Super Market in Farmgate, unable to find a roof over their head to save them from the biting cold. The photo was taken around midnight yesterday.

PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The parrot

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He said he bought the birds from Kataban and trained them for around five-six months. “We keep two; if one flies away or gets sick, we can use the other. We spend around Tk 25 a day on them. They mostly eat guava, banana and nuts.”

“It’s not the same anymore. Our expenditure has gone up, but not income. On an average, I make around Tk 400 per day,” he said.

Saiful tilted the umbrella to the right to make sure the birds stay under the shade. “I have five daughters; I got three of them married off already and sending the other two to school.”

Monirul chimed in, “We work hard, provide for our families and go back to them at the end of the day. What more could we ask for?”

Mithu seemed to agree as he started bobbing his head.

Five yaba couriers held

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Whenever a yaba consignment reached Cox’s Bazar from Myanmar, syndicate members used to send the drugs in small amounts.

“We are suspecting that the syndicates have at least 12 to 15 members,” said the AD, adding they are conducting drives to arrest the absconding members of the syndicates.

A case filed against the arrestee with Bhatara Police Station.

Meanwhile, a team of Rab-2 arrested four persons from Shonir Akhra yesterday evening, while they were carrying yaba pills hiding inside hilsha, said Muhammad Mohiuddin Faruque, superintendent of police of Rab-2.

The arrestees were identified as Abed Hossain (36), Mizan (29), Bappy (35) and Shahad (35). The elite force recovered 11,000 contraband pills, six cell phones, 12 SIM cards and one cork-sheet box for carrying fish from their possession.

A case was filed against the arrestees with Jatrabari Police Station.

A day with butterflies

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while Arunav Bruno of Sobujhbagh Govt College received the “Butterfly Young Enthusiast” award.

Convener of the fair Prof Monowar Hossain of Zoology department said, “We have been hosting this fair for the last 10 years, to promote the importance of butterflies in maintaining ecological balance. Its a great achievement for us.” The fair, which ended at 4:30pm, also included a photography competition, and documentaries on butterflies.

The theme of the fair was “Urle akashe projapoti, prakriti pai natun gati” (when butterflies fly, nature gets a new life).

STUDY IN INDIA

Seminar to be held at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A seminar for Dhaka University (DU) students aspiring for higher studies at Indian universities will be held at the auditorium of DU’s faculty of business studies at 3pm today.

The seminar, which is open for all DU students, will feature various topics, including scholarship and tuition fee waiver, a press release of Dhaka University Central Students’ Union (Ducusu) said yesterday.

The event will also help students with visa processing.

High Commission of India to Bangladesh, Ducusu and DU Career Club are organising the seminar, added the press release.

According to Ducusu members, they arranged the event to help DU students avail opportunities for higher studies smoothly.

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বাংলাদেশ রেড ক্রিসেন্ট সোসাইটির সহযোগী প্রতিষ্ঠান হলি ফ্যামিলি রেড ক্রিসেন্ট মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল এর নিম্নলিখিত পদে চুক্তিভিত্তিক নিয়োগের লক্ষে উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের নিকট থেকে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে :

১। **অধ্যক্ষ, হলি ফ্যামিলি রেড ক্রিসেন্ট মেডিকেল কলেজ।** প্রার্থী নির্বাচনে কলেজ পরিচালনায় প্রশাসনিক অভিজ্ঞতা এবং বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিলের নিয়মানুযায়ী শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসহ সকল রীতি অনুসরণ করা হবে। প্রার্থীকে মেডিকেল বিষয়ে পোস্ট গ্র্যাজুয়েশন ডিগ্রিধারী হতে হবে এবং সরকারী বা বেসরকারী মেডিকেল কলেজ এর অধ্যক্ষ/অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন হতে হবে। প্রার্থীর বয়স সীমা ০১ জানুয়ারি ২০২০ তারিখে ৬০ বৎসরের অধিক হওয়া যাবেনা। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীর সম্মানী ও ভাতাদি আলোচনা সাপেক্ষে নির্ধারণ করা হবে।

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অধিকতর যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে বয়স সীমা শিথিল যোগ্য হবে ৬৪ বৎসরের উর্ধ্ব নয়।

অগ্রহী প্রার্থীগণকে আগামী ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৯ তারিখের মধ্যে পূর্ণাঙ্গ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত সহ ০২ কপি সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ এবং জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি সহকারে ঢোয়ারমান, বাংলাদেশ রেড ক্রিসেন্ট সোসাইটি, ৬৮৪-৬৮৬, রেড ক্রিসেন্ট সড়ক, বড় মগবাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৭, বাংলাদেশ বরাবর আবেদন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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মহাসচিব
বাংলাদেশ রেড ক্রিসেন্ট সোসাইটি

DSCC, DNCC polls

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with the first meeting of the corporation.

The last polls to the two city corporations and Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) were held on April 28, 2015. But the first meeting of DNCC was held on May 14, while DSCC on May 17 and CCC on August 6 the same year.

So DSCC’s five-year tenure will expire on May 13, 2020, while that of DNCC on May 16 and CCC on August 5, 2020.

The EC is yet to take any decision regarding DSCC polls. Meanwhile, the boundaries of DSCC and DNCC have been extended with the incorporation of 36 new wards -- 18 in south and 18 in north -- after the last elections.

The DNCC mayoral post fell vacant following the death of Annisul Huq on November 30, 2017. The by-election was held on February 28 this year. Besides, the by-polls to councillor posts of the 36 new wards were held the same day.

But now the 48 councillors -- 36 general and 12 from reserved seats -- who were elected from the new wards want more time to serve as councillors. They also applied to the EC seeking extended time, arguing that a councillor is usually elected for a tenure of five years, said EC officials.

In this regard, the EC secretary said their argument is not logical as the five-year tenure is applicable for the city corporation and not for any mayor or councillor according to the law.

Referring to Article 6 of the Local Government (City Corporation) Act, 2009, he said, “The law states that the tenure of a corporation shall be five years from its first meeting after its formation.”

There are some 54 lakh voters in the capital’s two city corporations. Of them, 30.36 lakh are under 54 wards in DNCC and 23.67 lakh under 75 wards in DSCC.

In the upcoming elections, the number of possible polling stations will be 2,500 in the two cities.

The elections will be held in the mayoral post, 75 councillor posts and 25 reserved seats (exclusively for women) in DSCC and a mayoral post, 54 councillor posts and 18 reserved seats in DNCC.

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