

BBAOA elects new leaders

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Haji Md Rashed and Md Abul Hossain Khan have been elected president and general secretary respectively of Bangladesh Billboard Advertising Owners Association (BBAOA).

The election for the term of 2021-22 was held at its office at the capital's Purana Paltan area on Saturday, said a press release.

Golam Sarwar Qaiyum was elected senior vice-president, while Sohrab Uddin Khan and Babu Rampada Das were elected, vice-presidents.

Besides, FM Maruf Reza and MMA Kabir Sumon have been elected as joint secretary and organising secretary, respectively, in the 25-member executive committee.



Students of seven colleges affiliated with Dhaka University yesterday held a human chain and sit-in in front of the Raju Memorial Sculpture on DU campus, with three demands: scope for students who failed three exams to sit for exams again considering delays in result publishing due to Covid-19; shortening syllabus and changing the marking system considering the effects of the pandemic on education; and introduction of semester system.

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Another boat sinks in Karnaphuli

Youth dies, another missing after Coast Guard rescue 14 people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth died and another remained missing after a passenger boat capsized at Ghat No-12 of the river Karnaphuli in Patenga of Chattogram yesterday morning.

Lt Commander Habibur Rahman, staff officer of Bangladesh Coast Guard (east zone) told The Daily Star, "After the incident, a coastguard team rescued 14 instantly, out of 15 passengers. With injuries, three people were sent to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where one of them was declared dead."

"The accident took place around 8:45am when a wooden engine-driven boat was crossing the river from Patenga Ghat No-12 to Anwara," he said.

The deceased was identified as Saikat Barua (28), son of Prashanta Barua, a resident of Shah Mirpur in Karnaphuli upazila, he said.

A garment worker, Fahim Al Faruk Ovi (22), remained missing till filing of this report yesterday.

The injured -- Salauddin (40) and Ibrahim (25) -- were undergoing treatment at CMCH, said Habibur Rahman.

'Use Bangla in agri practices'

Speakers urge at training

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The names of agricultural products and rules of their usage should in Bangla in order to achieve food security and sustainable development goal, and to motivate marginal farmers to use agricultural innovations effectively, said speakers at a programme in Khulna on Monday.

The programme "Knowledge Sharing & Capacity building on Agricultural Media

Reporting" was organised by Farming Future Bangladesh (FFB).

It was held with support of Cornell Alliance for Science, with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Some 25 journalists were present at the daylong training programme that focused on effective reporting on tech-smart agricultural innovations. Biosafety, GMO, modern agricultural practices were discussed during the session.

Zero Waste

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to energy) and landfills to handle the majority of the waste stream, resulting in higher economic costs and environmental consequences.

ESDO, a leading organisation for environmental sustainability in the country, has an initiative to build a "zero waste community" in Dhaka.

At least 150 households have already started zero waste community-building practice in Lalmatia, leading to a 40-60 percent reduction of kitchen waste, which has been turned into organic compost, said Dr Shahriar Hossain, secretary general at ESDO.

"Zero waste systems not only create more jobs, they create better jobs. Studies show that jobs in zero waste go beyond basic manual labour, provide higher wages, offer more permanent positions and improve quality of life. This trend will only increase in the region as zero waste systems become stronger," he said.

ESDO is working in a participatory approach with the waste collectors of city corporation. Already, ESDO's initiative has created job opportunities for 60 waste collectors, and the organisation plans to train them on how to collect waste safely in the proper way, he added.

In a press release, report co-author Dr. Neil Tangri, science and policy director at GAIA, states, "With the world still reeling from the pandemic, job creation is a top priority. Zero waste offers a strategy to create good jobs and reduce pollution, without breaking the bank. It's a triple win for the economy, the environment, and the city."

Atiqul Islam, mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation said, "About 2500-3000 tons of waste is generated every day in the DNCC area. This waste can be used to produce electricity, bio-gas, and other valuable resources. DNCC will always stand beside those who are working to turn waste into an asset."

"The landfills of Dhaka city have already reached its saturation point. This project will benefit Dhaka city as waste will not reach landfills anymore," he said.

DSCC relocating

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Islam was contacted about the details of the neutering project shortly after, he said, "Please talk to the PRO. I don't know details about it. It is still in planning stage. I will not say anything on this."

When asked if they neutered any dogs recently, he said they did so in the past when they had a programme, but nothing recently. Pressed further, he said, "I cannot speak about this. There are restrictions to talk about it."

Contacted again about the veterinary officer's denial of neutering any dogs, the DSCC spokesperson said, "I told you what I found out officially. I even spoke to him. I don't know why he said that."

Asked, Attorney General AM Amin Uddin told The Daily Star that he made the promise to the HC upon assurance from DSCC. "They [DSCC] had promised me [to not relocate dogs]. I don't know what has happened now or why they did it."

After the November 23 hearing, petitioner's lawyer Barrister Saqeb Mahbub had said that the petition could be moved again before the HC if DSCC did not keep their commitment.

Rakibul Haq Emil, founder of People for Animal Welfare Foundation and one of the petitioners, said, "We were assured by the attorney general, the highest law officer of the state. The mayor has also hinted in a recent interview with Prothom Alo that he wants to move towards a scientific solution to the issue. And there should be no hindrance as the department of livestock, health ministry and us activists are all ready to cooperate."

"However, if dogs are indeed being relocated, we must question if the mayor is aware of this. It is a question of the mayor and attorney general's reputation. And if the situation is like last year again, then as citizens, our last resort is the court," Emil told The Daily Star.

Bangabandhu Tunnel

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highway, improve communication between both sides of Karnaphuli river, and lessen the pressure of traffic on the two existing bridges over the river.

He, however, said to get the tunnel's full benefit, the road from Banshkhali upazila in Chattogram to Chakaria in Cox's Bazar would have to be expanded.

Echoing the same, architect Zarina Hossain, general secretary of Forum for Planned Chattogram, said there should be facilities for movement of huge traffic on both sides of the river; otherwise the expensive tunnel would remain underutilised.

Padma

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it would connect Mongla port; under-construction Paura port; Benapole and Bhomra land ports; Kuakata and Sundarbans -- two major tourist spots; and thus economy of the country will thrive.

He said works for constructing roads and rail tracks over the double-decker bridge is also on going. Besides, gas line and submarine cable would cross the river through the bridge, he added.

Project Director Shafiqul Islam was present there, among others.

Construction of the bridge started in November 2014 to connect the country's southwestern region with the capital via road and rail at the cost of Tk 30,193 crore.

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