

**ACTION PLAN ON WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY**

# Ensure its proper implementation

Speakers tell virtual dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Participants at a virtual dialogue yesterday called for proper implementation of the national action plan on women, peace and security to ensure their empowerment and participation in peace-building process.

They said effective monitoring and institutional cooperation are imperative to implementing the action plan successfully.

Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS) with support from UN Women organised the dialogue on the topic "National Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security in Bangladesh". The Daily Star was media partner of the event.

Bangladesh formulated the national action plan on women, peace and security in 2019, as the country is a party of the UN Security Council Resolution-1325 of 2000, according to the dialogue's 'concept paper'.

The national action plan was formulated emphasising the need for women's leadership role in peace-building process, said gender specialist Toufiq Al Mannan.

The action plan can be divided into three parts based on its three pillars -- 'prevention', 'participation', and 'protection, relief and recovery', he said, while presenting a paper.

Mannan said the prevention aspect emphasised on addressing sexual and gender-based violence and their remedy. Participation refers to inclusion of women and their perspectives in decision-making processes related to prevention, management and resolution of "conflict".

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An artiste paints a mural themed on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic March 7 address and Liberation War at Barishal's Bangabandhu Auditorium. Barishal City Corporation organised the event marking the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

# Remove 74 illegal structures from Buriganga: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to remove 74 illegal structures from the land of Adi (second) channel of the river Buriganga at Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar in three months.

The deputy commissioner (DC) of Dhaka and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) were asked to follow the order in three months and submit a compliance report to the HC by June 26.

The HC also asked police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to provide all assistance to the DC and BIWTA in carrying out eviction drive.

The HC bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Justice Mohammed Ullah passed the order during hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) seeking necessary order.

Earlier in the day, Land Record and Survey Department submitted a survey report to the HC bench, saying that there are 74 unauthorised structures including buildings and tin-shed houses in the channel (original channel) of the Buriganga at Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar.

# Medical board prescribes tests for Kishore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After examining cartoonist Ahmed Kabir Kishore's health condition, medical board members of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) have suggested tests for his eyes and ears, as well as for other problems related to diabetes, Kishore's elder brother writer Ahsan Kabir told The Daily Star.

"The head of the medical board called yesterday (Wednesday) and asked us to go to DMCH principal's room around 10am today (yesterday). They gave some tests after examining Kishore's health," Ahsan Kabir said.

"We returned from the hospital around 1pm as it was crowded," he said, adding that the tests were postponed till either Saturday or Sunday.

"We have learned that since the court gave 24 hours to submit the probe report on Kishore's health, the medical board will apply for a time extension," Kabir added.

DMCH Director Brig Gen Md Nazmul Haque told reporters that medical board members have examined Kishore's health and that the report will be submitted to the court as soon as possible.

On March 16, the medical authorities formed the board as per HC directions issued through a letter on March 14. The HC also asked the director of DMCH to form a three-member medical board to examine the torture that Kishore suffered in custody from May 2 to May 4 last year.

On March 10, Kishore filed a case under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act-2013, seeking redress. He did not mention names of any law enforcement agency or officials. However, he chose to file charges against a group of unidentified people.

Kishore, who was prosecuted under the controversial Digital Security Act (DSA), languished in jail for around 10 months. He got out on bail on March 4. After his release, he revealed to the media how he was brutally tortured before he was arrested on paper for the case.

# CHATTOGRAM COLLEGE A bastion of the region's war efforts

ARUN BIKASH DEY, CTC

Right after Bangabandhu's historical March 7 speech, where he asked Bangladeshis to get ready for resistance, the teachers of Chattogram College held a meeting on March 9.

The meeting was chaired by its principal Abu Syrian. In his presence, the teachers expressed their solidarity with the freedom struggle.

From thereon, throughout the tumultuous month of March 1971, students and teachers of the college played a pivotal role in the Liberation War, from organising the people to active participation in the war.

On March 15, a rally was organised at Lalghighi Maidan in the city by Shilpi Sahityik Sangkritisebi Protirodh Sangha. At the rally, Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, a professor of Bangla Department of the college, delivered a speech demanding freedom for Bangladesh. After the rally, a play named "Ebarer Sangram" written by Prof Mamtaz was staged on the ground.

Later on March 24, 1971, a rally was organised at the college's ground, popularly known as Parade Maidan, by Chittagong University Teachers' Association. After the rally, another play named "Swadhinotar Sangram" written by Prof Mamtaz was staged. It is reported that around 80,000 people attended the rally and the play.

As the play was on progress, news spread among the people in the ground that the Pakistani military were unloading arms in Chattogram Port, recounted Prof Anupam Sen, then a teacher of Chittagong University. Around 8:30pm another information broke. Unarmed locals who went to the port to resist the unloading were being shot at by the Pakistani army.

"As soon as the news reached the ground, people who were enjoying the play left their spots and rushed towards the port, loaded with patriotic zeal," Prof Anupam said. Their arrival at the port helped out the locals' fight with the army.

Echoing the same, freedom fighter Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, a group leader of Bangladesh Liberation Force, Karnaphuli Contingent-3, said teachers and students of Chattogram College played a significant role in the ensuing months. The progressive teachers and students of the college organised rallies and cultural programmes supporting the freedom struggle from the beginning of March, he said.

Numerous students of the college also took part in the Liberation War actively, he added.

The college also has a bloodied history during the war. As the resistance piled up, the Pakistan army lifted Abani Mohan Dutta, a philosophy professor at the college, from his quarter at Perceval Hill on May 8, 1971. He was later killed brutally, the martyr's body never reaching his family.

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# FIRE AT DMCH COVID ICU Another patient passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another patient who was shifted from Dhaka Medical College Hospital's intensive care unit after a fire broke out Wednesday at the coronavirus-dedicated ICU, died yesterday.

Momena Begum (45) died around 4pm while undergoing treatment at the ICU of the DMCH burn unit, her nephew Md Parvez told The Daily Star.

Her death brings the total number of deaths in the incident to four.

Parvez said his aunt's condition deteriorated after the fire broke out and she was shifted to the burn unit's ICU. She was on life support at the ICU, he added.

Nine patients, who were at the Covid-19 ICU were shifted to the burn unit's ICU, post-operative unit, and High Dependency Unit (HDU), sources said.

Nineteen other patients were shifted to different wards at the hospital after the fire. Some of them have been transferred to different private hospitals in the capital.

Meanwhile, Nur Hasan, head of the four-member investigation committee of Fire Service and Civil Defence, visited the site of the fire yesterday.

# Four scammers arrested over siphoning Tk 3.4cr

Call centre staff altered limits of postpaid SIMs by accessing Grameenphone database

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fraudulent group has embezzled crores of taka by changing the ownership of postpaid mobile SIMs and increasing the credit limit by accessing the country's leading mobile network operator Grameenphone's database.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police said a number of employees of Genex Infosys Limited and Wipro Limited -- two call centres which have contracts with Grameenphone -- are involved in the scam.

Talking to the reporters yesterday, CID Chief Mahbubur Rahman, additional inspector general of police, said that the group took away Tk 3.4 crore against various packages and SIMs.

"When we started the investigation, we saw that several people of the two companies were involved here. We arrested four of them. Two of the arrestees gave confessional statements before a court recently," he said.

The official said they were able to change the ownerships and increase the credit ceiling as they had access to the Grameenphone database.

After sensing the leak, Grameenphone filed a case with Vatara Police Station in the capital on November 1, 2020 under the Digital Security Act. Then CID's Cyber Investigation Unit got the charge to carry out an investigation.

Mahmudul Islam Talukder, Additional Superintendent of CID's Cyber Police Centre, said apart from handling enquiries by telephone, the call centres also provide other services, such as changing SIM card ownership and increasing credit limits of post-paid SIMs.

The CID official said the arrestees had increased the credit limit of 16 post-paid SIMs after they entered the system in August 2019. Earlier, they

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# "Advanced dental surgeries can now be availed even in rural areas"



Dr Motiur Rahman Molla Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Ameer Khan Modern Medical College Hospital and Senior Consultant and Coordinator, Evercare Hospital

We are seeing tremendous development in every sector of the country. As part of the dentistry community, do you think there has been progress in the oral healthcare sector as well?

There have been various advancements in the last few decades. When I was a student in 1972, the only techniques available were tooth extraction and fillings. Now we even have oral and maxillofacial surgery that deals with oral and neck cancers, special bone fracture or trauma, Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMD) pathologies, etc. FCPS and MS courses for all these subjects are available and there are now over 400 maxillofacial surgeons in Bangladesh. Advanced dental surgeries can now be availed even in the rural areas. These advancements can be credited to international workshops, seminars and symposiums that have provided opportunities for sharing knowledge and skills.

There is a common saying in Bangla that basically alludes to one's teeth being infected or attacked by insects. Is there any truth to this belief?

This saying originated in the villages where people would be in pain due to cavities. When refined carbohydrates like sugar get stuck in our teeth, some microorganisms combine with them and form lactic acid. This acid softens the enamel of the teeth, and a cavity forms. This is what we call dental caries. Rural people used to put soothing agents like cloves in their cavities for pain relief. These objects in the cavities were perhaps mistaken for insects.

Tooth sensitivity is currently a major topic of discussion. What are the signs of tooth sensitivity and how can it be prevented?

The crown of a tooth is covered with enamel, and

underneath is a layer called the dentine. The enamel can wear off due to erosion caused by eating hard foods continuously for prolonged periods. This means the dentine is exposed, and there is no barrier protecting you from the outside heat or cold sensations. These sensations are called hypersensitivity. Some medications or toothpaste containing substances like fluoride can block the surface and prevent sensitivity. However, if the sensitivity persists, a filling or root canal would be required.

Does the type of toothbrush used also play a role in preventing tooth sensitivity?

People should not use a toothbrush with stiff or poor quality bristles or brush their teeth with force. They should also only use up and down or circular motions while brushing since parallel movements lead to increased friction and wear down the enamel, leading to hypersensitivity. People, especially in rural areas, use charcoal or tooth powder to whiten their teeth. But, in the long run, this leads to loss of enamel too. We recommend using soft brushes, brushing the teeth for not more than two minutes, flossing, and replacing the toothbrush every two to three months.

Recently, we saw a campaign on digital and print media called "Not a BDS, not a dentist". What is this campaign about?

This is an essential campaign that seeks to raise awareness about the fact that there are many underqualified dentists mistreating patients in Bangladesh. A dentist has to have knowledge of the entire human body. For example, a heart patient could be taking blood thinners. If the dentist is unaware of the effects of blood thinners and proceeds with tooth extraction, severe bleeding will occur. A registered or academically sound dentist can ensure other health issues do not complicate dental treatment. Hopefully, we will have more registered dentists spread across the country in the future so that people do not seek treatment from those without the required qualifications.

Interviewed and written by Mayabe Aranyya of The Daily Star.

**স্বাস্থ্যসেবা কে "না" বলুন**

**স্কুল, কলেজ ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য উন্নয়ন বিরোধী রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা**

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশের স্বাস্থ্য সনমন ও আন্তর্জাতিক অপরাধ প্রতিরোধ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থবছরে কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রান্সন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট, ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা কর্তৃক শিক্ষার্থীদের মধ্যে সহিষ্ণে উন্নয়ন বিরোধী সচেতনতা সৃষ্টির লক্ষ্যে স্কুল, কলেজ ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষার্থীদের নিকট থেকে নিম্নোক্তভাবে প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য রচনা আহ্বান করা হয়েছে:

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খ (মাদ্রাসা)	দ্বাদশম আঁঠ	সহিষ্ণে উন্নয়ন বিরোধী রচনা ও সচেতনতা সৃষ্টির উদ্দেশ্যে	৪৫০০-৫০০০
গ (স্কুল)	অষ্টম, নবম ও দশম	সহিষ্ণে উন্নয়ন বিরোধী রচনা ও সচেতনতা সৃষ্টির উদ্দেশ্যে	৪৫০০-৪০০০

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 ২। রচনা পাঠানোর ঠিকানা: প্রকল্প পরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশের স্বাস্থ্য সনমন ও আন্তর্জাতিক অপরাধ প্রতিরোধ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্প, কক্ষ নং ৪০৭, কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রান্সন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট ভবন, ৩৬ মিডো রোড, ঢাকা।  
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 ৩। পুরস্কার: ১ম পুরস্কারঃ ৫০,০০০/-, ২য় পুরস্কারঃ ৩০,০০০/-, ৩য় পুরস্কারঃ ২০,০০০/-

**প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণের নিয়মাবলীঃ**

- ১। রচনা বাংলা ভাষায় লিখতে হবে। তবে উদ্ধৃতির ক্ষেত্রে বিদেশী ভাষার ব্যবহার হতে পারে। সে ক্ষেত্রে উদ্ধৃতির বাংলা অনুবাদ থাকতে হবে।
- ২। A4 সাইজের সাদা কাগজে নিজ হাতে লিখে অথবা এমএস ওয়ার্ডে কম্পিউটার কন্সপোজ (AutonnyMJ ফন্ট) করে পাঠাতে হবে (উভয় পৃষ্ঠায় নয়)।
- ৩। লেখার সাথে নিজের ও শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম, শ্রেণী/বিভাগ, রোল, বর্ষ, শাখা এবং মোবাইল নম্বর (যোগাযোগের জন্য) উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ৪। প্রতিযোগীদের শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রদত্ত শিক্ষার্থীর পরিচয়পত্রের ফটোকপি ও পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০২ (দুই) কপি ছবি পাঠাতে হবে।
- ৫। প্রতিযোগিতার রচনার সাথে এই মর্মে অঙ্গীকার দাখিল করতে হবে যে, এই রচনা লেখকের নিজস্ব, রচনাকারি অন্য কোন রচনা বা রচনার ব্যক্তিগত অধিকার নয় বা হুম্বহ অনুবাদ নয়। উল্লেখ্য যে, অঙ্গীকার দাখিল করা সত্ত্বেও যদি কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট নির্ভরযোগ্য সূত্রে প্রমাণিত হয় যে, রচনাকারি নকল বা অনুবাদ তাহলে তা বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ৬। পুরস্কারপ্রাপ্ত রচনাসমূহের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রান্সন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিটের জন্য সরঞ্জাম থাকবে। কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রান্সন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট প্রয়োজনে নির্বাচিত রচনাসমূহ বা সকল রচনা নিজস্ব ওয়েবসাইটে বা বই আকারে প্রকাশ করতে পারবে।
- ৭। রচনা ভাঙকামো বা কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে বা ইমেইলে পাঠাতে হবে। হাতে হাতে বা সরাসরি কোন রচনা গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ৮। যাদের উপর "উন্নয়ন বিরোধী রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা" লিখতে হবে।
- ৯। বিচারকদের রায় চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

**কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রান্সন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট**

# HC cautions BB on distortion of history in book

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The High Court yesterday observed that distortion of history in the Bangladesh Bank-published book "Bangladesh Bank-er Itihas (History of Bangladesh Bank)" caused bloodshed in the hearts of all.

The officials concerned of Bangladesh Bank, who were responsible for publishing the book, have done unpardonable offense by distorting the history of Bangabandhu and his contribution in establishing the central bank, it said.

With this observation, the court cautioned the officials concerned of Bangladesh Bank saying that they must remain careful so that such distortions don't take place in the future.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice Mohammad Ali came up with the observation and warning while delivering verdict on a writ petition filed by Dr Kazi Ertaza Hasan in 2018, challenging the distortion of history in the book.

The HC bench disposed of the writ petition as the BB officials responsible for publishing the book have apologised to the court earlier and destroyed all

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