

## Pass amendment to it urgently

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at the sales outlets."

"Tobacco companies are advertising and promoting tobacco products through the display of their products at the outlets. For this reason, the Ministry of Health has recently formulated a draft for further revision of the Tobacco Control Act,"

Shariful said.

He added that if this draft is approved, several weak aspects of the tobacco control law will be largely eliminated, including banning of smoking in public places and public transports, display of tobacco products at sales centres, retail sales, e-cigarettes, and CSR of

tobacco companies.

Mostafizur Rahman, lead policy advisor, and Humaira Sultana, communications manager (Bangladesh) of Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Bangladesh, and leaders of Aviation and Tourism Journalists Forum of Bangladesh, were present at the event among others.

## Conspiracy on to restart coal

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between protesters and the then government which banned open-pit mining, and expelled Asia Energy from conducting operations in the country.

As the national election nears, he urged political parties to commit to implementing the contract, popularly known as the six point commitment, if they come

to power.

"The uprising in 2006 saved us from a project that would have devastated public life and wildlife. I request the ones in power to support this cause," he said.

The central demand of this movement was that no development work should proceed without the consent of the local populace, and

no destruction should be planned in the name of progress," he added.

Jonaid Saki, chief coordinator of Ganasanghati Andalan, and notable speakers from various political parties and organisations also spoke at the rally, chaired by Saiful Islam Jewel, convener of the Phulbari unit of the committee.

## Repatriation the only solution

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inaugurated the seminar where Information Minister Hasan Mahmud was present as the chief guest.

Mofidul Hoque, trustee of the Liberation War Museum, presented the keynote paper at the event, chaired by Prof Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, director of the Centre for Genocide Studies.

Hasan Mahmud said, "Bangladesh is an overpopulated country. We have many issues including natural and man-made disasters to address. Moreover, we have a refugee problem."

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina allowed Rohingyas to come in and stay in Bangladesh while the

military junta massacred them. It was a great response to a humanitarian call," he added.

Addressing the international community, he said they cannot deny their responsibility.

"Moving a few refugees is not a solution. Repatriation is the only solution to this problem. If the entire international community, especially India and China join in hand, nothing can prevent Rohingyas from returning to their homeland," the minister added.

Among others, DU VC Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman, Johannes Van Der Klaauw, UNHCR Representative to Bangladesh; Asif Munier, migration and displacement specialist;

and Prof Zia Rahman, dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, were also present at the seminar.

### Hong Kong

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worker in Saudi Arabia earns Tk 17,300 per month on average, according to Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics' "Cost of Migration Survey-2020".

The first batch of FDH from Bangladesh to Hong Kong was recruited in May, 2013, according to the Bangladesh mission.

Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training data shows, 2,005 female migrants went to Hong Kong for employment between 1993 and June 2023.

## AL govt rejected both

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continues, then we will resist it. Then you will realise what is resistance," he said.

Over 5,000 leaders and activists of the BNP and its other wings joined the mass procession to press home their one point demand – the resignation of the government and holding an election under a neutral caretaker government.

Earlier in the day, post-

deprived leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of Chattogram south district wing locked the BNP Chattogram south office in Kotowali area.

"The 42-member newly declared JCD committee includes married, expatriate and bank and other office employees who are not directly involved with JCD politics now," claimed JCD leader Ziaul Haque.

## Taposh seeks Aedes

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part in a public awareness campaign to prevent the spread of dengue in the capital's Basabro.

The mayor said after reviewing the DGHS data, the DSCC has categorised several wards out 75 as red, where more than 10 dengue patients were found last week.

"Now, we will conduct a daylong combing operation in those wards to destroy the breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes. We will engage local people, schools, mosques, madrasas, house owners, owners of all establishments and all social organisations to conduct the special drive,"

Taposh said.

On August 23, the mayor at a programme announced that if any ward records 10 dengue cases in a week, then a special drives would be conducted there with the help of cleaning staffers and mosquito-control workers. The drives would be carried out every Saturday.

Responding to a question about Marshall Agrovet, the company that allegedly forged documents in importing BTI pesticide for the Dhaka north city, Taposh said, "We do not import pesticides through any firm. After 2019, we started importing directly from the manufacturers as per the government policy."

## Skeleton theft surge!

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Dinajpur, Nilphamari, and Gaibandha.

In January 2020, at least 28 human remains were

stolen from two graveyards in Dinajpur Sadar upazila, including 20 from Shibpur Graveyard and eight from Darbarpur Graveyard.

The Ghoraghat Police Station Officer in Charge, Md. Asaduzzaman Asad confirmed that police had visited the graveyard on Thursday.

Unfortunately, thieves struck again at Tulsipur graveyard in Birganj on Friday.

Locals reported that they found 10 human remains missing from Tulsipur graveyard in Birganj.

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