

## ROHINGYAS DRIFTING IN ANDAMAN UNHCR appeals for search and rescue

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UN Refugee Agency fears that many Rohingyas may die as at least two overcrowded boats are now aimlessly drifting in the Andaman Sea after engine failures.

The two boats are carrying around 400 individuals amid unpredictable weather conditions with possibility of cyclones in the coming days, said a UNHCR statement yesterday.

UNHCR expressed concerns that food and water may run out soon amid a significant risk of fatalities if the people are not rescued and disembarked to safety.

## Mother, son hurt in fire at home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A woman and her son suffered burns in a fire at their home in Nitaiganj area of Narayanganj yesterday.

The family said gas leakage might have caused the fire around 6:30am in their flat at the city's Mollapara.

The injured -- Sima Begum, 50, and her son Roman Hossain, 25 -- were undergoing treatment at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka.

Sima suffered 60 percent burns while her son 14 percent, said Toriqul Islam, a resident surgeon of the hospital.

"The fire started right after Sima tried to light a stove in the kitchen," her sister Saheda Begum said.

## Dnet holds free health camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dnet, a social enterprise, held a daylong free health camp for urban adolescents at Udayan Uchcha Madhyamik Bidyalaya yesterday.

The camp introduced a national adolescent health website and mobile app. It conducted basic physical examinations and provided awareness on sexual and reproductive health, nutrition, child marriage, hygiene, and mental health among students of class VI to X. It was organised with the technical support of Unicef Bangladesh. The initiative was also supported by the Directorate General of Family Planning, DGHS, and Ministry of Education.



ARTISTS AGAINST IMPERIALISM... An art exhibition was held at the Shilpakala Academy in Khulna yesterday. Around 40 artists took part in the event and protested against injustice through colours and brushes. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

### CYBER VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS

## ‘Monitor children’s internet usage’

Speakers urge schools, parents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Educational institutions and parents need to constantly monitor children's internet usage, said speakers yesterday.

Citing a study, they said most cybercrime victims are aged between 18 and 20. The event, titled "Cyber Violence Against Girls: Reality and Way Forward", was organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad at Cirdap auditorium.

Prof Kaberi Gain of DU's Mass Communication and Journalism department said accessibility and misuse of victim's personal information, user's ignorance, and legal gaps are key factors contributing to cybercrimes.

Shyam Sundar Shikder, chairman of BTRC, emphasised the importance

of parental control in monitoring children's internet usage and encouraging positive internet use.

AM Zulfikar Hayat, judge of Cyber Tribunal Dhaka, stressed that lack of awareness in technology use contributes to women being victimised in cyberspace, and insufficient evidence allows criminals to evade justice.

He called for banning multiple SIM cards, and establishing legal policies to regulate and control social media.

Girls in remote areas are at higher risk of cyber violence, with under-reporting contributing to exploitation, said Amena Begum, deputy inspector general of police (Special Branch). She stressed increasing manpower of the police's cybercrime unit to prevent cyber violence.

## IHSB Business Carnival held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day IHSB Business Carnival 2023, featuring students from various English medium schools, was held on the Hope International School campus in Dhaka on Thursday and Friday.

A total of 52 English medium schools and 600 students participated in the creative and competitive carnival, showcasing their innovative, creative, and practical knowledge.

Anamul Haque Sarkar, chairperson of Paramount International Consultancy, attended the event as the chief judge.

Paramount International Consultants for Study Abroad was the carnival's sponsor.



### Parents’ roles

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Bangladesh, called for efforts to change the social norms as these norms build societal perception.

If girls can financially contribute, their opinions gain recognition within the family and society (which in turn will prevent child marriage), she noted.

Shashwatee Biplob, programme head and in-charge of social empowerment and legal protection programme at Brac, mentioned that child marriage contributes to a rise in school dropout rates, and transcends economic status and is primarily a mindset issue, impacting both poor and affluent families.

Dr Sajeda Amin, senior associate, Population Council, and Joyshri Sarker, programme manager, social empowerment and legal protection of Brac, also spoke at the event.

### PRAYER TIMING

DECEMBER 3

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-15	12-45	3-45	5-19	7-00
JAMAAT	5-50	1-15	4-00	5-22	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

### PABNA SCIENCE AND TECH UNIVERSITY

## Seismograph not functional for 12 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A seismograph (device to record seismic waves caused by an earthquake) installed at Patuakhali Science and Technology University has been lying non-functional for around 12 years.

It is the only seismograph installed for the country's southern districts to determine magnitude of earthquakes.

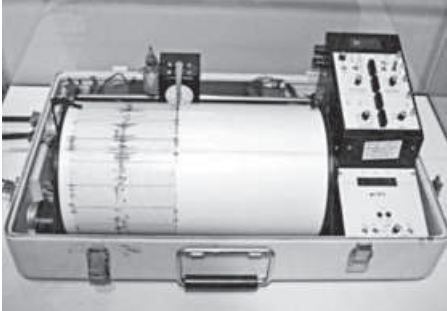
As it's non-functional, it could not detect the tremors or determine the magnitude during the earthquake that jolted the country at 9:35am yesterday.

The device was set up in 2006 at a cost of around Tk 50 lakh.

It was set up as part of an agreement with Columbia University in the US and Dhaka University's Geology department, according to the university authorities.

After it was installed in an underground chamber of the PSTU's academic building, the device recorded the magnitude of two quakes in 2006, before it went out of order in January 2011, they added.

Munibur Rahman, assistant professor



of PSTU's electrical and electronics engineering department, who is in charge of the device's operation, is currently on study leave.

This is an analog device. The system is now outdated, said Prof Dr SM Tauhidul Islam, chairman of EEE department of PSTU.

"Most countries now use digital seismographs. As it was installed under a Dhaka University project, we'll consult their officials about this device," Tauhidul Islam told The Daily Star.

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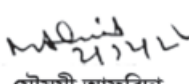
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Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP Help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

  
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