

# Mass literacy drive in Bogra going apace

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From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, June 16: The mass literacy campaign in Bogra district is going on in full swing. A scheme has been drawn up to educate over 3 lakh persons of the age group between 11 and 40 of 1,912 villages and three municipalities.

In this respect 3,840 squads have been formed in which 2,322 are males and 1,428 females.

A batch of 13,440 persons has already been trained to operate all these squads for mass literacy throughout the district. Out of the total trained personnel 2,575 are students and others from various professions.

Meanwhile 1,75,600 books for this purpose have been received out of which 100,000 have already been distributed in two subdivisions of the district.

According to another report Bogra Union of Journalists (BUJ) observed "Black Day" by taking a vow to strengthen the struggle for the freedom of journalism. A general meeting of journalists was held on June 16 at the local Press Club auditorium with Mirza Amjad Hossain in the chair.

The meeting was addressed among others, by Messrs S. M. A. Baqui, General Secretary of the BUJ, Syed Ahmed Ajal Unit Chief of the Karatoa unit and Zahedur Rahman, Reazud din, Mozammel Haq Talukder and Syed Tasaddaque Hossain.

By a resolution the meeting demanded immediate repeal of all black laws, dissolution of the Management Board and transfer of Government newspapers to a trust. The meeting opined that the recent attacks on journalists in various parts of the country are signs of a conspiracy against the struggle for freedom of the Press. It called upon the journalists and the democratic forces to foil the conspiracy.

It also urged the Government to take necessary action against those newspaper own-

ers who have not yet implemented the Wage Board Award in their newspapers.

## BIDI WORKERS RALLY

About 2,000 bidi workers brought out a procession on June 16 which included 500 female workers.

The processionists demanded repeal of the proposed tax of Tk 15 instead of Tk 8 on bidi. They also raised slogans against retrenchment of bidi workers.

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