

Call for modern treatment of juvenile offenders

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Modern treatment and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders is a must for human resource development, said Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan at a discussion in the city yesterday.

He said JICA could play an important role in this sector by training personnel concerned and facilitating transfer of technology for the treatment of offenders.

Morshed Khan, who attended the discussion as chief guest, said Japan is an important partner of Bangladesh for its human resource development.

The discussion was organised by JICA Alumni Association, Bangladesh to mark the founding anniversary of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at LGED auditorium.

Dr Kamal Uddin Siddqui, princi-

pal secretary to the prime minister, Matsushiro Horiguchi, Japanese ambassador, and Takashi Sakamoto, JICA resident representative, attended the discussion as special guests.

Dr Kamal Uddin Siddqui said for a developing country like Bangladesh nothing could be more important than human resource development.

He appreciated the contribution of JICA to rural development and reproductive health.

Matsushiro Horiguchi said Japan is contributing to the development of Bangladesh by developing its human resources.

Though Bangladesh is not economically a rich country, but it is very rich in human and cultural resources, he added.

Takashi Sakamoto said JICA has prioritised five development

programmes in Bangladesh including rural development, maternal and child health care and arsenic mitigation projects.

Earlier, Dr Md Mortuza Hossain Munshi, director general of social service department, presented a paper on 'Treatment and Rehabilitation of Juvenile Offenders: International Cooperation'.

He said modern rehabilitation techniques for juvenile offenders should be transferred from the developed countries to developing ones like Bangladesh.

At present three correction centres are functioning at Tongi (capacity 200) and Konabari (capacity 150) in Gazipur district and one at Jessore with a capacity of 150 offenders. The centre at Konabari is exclusively meant for girl juveniles, he added.

Dr M Enamul Huq, president of JICA Alumni Association of Bangladesh, also spoke on the occasion.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina inaugurated a blood donation programme by donating blood yesterday. The Krishak League organised the programme at the Bangabandhu Museum in the city to mark the August 15 'Mourning Day'.

Bangabandhu's name can never be erased from history: Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition Leader and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman can never be erased from the history and the new generation will "obviously find out their roots."

"Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman made us indebted sacrificing his blood. We must reach the fruits of his sacrifice and of independence to every house in the country," she said inaugurating a blood donation programme.

The blood donation was organised by Bangladesh Krishak League as part of the month-long programme at Bangabandhu Bhaban in Dhanmondi to mourn the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members.

The AL President formally inaugurated the programme donating her blood.

Hasina said: "The patrons of the killers of Bangabandhu are the enemies of the country and the nation... whenever they assume power, the dreams of the nation are shattered."

She said the BNP-Jamaat government has "removed the name of Bangabandhu from everywhere, but his name cannot be erased from the history."

'Resist anti-liberation forces unitedly'

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Speakers at a discussion on Thursday called for a united movement to resist the anti-liberation forces and the war criminals who are trying to destroy the spirit of War of Liberation.

The Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee organised the discussion and a photo exhibition in memory of those killed during a protest on July 24, 1994 against the public meeting of Golam Azam at Laldighi Maidan.

Writer and journalist Shahriar Kabir said the killers of Ehsanul Haq Moni, Zafar and Titu are yet to be

brought to book.

Justice KM Sobhan attended the discussion as chief guest at the Chittagong Press club.

Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury inaugurated the photo exhibition.

He announced that a memorial to those killed will be built on the central Shaheed Minar premises.

Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, Shyamoli Nasreen Chowdhury, Advocate Ibrahim Hossain Babul and Advocate Rana Dasgupta also spoke at the discussion. Noor Jahan Khan, a woman activist, presided.

CU PSA postpones siege programme

CU CORRESPONDENT

The indefinite siege programme on the Chittagong University (CU) campus has been postponed for one week.

The Progressive Students' Alliance (PSA) postponed its siege programme following a fruitful meeting with the proctorial committee of the university on Thursday.

Acting Proctor Dr. Md Al Amin presided over the meeting.

Assistant Proctor Md Jafar Ullah Talukdar, Monzurul Alam,

President of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) Ripayan Barua, General Secretary Dev Prasad Debu and General Secretary of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front Mehedi Hasan Tamal were present at the meeting.

Meanwhile, classes will resume today after a month-long rainy vacation. Students have already started returning to their dormitories.

The university shuttle train also started plying between the campus and the city yesterday.



Death anniversary of Justice Abu Sayeed today

Today is the 15th anniversary of death of former president Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, says a press release.

Justice Chowdhury played a significant role during the War of Liberation as special envoy of the provisional government of Bangladesh.

A former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, he was also elected chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission in 1985.

On the occasion of his death anniversary, qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held at his village home at Nagbari in Tangail district.



Justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain

The 21st death anniversary of former chief justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the day, the Chief Justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain Smirity Sangsad will hold a discussion on at the auditorium of Supreme Court Bar Association.

Chief Justice K M Hasan will attend the programme as chief guest. Judges of the Supreme Court and eminent lawyers will take part in the discussion.

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Cultural function
Katha Lalitkala Academy organises a cultural function on the occasion of its 10th founding anniversary. It will be followed by a reception and child drama. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary Dhaka Central
Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary North West
Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Human chain
Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal organises a human chain protesting the slashing of workers in mills and factories. Venue: Muktagan. Time: 4.00pm.

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Film show
Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Payback'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar
Hamdard organises a seminar on the 'Role of herbal medicine in health service' with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Dialogue
A dialogue on 'Sexual harassment and professional women: Perspectives, experiences and responses', organised by Forum on Women in Security and International Affairs, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Tophkhana Road. Time: 9.30am.

Orientation
The orientation programme of Bangladesh Skill Development

Institute, an organisation of Daffodil International University, will be held. Venue: University campus, Kalabagan. Time: 11.00am.