

Discussion on foreign qualifications in Bangladesh 'Ensure quality edn at pvt universities'

DU CORRESPONDENT
Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk yesterday called for regular monitoring to ensure quality education at private universities in the country. He made the call while addressing an open discussion on 'Foreign Qualifications in Bangladesh' at the British Council auditorium as chief guest.

Termining the private universities as improved coaching centres the minister said the government would not tolerate anymore the violation of the 'Private University Act 1992'.

"The government does not want to shut or blacklist any private universities. What we want is to ensure standard of education there", he added.

The minister said the government has the right to enquire about the degrees of those institutions and universities which have been issuing certificates in the name of foreign universities. The discussion was jointly organised by the British Council and Democracywatch.

Representatives from different private universities and institutions said they do not want governmental restrictions on the operation of their institutions.

Addressing as special guest, University Grants Commission (UGC) Member Prof K M Mohsin said private institutions, which provide foreign degrees inside the country, will have to take government approval.

British Council's examinations

service manager Saidur Rahman delivered the welcome address while Democracywatch Director Sumit Rehman gave the background of the discussion.

British Council's acting Director Charles Nuttal focused the aims and objectives of the discussion.

The Association of British Education Study Centres in Bangladesh presented a paper comparing the education quality and fees between the United Kingdom (UK) and Bangladesh.

The paper pointed out that a student can obtain a UK degree from the study centre by spending only TK 3 to 4 lakh while it takes TK 40 lakh to obtain the same degree in the UK.



US Ambassador Harry K Thomas Jr. calls on Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman at his office yesterday.

AL rejects by-polls results

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League (AL) yesterday rejected the Netrakona-3 by-election results, saying the BNP-Jamaat led alliance government rigged the polls in a 'new style' in favour of the ruling party's candidate.

A meeting of the party's president at Dhanmondi office, chaired by Opposition Leader and AL President Sheikh Hasina, resolved that the by-polls were snatched with 'fake votes' as genuine voters could not cast their votes.

The meeting said armed cadres of the government spread panic among the voters and threatened them not to cast their votes, which resulted in poor turnout.

The meeting said the chief election commissioner himself noticed only two votes cast in a

polling centre during his visit on the election day. It also said 62 per cent turnout in the by-polls is unreliable and questionable, adding that local and international observers also expressed the same picture of the by-election.

Following the meeting, AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil said the AL is going to announce tough programmes against the government from a rally on October 31 to be held at Paltan Maidan in the city as part of month-long agitation, demanding execution of Bangabandhu murder case.

Yesterday's AL meeting also criticised Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for observing her birthday on August 15, the day of Bangabandhu's assassination.

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Training institute to be set up for workers going abroad

UNB, Dhaka
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Through the institute, training on various areas, including computer operation, programming, English, French and Arabic languages, house keeping and electronics, will be imparted to the intending workers.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) in this regard has given positive indication when a three-member ADB delegation called on State Minister for Expatriates Welfare Kamrul Islam here yesterday.

A publication of foundation titled 'Local Government Ordinance 1983: Review and Proposed Reforms' outlining the inconsistencies of the ordinance and reform proposal was presented at the roundtable.

In her address of welcome, Dr Rokhsana Khandaker, executive director of the foundation, proposed a set of reforms in the light of her research.

Taking part in the discussion, Dr Dalem Barman, chairman of peace and conflict studies department of Dhaka University, said the proposals will help improve the efficiency of the local

'Reform laws to make local govt strong'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday called for reformation of existing laws to make local government institutions strong and effective.

They said that due to loopholes and inconsistencies, Local Government Ordinance 1983 could not be implemented properly.

The roundtable on 'Local Government Ordinance Review' was organised by the Khan Foundation at its Democracy Auditorium in the city.

A publication of foundation titled 'Local Government Ordinance 1983: Review and Proposed Reforms' outlining the inconsistencies of the ordinance and reform proposal was presented at the roundtable.

Regarding the proposed reforms of the ordinance, the participants had detailed discussions on the responsibilities, budget implementation and taxation power of the local government.

Senior officials of the local government engineering department (LGED), members of the civil society and representatives of different development agencies and NGOs took part in the roundtable.

48 countries confirm participation in CPA conference

BSS, Dhaka
So far, 156 parliamentarians of 48 Commonwealth countries have confirmed their participation in the 49th conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) to be held in Dhaka from October 4 to 12.

This was stated at a meeting of the 3rd co-ordination committee of the conference held yesterday with Deputy Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddique in the chair.

Six JCD activists hurt in factional clashes at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

At least six activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of Rajshahi University unit were injured following factional clashes between the two groups on the campus during the council session of Zia Hall yesterday.

The injured are Amir Ali Hall unit President Lemon Habib and Mother Box Hall unit General Secretary Mahbubur Rahman of Ujjal group and RU unit Sports Secretary Sajjadur Rahman, Sohel, Mamun and Rabiul of Shimul group.

They were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The clash erupted when a group led by Rajshahi Divisional JCD Vice President Anwar Hossain Uzzal opposed the move of another group led by the Central Committee Member Ahmed Mueyed Shimul to announce the name of the committee members selected by them.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, MP, Sohrab Uddin, an MP from Kustia, and JCD Central Vice President Farhad Hossain Azad were present at the council when the clash occurred.

2 girls 'commit suicide'

BSS, Dhaka

Two teenage girls, one of them a college student, committed 'suicide' in the city yesterday.

Shilpi Akther, 18, a HSC second year student of Tejacon College, was found hanging from ceiling fan at their Noyatola residence in Moghbazar area yesterday noon, hospital and police sources said.

Family members rushed Shilpi to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the attending doctors declared her dead.

Shilpi is daughter of one Abul Hossain. Reasons behind her committing suicide could not be known immediately.

Romela Khatun, an 18-year old domestic help, was also found hanging from ceiling fan at her master Mohammad Ali's residence at BG Press staff quarter no. 2 yesterday morning.

Romela is the daughter of Abdur Rashid of Shahjadpur village under Ullapara upazila in Sirajganj.

She was working at Mohammad Ali's house for the last two years. Mohammad Ali is a manager at BG Press.

BNP-Jamaat-backed White Panel sweeps CU dean election

CU CORRESPONDENT

BNP-Jamaat-backed White Panel swept the dean election to social science and arts faculty of Chittagong University yesterday.

Prof Mohammad Mahbub Ullah of Sociology department was elected the dean of social science faculty securing 36 votes. His nearest rival of Awami League and left-leaning-backed Pink Panel candidate Prof Ittefak Uddin Chowdhury of Sociology department got 35 votes.

Prof Mohammad Mahbub Ullah was elected for two consecutive terms.

Prof Sirajul Islam of English department was elected the dean of arts faculty bagging 48 votes while his nearest rival Prof Md Lutfar Rahman of Awami League-backed Blue Panel got 46 votes.

Sources said the split between the teachers supporting the Blue Panel and the Pink Panel caused the debacle in the elections.

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AGENDA
1. To Confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts as at 31st December 2002 together with the Reports of Directors and Auditors thereon.
3. To declare dividend @ 5% for the year ended on 31st December 2002
4. To elect Directors.
5. To appoint Auditors up to next Annual General Meeting.
6. To transact any other business with the Permission of the Chair.
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