



Leaders of the Opposition in Parliament and former prime minister Sheikh Hasina called on Li You Cai, Secretary of the Yichang Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) yesterday

Germany welcomes Bangladeshi students for higher studies

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Germany is encouraging Bangladeshi science graduates to pursue studies in different post-graduate and doctoral programmes by offering increasing number of scholarships.

The Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) or the German Academic Exchange Service gave 68 scholarships last year out of 326 applicants while this year it is scrutinising 336 applications for the scholarship, said a visiting DAAD director at a press conference in the city yesterday.

Ulrich Podewils, director of the regional DAAD office, is now on a visit to raise awareness about German

education programmes for Bangladeshi students.

He said Germany also encourages non-scholarship students to choose from over 300 international degree programmes covering business administration, information technology, engineering and natural sciences.

"The students need not to worry about the language barrier as English is the medium of instruction in most of the programmes," said Podewils.

Besides, students do not have to bear tuition fees as German taxpayers pay for them. Students only have to bear their living expenses, he said at the press conference that was also attended by Guido Genrich, second secretary, Consular and Cultural Affairs department of the German embassy.

"The DAAD believes that financial hurdles should not discourage promising students," he pointed out.

"DAAD provides financial assistance to post-graduate and doctoral students to cover their living expenses in Germany. But the selection procedure for these scholarships is very competitive," Podewils added.

Details about DAAD scholarships are available online at www.daad.de or with the German embassy.

One hundred ninety-six Bangladeshi students went to Germany in 2001-2002, and it rose to 273 in 2002-2003.

Second Secretary Guido Genrich pointed out that visa is granted to those students who provide all pre-requisite documents properly.

Obituary



Wing Commander M. Fazle Aslam of Bangladesh Air Force died of typical pneumonia with impending ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome) at Combined Military Hospital, Dhaka Friday night at the age of 40, says an ISPR press release.

He left behind his wife Rumana Moin, a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried with full military honour at BAF Shaheen graveyard at Tejgaon after namaz-e-janaza yesterday. Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhru Azam, senior officers and members of all ranks of the three services and relatives of the deceased attended the namaz-e-janaza.

His qulkhani will be held at BAF Officers' Mess, Tejgaon tomorrow after Asr prayers.

Ferdous Islam

Ferdous Islam, a former sports organiser, died of cancer on Friday at Metropolitan Clinic in the city, says a press release.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque on Friday night and buried at Banani graveyard.

Sports organisers and players attended the janaza. They also expressed deep shock at the death of Ferdous.

Doc killed in road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr. Abdur Rashid, resident medical officer of Rafatullah Community Hospital was killed in a road accident on North Bengal highway in Bogra district on Wednesday, says a press release.

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) condoled the death of Dr. Rashid. The BMA demanded proper investigation into the accident and punishment to the persons responsible for the incident.