

MUJIB BORSHO

Special souvenir to be published

BSS, Dhaka

The work on publishing a special souvenir marking Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth centenary celebration is going on in full swing.

The information was revealed yesterday at a meeting on publication of the souvenir at the International Mother Language Institute in the city, said a press release.

Chairman of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee Prof Rafiqul Islam presided over the meeting, while chief coordinator of the committee Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury moderated it.

Rafiqul Islam said Bangabandhu's daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has consented to edit the souvenir.

Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury said they have requested renowned authors to send articles on the life and work of Bangabandhu, and they have received many articles already.

Participants of the meeting expressed the hope that the souvenir will be published within a few months.

Former finance minister AMA Muhiith, National Professor Anisuzzaman and Prof Shamsuzzaman were present.

Hotels clear up

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carry photo ID cards while leaving their homes.

"Many relatives of candidates took part in the election campaign held amid fanfare. Thank you very much. We expect you now to leave Dhaka. Unnecessary visit to Dhaka is being discouraged," the Rab DG said.

Asked whether Rab will take action if anyone does not leave Dhaka, the Rab chief said it is not Rab's objective to keep anyone in jail. What law enforcing agencies want is to ensure that voters can cast their votes without any problems.

"There is no problem in coming for emergency activities, medical treatment, job interview or travelling abroad," Benazir added.

Five capital-based Rab battalions and the elite force's bomb disposal unit and dog squad started working from yesterday in the city, and will be on duty till the day after the election.

Besides, checkpoints will be set up at different important points and entries to the capital, while 129 mobile courts will be in operation.

Meanwhile, Additional Commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Abdul Baten yesterday said, "Police are conducting drives only to arrest illegal arms carriers, and those who can create violence in the election," adding that no innocent person would be harassed.

Asked about BNP's claim that the drive is meant to arrest and harass BNP leaders and activists, Baten said it was not their concern to see who belongs to which party, or what any leader of a political party says.

Choose 'boat' for

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candidate. He is offering solutions to our city problems. Vote for him for a better Dhaka."

Atiul also spoke to locals and sought votes from them. During the time, locals said they are deprived of civic amenities and are always under eviction threat. They said around 10 thousand families live in the slum.

"Many politicians made lofty promises but none of those came true after they were elected. We want to be rehabilitated permanently," said Ismail Bhandari (60), who has been living there for over 30 years.

After visiting the area, Atiul said, "In the last 20 days, I have visited all the 54 wards under DNCC. Problems of each ward are different and I have documented all of those. If I am elected, I will try to solve the problems."

From there, Atiul went to Natun Bazar around 3pm and campaigned in the area.

Exercise your right

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Commission to take visible and effective measures to ensure security of their party's polling agents and voters on the day of elections.

A delegation of the party's DSCC election conducting committee made the demand in a meeting with Returning Officer Abdul Baten at his office, at Sadeque Hossain Khoka Community Centre at Gopibagh in the afternoon.

After the meeting, delegation leader Abdus Salam, also BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia's adviser, told journalists that they urged the EC to establish a level playing field, so that ruling party cannot influence the elections in any way.

"We expressed grave concerns to the EC over the arrests of our leaders and activists and unnecessary search of their houses by police, as well as violations of electoral code of conduct by AL leaders and activists," he said.

Salam alleged that the EC is yet to take any action against ruling party men who have been carrying out many irregularities since beginning of the campaign. "However, we have submitted a written complained to EC," he said.

"Such role of EC has had a negative effect on city dwellers' minds," he added.

Among others, BNP organising secretaries Fazlul Haque Milon and Imran Saleh Prince, as well as assistant organising secretary Advocate Abdus Salam were present at the meeting, Salam told journalists.



Citizens suffer from ongoing road expansion and drainage repair work in Sylhet's Madina Market area, especially due to the lack of alternative routes for vehicles to travel through. To add to the woes, water used in the construction work and trash extracted from the drains are being dumped right on the street.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Technical edu top priority of govt: Rajshahi mayor

BSS, Rajshahi

The government attaches top priority to technical education aimed at generating skilled human resources, said Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton yesterday.

"The government is pledge-bound to take the country forward through substantial and sustainable improvement of technical and vocational education," he said while addressing an event in the city as chief guest.

Technical Training Centre (TTC) organised the programme to mark the reception of its new students and farewell of SSC (Vocational) students on its premises.

Mayor Liton said technical and vocational education and training among youths are crucial for transforming Bangladesh into a middle-income country.

He also opined that technical education could be an effective means of building competent and skilled human resources. Role of skilled people is also vital for earning more foreign remittance, which is significant for the country's development, Liton said.

The mayor also described the government's decision to promote remittance inflow as significant through exporting manpower legally and urged the officials concerned to make people more aware of going to overseas markets through legal ways.

Chaired by TTC principal Abdur Rahim, the function was addressed, among others, by Deputy Commissioner Hamidul Haque, Superintendent of Police Muhammad Shahidullah and Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Tariqul Islam.

Muhammad Imran receives UAE medal of independence

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi diplomat Muhammad Imran has received the UAE's Medal of Independence of the First Order, in recognition of his efforts that contributed to promoting friendly relations and cooperation between the UAE and Bangladesh.

UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan conferred it to Muhammad Imran, who is now high commissioner of Bangladesh to India, reported UAE's state news agency Emirates News Agency on Wednesday.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation of UAE presented Muhammad Imran with the medal at the former's office. Imran extended his thanks and appreciation to UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Imran served as the Bangladesh ambassador to the UAE before joining his assignment to India.



Brac University partners with Duke of Edinburgh award

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An agreement signing ceremony took place on Wednesday between The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Foundation Bangladesh (DEA-BD) and Brac University (Bracu) on its campus, says a press release.

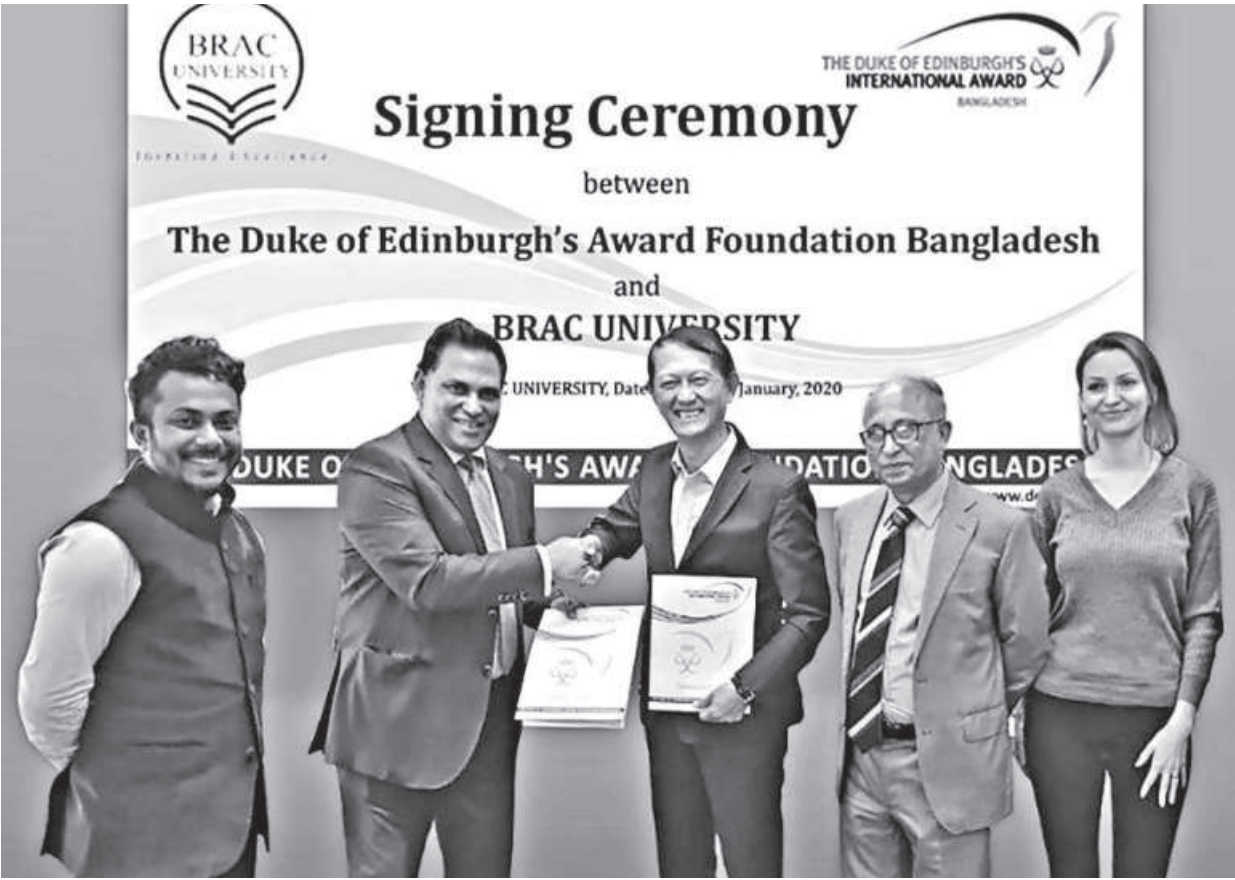
Bracu Vice Chancellor Prof Vincent Chang, and Brig Gen (ret'd) Kaiser Ahmed, national director of DEA-BD, signed for their respective organisations.

Bracu will offer the award programme to its 11,000 existing students and make it mandatory for the approximate 3,000 freshers every year.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a non-formal education programmes operating in 130 countries. In Bangladesh, 93 leading educational institutes are running it under sub-license from DEA-BD.

If offers a unique opportunity to youths aged 14-24 to discover their hidden talents and gain a special sense of responsibility.

Abdullah Chowdhury, director of Bracu's Student Experience and Alumni Affairs; Karla Fraser, director of Bracu's Campus Life; Irene Sommer, manager to Bracu VC's office; along with officials of DEA-BD were present at the signing ceremony.



A new beginning

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polling centres and cast your votes to elect a qualified and fit person as your mayor, who will work for you," he told residents.

"City dwellers are waiting eagerly. We will have a new beginning towards a developed city from February 1," he said.

"When I was performing my duty as

a lawmaker, I felt an urgency to work for Dhaka and if we fail to transform the city into a developed one, all achievements will be lost," Taposh said.

Throughout the day, Taposh, accompanied by several leaders and activists, also handed out leaflets to city residents during his campaign.

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Dr Abdul Wohab new Bari DG

CITY DESK

Dr Md Abdul Wohab has joined Bangladesh Agricultural Research



Institute (Bari) as its new director general yesterday, said a press release.

He officially took office by handing over his joining letter to Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture Md Nasiruzzaman.

Dr Wohab joined Bari as a scientific officer in 1987. Later on, he served as the director of research, and director of training and communication before joining this post. In addition to serving as Bari's chief scientific officer, he was also the project director of the vegetable cultivation project on floating beds.

As a successful scientist, he worked as a part-time specialist at different international organisations, and his 28 research articles have been published in various scientific journals at home and abroad.

He also regularly publishes various articles on science research in daily and monthly journals and travelled to many countries around the world to attend various training, seminars, workshops and symposiums.

Unsure if

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implement their election manifesto properly.

Daily Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta, Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) President Kader Goni Chowdhury and several other senior journalists and BNP leaders were present there.

After the meetings, Tabith carried out his campaign by arranging rallies and processions in several areas of the city, including Moghbazar, Tejaon, Mohammadpur, Mirpur and Uttara.

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Vacancy Announcement
PKSF has been implementing "The World Bank" funded project titled "Sustainable Enterprise Project (SEP)" since August 2018. The objective of this project is to increase adoption of the environmentally sustainable practices by targeted microenterprises following business cluster development approach. PKSF hereby invites applications from the suitable candidates for the recruitment of the following positions under SEP:

S.N	Name of the Posts	Consolidated Monthly Salary
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The employees will be recruited initially for one year with an opportunity for performance-based annual renewal during the project period. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should apply online by **9 February 2020**. For detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and instructions to apply, please visit PKSF website: www.pksf-bd.org.
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