Work together to end child marriage: speakers

In order to ensure women's empowerment, child marriage needs to be eliminated, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Fazilatunnesa Indira said at a webinar held on Thursday.

The webinar, titled "National Webinar on Grassroots Approaches to Prevent Child Marriage", was organised as part of the Shouhardo programme -- funded by USAID and the government, and implemented by CARE Bangladesh. The objective of the webinar was to disseminate the findings from a study by CARE on child marriage, a press release said.

Speaking as chief guest, Indira also said the government has taken several measures to reduce the prevalence of child marriage.

Ramesh Singh, country director of CARE Bangladesh, inaugurated the event. "We at CARE acknowledge that ending the practise of child marriage will require a multi-actor and multi-faceted approach," he said.

Ellen De Guzman, director of Food, Disaster, and Humanitarian Assistance at USAID Bangladesh, also took part in the discussion and vowed to stand beside Bangladesh in combatting child marriage

Sheepa Hafiza, former executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra presented the keynote paper, said the press release.

Among others, Dr Fauzia Moslem, acting president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad; Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of CAMPE; and Dr Nazmunnesa Mahtab, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, shared their opinions in a panel discussion.

Fulfill promises

international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP21 in Paris, on December 12, 2015 and came into force on November 4, 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.

Hasina mentioned that Bangladesh, as the President of the Climate Vulnerable Forum, launched the CVF "Midnight Survival Deadline for the Climate" initiative, urging every country to declare enhanced nationally determined contributions (NDC) by midnight of 31st December, 2020.

allocates funds for waterlogged South

CITY DESK

The Start Fund Bangladesh (SFB) has allocated around Tk 5.7 crore to communities affected by waterlogging in Satkhira and Khulna, a press release said.

The fund is being awarded to nongovernment organisations Uttaran and Caritas, supported by Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) of the UK.

Both districts have been exposed to prolonged impacts of climatic disaster that started with cyclone Amphan n May, leading to excessive waterlogging in key upazilas around September.

A lack of available data or official reports on this matter has posed further hardships on the local communities, where an estimated 8,000 have been displaced. This second phase of funding follows the previous response, where Satkhira-based Uttaran led a consortium with other organisations like Nabalok and

This project is expected to contribute during the upcoming cyclone season in April-May 2021, helping repair over 15kms of road/embankment, heavily damaged during Amphan and then by waterlogging and tidal surges.

Affected communities hope these infrastructures, if repaired, will protect them from regular tidal inundations. It will also enable safe communication for over 50,000 people and their access to markets and cyclone shelters.

Start Fund Bangladesh | Students to get stipend thru' Nagad | Nur Hossain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is set to distribute stipend and allowances for accessories among 1.3 crore primary school students through the postal department's digital financial service Nagad.

The Department of Primary Education (DPE) signed a tripartite agreement yesterday, with Bangladesh Postal Department and Third Wave Technology Limited at the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.

The agreement was signed to eliminate the hassles that the students and their guardians have been facing in receiving the funds in the last few years.

Alamgir Muhammad Mansurul Alam, director general of DPE, Md Siraz Uddin, director general of Bangladesh Postal Department, and Md Shafayet Alam, executive director of Nagad, inked the agreement. Posts and Telecommunications Minister Mustafa Jabbar attended the programme

26,000 health assistants

Under the pay scale, the health assistant post is 16th grade and they are demanding that EPI staffers' pay scales be upgraded to 11th, 12th and 13th grades respectively.

Rabiul said the prime minister had made promises to them in a conference on December 6, 1998. "We were assured several times that our demand will be met," he said.

Due to the BHAA strike, routine vaccinations for at least 10 diseases, including TB, polio and diphtheria, remained suspended across the Source said there are 1.2 lakh EPI vaccination centres across the country

where health assistants are the main driving force. The government holds vaccination programmes once a month in each of the centres. Meanwhile, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, has approved the National

Vaccine Deployment Plan, Dr Shamsul Alam said. "We sent our proposal on December 7 and Gavi approved it on December 10. We have finished official procedure to get 20 percent of the different vaccines of our demand from Gavi. We will get vaccine from

them at the beginning," he said. Bangladesh will buy 68 million doses from the Gavi under a global arrangement called COVAX. The first shipment of vaccine doses from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is likely to be delivered between February and June next year, said officials of the health directorate.

Kasemi left behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives.

Kasemi, who taught 45 Islamic seminaries as part-time or principal Saikhul Hadith, was a Bangladeshi Deobandi Islamic scholar and politician.

He was the vice-president of Al-Haiatul Ulya Lil-Jamiatil Qawmia Bangladesh, senior vice-president of Befaqul Madarisil Arabia Bangladesh and Shaykhul Hadith and rector of Jamia Madania Baridhara, Dhaka and Jamia Sobhania Mahmud Nagar.

He had played a leading role in the Hefazat movement since 2009. Kasemi was born on January 10, 1945 in the village of Chodda in Manoharganj under Cumilla district. He went to India

to study at Darul Ulum Deoband. There, after completion of a Masters in Hadith, he studied Arabic literature and philosophy.

He founded Jamia Madania Baridhara, Dhaka in 1988, and Jamia Sobhania Madrasha at Turag in 1998.

On October 2, he was elected senior vice president of Befaqul Madarisil Arabia

Bangladesh. Kasemi, who was the amir of Hefazat's Dhaka city unit, was elected the Qawmi madrasa-based platform's central secretary

general on November 15. In 1975, he entered politics with Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Bangladesh. He came to the central leadership of Jamiat in 1990 and on November 7, 2015 he became its secretary

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at 9am at the Jatiya Eidgah grounds today, following which he will be laid to final rest at the grave of Jamia Sobhania Madrasa at Turag.

general.

Saluting

In her welcome address, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said those young men and women who were honoured risked their lives, spent from their meagre incomes and worked tirelessly to help others in distress.

We pay our tribute to those hundreds and thousands of faceless, nameless people who, with no thought to getting recognition or reward continued to volunteer only for sake of humanity," she said.

Appreciating MJF's timely initiative, Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi said as long as human beings have empathy and sympathy for others, everything is

Addressing the event as chief guest, Dr Rizvi stressed for immediate enactment of the proposed anti-discrimination law, and the need for forming a national commission for the minorities in the country.

to review all discriminatory laws that are detrimental to the interest of women rights and British High Commissioner to Bangladesh

Dr Rizvi sought NGO's full cooperation

Robert Chatterton Dickson said, "Human rights must ensure respect to everyone in society, including the most excluded and marginalised. These ten brave human rights defenders have done wonderful frontline work to make this happen. Everyone in Bangladesh is better off as a result.'

Chairing the webinar, former chairman of National Human Rights Commission Prof Mizanur Rahman said human development should be at the core of any development initiative to make it sustainable.

Christine Johansson, deputy head of mission and head of Development Cooperation at Embassy of Sweden, congratulated the

She observed that digitalisation can be used as a vehicle for human rights and democracy promotion.

Phedra Moon Morris, head of Aid at Canadian High Commission in Bangladesh, urged rich countries to come forward to address inequalities in regards to access to Covid-19 vaccines.

Henchoz Pignani Corinne, deputy head of Cooperation at Embassy of Switzerland in

Bangladesh, said as a staunch advocate of human rights and founder of the UN Human Rights Council, Switzerland knows how valuable and key the daily engagement of men and women on the ground for the advancement of a rights-based agenda for all.

Human rights -- be it social, economic, cultural or civic -- are at the heart of Switzerland's cooperation programme in Bangladesh, she added.

During the second part of the webinar, Centre for Policy Dialogue Senior Fellow Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya delivered a talk on "Addressing Social and Economic Rights in the Context of Covid-19"

He hoped that the government in the eighth five year plan would lay out a smooth and resilient recovery path from the impact of Covid-19, especially when Bangladesh is preparing to graduate from the least developed country

MJF partner NGOs from 55 areas of the country, members from various civil society organisations and NGOs, academics and human rights activists participated in the

Of unsung

life for the good of his community and so he was beloved and respected by all.

"He became the target of Pakistani occupation forces due to his progressive activities and popularity among people in his area," said Dr Sen, adding, "Pakistan army abducted him from his house on April 25, 1971 and killed him.

Shyama Prasad Ghosh, son Kaminikumar, was the vice president of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu) in 1960s, said Dr Sen, adding, although there is a memorial for Kaminikumar in his village, no initiative has been taken to preserve his memory in

Satkania College can be renamed after Kaminikumar and a road in the city can also be named after him, opined Dr Sen.

ABANI MOHAN DUTTA

Abani Mohan Dutta was a progressive educationist, professor and head of the department of philosophy in Chattogram College. He was also a part-time teacher at Chittagong University.

He was also targeted by the Pakistan army for his progressive views and strong support for Bangladesh's liberation. He was abducted from his house in

Chattogram city on May 8, 1971 and then murdered. Dr Souren Biswas is Abani Mohan

Dutta's only daughter, Manju Hashi Dutta's husband. He is a retired professor of Bangla at Chittagong University. "My father-in-law was born in Cumilla's Debidwar thana. He used to live at the quarters in Percival Hill, adjacent to CU. Razakars and the Pakistani army abducted and killed him. There haven't been any notable initiatives to preserve this memory for the nation."

Meanwhile, Dr M Shafiqul Alam, professor at the philosophy department at Chittagong University, who was a student of Abani Mohan Dutta, said, "Abani sir was my teacher at Chittagong College at the intermediate level in 1971. He was not only a good teacher but also a good person. He was a humanitarian, and a scholar.

Reminiscing his memory, Prof Dr Anupam Sen said, "Abani Mohan Dutta resided at my house for three months at Nalapara in the city when he was transferred to Chattogram College in 1970. I was then a teacher of Chittagong University. My teacher and later colleague at Dhaka University, Prof Dr Govinda Chandra Dev, introduced him to me. Abani Mohan was such a nice person as well as a progressive thinker. His clear stance for the Liberation War of Bangladesh made him a target of the Pakistan army.'

No initiative has been taken to preserve his memory in Chattogram. Both Dr Anupam and Dr Shafiqul said initiative should be taken immediately to preserve the memory of Abani Mohan Dutta. Name of a student hostel or an academic building of Chattogram College or a city road can be named after him.

Contacted, Freedom Fighter Faruk-e-Azam Bir Protik, said the memory of all martyred intellectuals should be preserved. The present generations do not know much about the martyred intellectuals due to lack of documentation, he said.

At first the government should make a proper list of them as documentation is very important so that the next generation can know about them, he said.

Contacted, Elias Hossain, commissioner of Chattogram, said they would take initiative to preserve the memory of martyred intellectuals as per government instruction.



OBITUARY

Al-Hajj Mahbubur Rahman Khan, Mechanical Engineer BUET 1962 Batch and Rotarian, died on Friday December 11, 2020 of Congestive Heart Failure in California, USA. He is

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survived by his wife Nazneen Mahbub and 2 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws and 3 granddaughters. He will be buried in Los Angeles, USA on Tuesday December 15, 2020. Please pray for the departed soul.

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Many students were in the middle of the already said that they would hold the honours final year and postgraduate level, final exams. National University asked all the UGC secretary said, adding that some students to prepare for final exams as well. candidates have completed theoretical exams and need to just appear in practical

Service exams.

Several universities including Dhaka

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Rabiul Hossain

University and Jagannath University

year exams, are holding demonstrations demanding exams and some of them are contacting authorities with the same demand.

decision of the UGC as it had asked all universities in June to hold online classes, exams and practical classes after normalcy

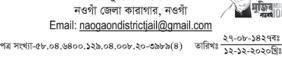
RETIRED ARMED FORCES OFFICERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION (RAOWA) NOTICE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is hereby notified for information of all members that the 38th Annual General Meeting (AGM-2020) followed by EC Election of RAOWA will be held from 0900 to 2000 hrs on Saturday, 19 Dec 2020 at RAOWA Complex

Secretary General

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

জেল সুপারের কার্যালয় নওগাঁ জেলা কারাগার, নওগাঁ



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02	Goggles	600 pcs				
03	Hand Sanitizer Gel Bottle 500 ml.	600 pcs				
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05	Face Mask (50 pcs box)	600 pcs				
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- Asia, Apt. No. B-3, House No. CEN(B)-11, Road No. 99, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212. Tender applications must be submitted within 20th December, 2020 5:00pm to -"Procurement Committee, ARTICLE 19 Bangladesh and South Asia, Apt. No. B-3, House No. CEN(B)-11, Road No. 99, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212". Tender applications will be short-listed by ARTICLE 19 Bangladesh and South Asia's Procurement Committee following organization's Procurement Policy. A circular for selected candidate will be emailed to all participants on 27th December, 2020.
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