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'Govt plans to eliminate child labour by 2010'

State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan told a regional conference in Bangkok yesterday that Bangladesh, which had almost eliminated child labour from readymade garments industries, plans to abolish child labour from hazardous industries by the turn of the century, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

"Bangladesh plans to end all forms of child labour by 2010," Mannan informed the 12th Asian regional meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The three-day regional meeting began in the Thai capital. Mannan said Bangladesh respects fundamental workers rights and so far ratified 6 core ILO conventions reflecting country's commitment to the principles of freedom of asso-

British MP arrives

British Member of Parliament Ms Oona King arrived in the capital yesterday on a week-long first ever visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Ms King was elected on the ruling Labour Party ticket from the Bethnal Green and Bow constituency of London in the general election last May. Bangladeshi origin Britons are majority in this constituency. She has succeeded former British MP Peter Shore.

Senior officials of the Parliament Secretariat and the British High Commission in Dhaka received her at the airport.

During her stay, Ms King will call on Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman.

Mannan discussed matters of mutual interests with his counterparts from other countries attending the conference and met trade union leaders from many countries.

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