## Bangladesh far behind in child birth registration

Despite being one of the first countries to sign and ratify the rights of child. Bangladesh is far behind in registration of child birth, one of the fundamental rights of a child, reports

UNICEF which launched the decade of Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in 1989, observed at a later stage that "the government of Bangladesh's adherence to the convention has created opportunities for initiatives in nonconventional areas".

This, however, has not helped Bangladesh to overcome its lacking in child birth registration. Even after a sorry state of birth registration. Bangladesh is to become regional leader in this important element (birth registration) of child rights promotion.

Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF expressed her dismay as she stated that despite great strides that have been made for children over the last century, the world enters a new millennium with many promises to its young citizens still unfulfilled.

The UN agency in a report made available to BSS this week said Bangladesh has no functioning birth registration system even though a legal

framework for birth registration exists. It said birth registration has never been a great priority in modern day Bangladesh, although recording of birth data has been part of the regular duties of health workers and family welfare workers. Besides, a majority of the people do not understand the differences between recording by health services and regis-

tration in a civil register. According to a source of Dhaka Municipal Corporation, on an average 40 to 50 birth registration certificates are procured by the people of the city on every working day against daily births of over one hundred

#### No change in NU exam schedule

Masters examinations of the National University will be held today as per schedule dcspite the general strike called by Jatiatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in Dhaka city from 6 am to 12 noon.

"There will be no change in our exam schedule." Vice-chancellor of the university Professor Aminul Islam told BSS last

children in the city. The situation in rest of the country

is far behind. The absence of birth registration is a serious obstacle for fulfillment of children's right. Article 7 of the CRC stipulates

that every child has a right to a

name of identity. Committee for the rights of the child while speaking about the status of registration in Bangladesh has the following remarks. "The committee is concerned that most births in Bangladesh remain unregistered. Lack of registration has negative consequences on the full enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedom by children. The committee recommends that further measures be taken to ensure the registration of all

children in cooperation with

NGOs and with support of in-

ternational organisation." Absence of birth registration denies special protection for young offender from a variety of crimes and that educational and health planning are also hampered due to its (birth registration) absence. Birth registration is child's 'ticket to citizenship' and it is not only necessary for the child's sake, but also for the political well-being of society as a whole, the report

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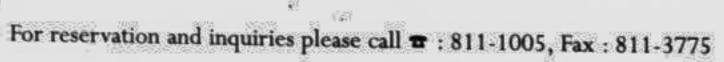




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The Victory Day was observed in the United Kingdom in a simple and solemn manner, reports BSS.

Speaking at a discussion organised by the officers and staff of the Bangladesh High Commission on the chancery premises in London, Minister for Finance Shah AMS Kibria paid tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War.

The people of Bangladesh, he said, under the leadership of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, earned their freedom for the first time in 1971 in their thousand-year history through a protracted struggle for free-

It was important, said the Minister, who was on his way back to Dhaka after a private visit to London, that the spirit of the war of liberation be pre-

He noted the agitation launched by the opposition against a government which was committed to implementing Bangabandhu's ideals and urged everyone to be vigilant about the activities of elements who had clearly not reconciled' themselves to the idea of a democratic secular Bangladesh.

The Finance Minister told the gathering that the future was bright for Bangladesh. The national literacy rate was now per cent, while inflation stood at a mere 4 per cent. These factors, in addition to others, were cause for a renewal of faith in our collective status as a so-

#### Army azan and qirat competition concludes

The annual inter-area Azan and Qirat competition of the Bangladesh Army concluded at the Garrison Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment after the Jumma

prayers yesterday, reports BSS.

The Dhaka Signals team won the title obtaining 927 points out of a total of 1200 points while the Dhaka Infantry team became runners-up with 904 points, an ISPR re-

In Girat Competition, Havilder Altaf Hussain of the Dhaka Signals team won the first prize. He was followed by Lance Naik Abdul Halim Biswas of the Dhaka Infantry while Subedar Hafizul Haque of the Dhaka Engineers team and Sepoy Abdul Wadud of the Savar area got the first and the second prizes in Azan competi-

The top two prize winners recited verses from the holy Quran and rendered Azan on the occasion.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, B Bikram distributed prizes

in London Kibria highlighted the achievements of the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, referring specifically to the deal on the Chittagong Hill Tracts

and the water-sharing treaty

with India. In the aftermath of the floods last year, he said, it was the people and government of Bangladesh who had managed disaster control. Foreign aid came in later, and for that too the nation remained grateful. "But let everyone note," said the Minister, "that we are no more a basket case." Kibria stated that at present more than fifty per cent of the country's ADP requirements were met by Bangladesh's own resources.

The Finance Minister said the requirement before the country now was the eradication of poverty and doing all those things that are necessary to take the country forward. "We have ensured a peaceful democratic succession," said the Minister. It now remains for everyone to contribute to the crafting of the country's political institutions.

The Victory Day gathering at the High Commission was also addressed by the Bangladesh High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, AH Mahmood Ali, and officers and staff of the Mission. The programme was rounded off with patriotic songs rendered by the noted artiste Mahmudur Rahman Benu.

#### Shimul Khaled's exhibition opens

State Minister for Textiles A K M Zahangir Hossain yesterday said fashion designers are playing an important role in dissemination of our cultural heritages in different parts of the world, reports BSS.

"Apart from dissemination (of cultural codes) the fashion industry has also created room for displaying ingenuity, creativity and ensured employment for some of the talented youths," the state minister said while inaugurating designer Shimul Khaled's two-day exhibition at Alliance Francaise cafe, at Dhanmondi yesterday morning.

Shimul Khaled stressed the need to promote the initiatives of different regional organisations like "Charu Chattagram" and observed that designers who reside in the countryside need more attention and assistance to achieve international standard.

The exhibition displays hand-woven saree panjabi, three pieces, fatua and ornaments made of simple non-expensive items like clay and

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An application under section 12 of the Companies Act, 1994.

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Notice is hereby given that an application under section 12 of the companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of amendment of the object clause in the Memorandum of Association of Plastic and Rubber Shoe Merchants Association of Bangladesh was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the application on 23-11-1999 the Hon'ble Court has been pleased to admit the same fixing 05-01-2000 for hearing.

Any interested person may oppose the same by appearing himself or through an authorised Advocate on the date fixed.

Copy of the same may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of costs. Fida M. Kamal Barrister-At-Law

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#### President hosts Victory Day reception

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed hosted a reception and iftar party at Bangabhaban yesterday on the occasion of Victory Day, reports

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was present at the recep-

Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal, ministers, members of parliament, judges of the Supreme Court Appellate Division and High Court, leaders of the ruling party and the opposition, and diplomats attended the party.

Present in the function were also freedom fighters, disabled FFs and their family members. chiefs of the three services, editors of news agencies and national dailies, lawyers, academics, eminent artistes and high civil and military officers.

President Shahabuddin and prime minister Hasina exchanged pleasantries with the



Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 3:00 pm at Desh Upodesh, House No 4, Road No 16 (old 27), Dhanmondi R/A, says a press release. · Rotarians are cordially invited to attend the meeting for

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Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad leaves for Macau today to attend the handing over ceremony of the Portuguese colony to China, reports

Macau is Portugal's oldest colony in the East. The ceremony will take place on December 20.

Composed of three small islands, Macau has a population of over three lakh.

#### Bhutanese envoy holds reception on National Day

Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Lhatu Wangchuk and Mrs Wangchuk held a reception at Hotel Sonargaon on the occasion of the National Day of the Himalayan King-

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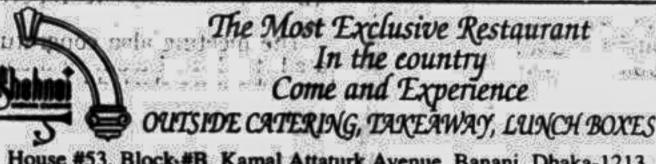
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