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Both old & new democracies facing similar problems

By Staff Correspondent

A British academic has said both the old and new democracies are facing similar problems.

"We in the new and old democracies are beset with problems like corruption, loss of confidence in police and judiciary, lack of accountability and inequality in the process of market economy," said Prof. David Beetham of Leeds University while giving a speech at Dhaka University on Wednesday.

Prof Beetham, who heads the Institute of Politics and International Studies at the Leeds University in the United Kingdom, was speaking on 'Problems and prospect for democracy in developing countries'.

Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, a newly founded department of the Dhaka University, organised the talk as its 'Foundation Lecture'.

DU Pro-vice-chancellor Prof Shahadat Ali also spoke at the function presided over by Prof Dalem Chandra Barman, chairman of the new department.

In his 40-minute talk, Prof Beetham said though problems faced by the democracies were of same nature, these were acute in some democracies while not so acute elsewhere.

He said democratisation was a continuous process and its course never ended.

Prof Beetham observed that poor masses' agenda would have no place in a democracy where there was no accountability on the financing of political parties and the financing of the poll campaigns.

Prof Shahadat Ali stressed the need for more collaborative efforts in establishing better ties among the seats of learning at home and abroad.

Prof Barman said his department would continue to organise such lectures every month and bring out bulletins covering these programmes.

Myanmar envoy calls on Kalpa Ranjan Chakma

The Ambassador of Myanmar to Bangladesh, U Ohn Thwin, called on Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

They exchanged views about different issues on Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Mohammad Sakawat Hossain, acting secretary of the CHT Affairs Ministry, was present on the occasion.

JCD condemns desecration of Shaheed Minar by DU VC

By DU Correspondent

Jatuyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the main opposition BNP, yesterday brought out a procession and staged demonstration on the Dhaka University campus protesting the violation of sanctity of the Central Shaheed Minar by Vice-Chancellor of the university.

Following the procession, JCD held a rally at the Aparajeyo Bangla at noon. Addressing the rally, JCD leaders said, "VC Prof. A K Azad Chowdhury violated the sanctity of the Central Shaheed Minar by walking on the altar wearing shoes during Ekushey programmes in the early hours of February 21."

"Not only he disrespected the Shaheed Minar but also dampened the spirit of Language Movement and International Mother Language Day," they said.

Criticising the role of intellectuals and eminent citizens after the incident, JCD leaders also said, "the silence of the intellectuals is mysterious."

JCD leaders said that the VC should apologise to the nation immediately for his deed.

presided over by Manir Hossain, the rally was addressed, among others, by Munshi Bazul Basit Anju, A B M Mostafar Hossain, Sultan Salauddin Tuku, Mostafizul Islam Mamun, Asaduzzaman Asad and Rehana Akhter Rana.



The National Committee to Protect Oil and Gas Resources for National Interest staged a sit-in demonstration at Muktangan yesterday to protest the bid to export the resources to foreign countries.



Main opposition BNP-backed student organisation JCD brought out a procession on DU campus yesterday to protest the incident of Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Azad Chowdhury walking on Shaheed Minar premises on the night of February 21st, with his shoes on.

Bangabandhu Mahila Parishad holds round table on PSA

Participants at a round table discussion on Public Safety (Special Provisions) Act hailed the government for framing and signing the Public Safety Act (PSA) 2000 and underscored the need for proper implementation of the newly-enacted law, says a press release.

They termed the law as a safeguard to national economic development and property and life of common man.

Organised by Bangabandhu Mahila Parishad at the Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium on Saturday the discussion was chaired by convenor of the parishad Prof Selina Akhter Jahan. It was participated by State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Zinnatunnesa Talukder, Vice-Chancellor of Open University Prof Aminul Islam, Advocate Sahara Khatun, DG of National Museum Shamsuzzaman Khan, Nilufar Begum of Women Affairs Directorate, Prof Azizur Rahman and Dr Mizanur Rahman of Law Department, Dhaka University, Dr Enamul Huq, Shafiqur Rahman, a senior journalist of Ittefaq and A S M Bulbul, News Editor of Jugantar, Dr Sultana Shah, artist Rehana Ashique Rahman, Dr Khaleda Khanum, and wife of late police sergeant Aha, Rokeya Prachi, Dr Abdul Awval of University Teachers Federation and Dr Mustafizur Rahman, Advocate Syeda Begum.

Also present were central leaders Rashida Muhiuddin, Prof Ifat Ara Nargis, Apu Uki, Prof Nazmun Nahar, Dr Nahar, Badrunnesa Hossain, Begum Zebunnesa, Sufia Mannan, Mina Malek, Dilara Sarwar, Sriti Kona, Rafiya Hannan.

The quikhwani of Hanufa Begum, mother of renowned dentist and a dedicated Rotarian Dr Md Shamsul Alam, Associate Professor, Dental Department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday at the residence of Dr Alam at House No 16, Road No 11, Dhamondia, says a press release.

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'Development of democratic institutions a must for HR protection'

Visiting British Professor David Beetham has advocated for developing effective institutions for human rights protection, reports BSS.

Presenting a talk on "Assessing the Development of Democracy" at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in the city the Leeds University professor said development of institutions was necessary, even where representative institutions seem surely democratic.

Commenting on the system of "Caretaker Government" in Bangladesh he said this is a "very good innovation" of institution to materialise democratic ideas.

He said all text books about politics and parliamentary democracy in the United Kingdom are being rewritten as the existing Parliamentary System of Democracy was not protecting the socio-economic, cultural, civil and humanitarian rights of the minority.

Terming upper chamber in the UK as "best" in moderating, he said they were going to revise it to rectify the drawbacks.

Referring to democratisation

tion of international institutions, he said it was needed for economic globalisation.

In reply to a question he said regulation of capitals at national, regional, and international level was needed for democratisation of capital globally.

Prof Shamsul Huda Haroon of Dhaka University Political Science Department chaired the talk while Director General of Bangladesh Academy Prof Syed Anwar Hossain and Chairman of Public Administration Department of Rajshahi University Prof Shamsur Rahman were the designated discussants.

Prof Hossain said Bangladesh emerged as a nation with a commitment to democracy while Pakistan was broken by denying it. He said Bangladesh is in the process of democratisation where some democratic practices were inherent in the people.

Prof Rahman said democracy and human rights could not be separated and it was not possible to guarantee human rights unless democratic institutions were grown accordingly.

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iii) Mrs Nazma Begum, W/o Mr Director
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8. Tenders will be opened on 22-3-2000 at 12:30 PM at the aforesaid department in presence of the tenderers (if any). For further information, if any, the undersigned may be contacted. Bidders may purchase the abovementioned movable and immovable property in a lot or separately.

9. The BSB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/offer without showing any reason.

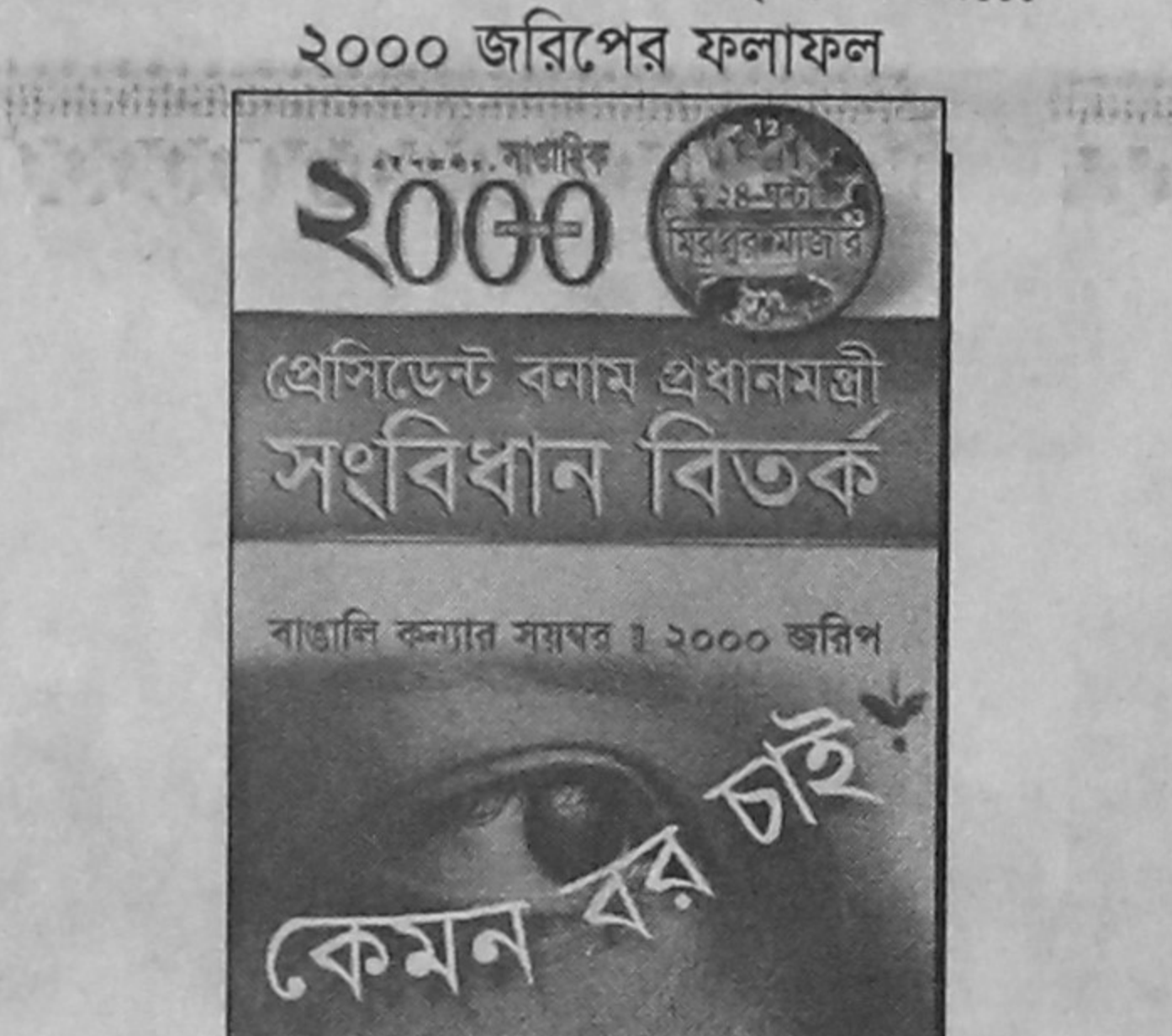
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১। এতদ্বারা ঢাকা জেলা জমিদার, ৪৮, মতিঝিল ভবনের ৮ম তলায় জনতা ব্যাংক বিভাগীয় কার্যালয়, ঢাকা পুরানো বাথরুম ভাঙ্গিয়া ও ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ডেপার্টমেন্ট ও টাইলসসহ ৫টি নতুন বাথরুম ও কয়েকটি কক্ষ নির্মাণ ও সংস্কার এবং এলুমিনিয়াম ফ্রেম, ভিনাইল প্যাটার্ন বোর্ড-এর পাটিনা ও ফলস সিলিংসহ কয়েকটি কক্ষ নির্মাণকল্প এই ধরনের কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। প্রত্যেক কাজের জন্য পৃথক পৃথক বামে কাজের নাম উল্লেখপূর্বক দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

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৪। অগ্রাধী ঠিকাদারগণ প্রতি কর্মদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় অভিজ্ঞতার সন্দেহ, বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেটসহ আয়কর সন্দপত্রের কপি দাখিল পূর্বক নিয়ন্ত্রণকারীর কার্যালয়ে হইতে দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেন।

৫। দরপত্র নিয়ন্ত্রণকারীর কার্যালয়ে বন্ধিত দরপত্র বাবে আগামী ১২-৩-২০০০ই তারিখে বেলা ২.১৫ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী পরিপালন সাপেক্ষে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং এ দিন বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রগ্রহণকারের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) রায় ঘোষা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

৬। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Body recovered

Police recovered the decomposed body of an unidentified woman from a manhole at East Manikganj in the city's Khilgaon area Tuesday night, reports UNB

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Corrigendum

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1. The above tender documents will be sold up to 14th March 2000 instead of 14th & 28th February 2000 respectively.

2. The above tenders will be received up to 12 hours on 15th March 2000 instead of 15th & 29th February 2000 respectively.

3. The above tenders will be opened on 15th March 2000 at 12-15 hours instead