

## Teachers' grand rally Aug 26

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Shikshak Samity has urged the teachers and employees of all educational institutions of the country to join the grand rally at the Central Shaheed Minar on August 26 to make it a success. Teachers and employees of 23,000 non-government schools and colleges have been on strike since July 10 to press their various demands.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Shikshak Pratisthan Karmachary Oikya Parishad in a press release also urged all employees of the educational institutions to join the grand rally.

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Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori (front-left) looks at a new born baby yesterday during his visit to a child care centre built with Japanese financial aid in the city while Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and hospital staff look on. Mori is on a four-nation South Asian tour aimed at strengthening ties in the region.

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## Diet keen to improve ties with JS

Diet, the Japanese Parliament is keen to improve ties with Jatiya Sangsad of Bangladesh, reports UNB. A group of Japanese MPs accompanying Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori expressed the desire to improve relations when they called on Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

The Speaker informed the Japanese MPs led by Housei Norota about various activities and the system of Jatiya Sangsad. He also extended invitation to the Speaker of Diet to visit Bangladesh.

The MPs praised the efforts of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to form Asian Association of Parliaments for Peace (AAPPP) and assured the Speaker of strengthening the move.

Siranjit Sengupta, Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to PM, and senior officials of Parliament Secretariat were present during the meeting.

## TAOA demands reduction in fuel price

By Staff Correspondent

Transport Agency Owners Association (TAOA) in an emergency meeting of its executive committee yesterday expressed its anguish at the recent price hike of fuel, said a press release.

President of TAOA, Kazi Obaidul Huq said that the price hike of fuel will not only affect the transport sector but agricultural and industrial sectors will also be affected.

TAOA demanded of the government to immediately reduce the price of fuel, it said.

Meanwhile, major opposition BNP and Jatiya Party (Ershad) will organise processions and rallies across the country today protesting the price hike of oil and gas.

## Orientation of new lecturers of DU begin

By DU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof AK Azad Chowdhury yesterday said that the young teachers of the university were among the brightest men in the country and urged them to be more devoted to their respectable professions.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of 12-day long orientation course of new lecturers. "I am hopeful that you all will acquire higher education in abroad and impart your knowledge among the students of the country."

Presided over by Pro-VC Prof Shahadat Ali, the programme was also addressed, among others, by treasurer Prof Abul Hashem, dean of Arts Faculty Prof Kazi Shahidullah, dean of Social Science Faculty Prof Asaduzzaman, dean of Science Faculty Prof Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, dean of Business Studies Faculty Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad, registrar Muhammad Selim and Prof Shanti Narayan Gosh.

A total of 44 lecturers from different departments of the university are participating in the programme.

## JS team visits FDC

Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Information visited Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC) yesterday, reports UNB.

Led by committee chairman Abul Kalam Azad, the lawmakers, during the visit, stressed the need for proper use and maintenance of equipment, necessary training for technicians and producing better films.

The parliamentary committee members observed activities in different units of the FDC. Officials apprised them of various aspects of shooting spots, editing and music units, laboratory, dubbing, newly installed equipment and the progress of BMRE project.

Committee members Begum Shahin Monwar Hossain, Atal H Khan, Gazi Mohammad Shahjahan and Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain were present, a parliament secretariat press release said.

## Hasina, Mori open modernised MCHTI

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Japanese counterpart Yoshiro Mori jointly inaugurated the modernised Maternal and Child Health Training Institute (MCHTI) at Azimpur in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The institute has been reconstructed and modernised with enhanced facilities and equipment and upgraded to a 173-bed hospital to ensure better reproductive health services to mothers and newborns.

Japanese government has financed the project which was

completed at a cost of 1177 million yen or Tk 390 crore.

Under the scheme, the MCHTI training centre has also been rebuilt.

The MCHTI was established in 1953 with 200 beds and later upgraded to 100-bed hospital in 1960.

The 173-bed hospital, with administrative and training units, is housed in a four-storied building.

"It will provide better treatment for pregnant mothers and newborn babies," said an official.

The Japanese Prime

Minister, who reached MCHTI

at 5.05 pm, was received by

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The two prime ministers unveiled the plaque of the MCHTI and visited different wards and units of the modern hospital and training centre.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, State Minister for Health Prof M Amanullah, local MP Haji Selim, BMA secretary general Dr Mostofa Jalal Mohiuddin and members of the Japanese Prime Minister's entourage were present.

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