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Asma Kibria taking journalists and guests around her exhibition of paintings after a press conference held at the auditorium of the National Museum yesterday. The exhibition formally opens to public today. — Star photo

Law students must have practical training: CJ

Chief Justice Latifur Rahman yesterday expressed his grave concern over the existing system of legal education in the country and said there was no substitute for practical training in specialised legal profession, reports BSS.

"The system of legal education in our country has no practical basis. The knowledge that a student acquires in a law school is really bookish," he said at the concluding ceremony of an Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium.

Justice Rahman said professionals like engineers and physicians, lawyers should also acquire practical knowledge during their student life.

"A lawyer should know how to draft a plaint, a written statement, petition of complaint and how to focus on main issues in a case," he said and added that lawyers should have good command both in Bangla and English. "Language is the vehicle of thoughts. Proficiency in language is essential for a

lawyer," he added. Jointly organised by Legal Education and Training Institute of Bangladesh Bar Council and Australian Bar Association, the programme provided training to 302 lawyers on different aspects of legal profession.

The Australian Bar, which has been providing training to Bangladesh young advocates for the last few years, sent a five-member delegation to Dhaka to establish better management in the dispensation of justice through practical training.

Justice Nayeem Uddin Ahmed, Justice AKM Sadeque, Advocate A Basat Majumder and Advocate Syed Ahmed also spoke on the occasion while Barrister Shafiq Ahmed presided.

Justice Rahman said in a free and independent country, it was imperative and urgent to enhance the standard of judicial education not only for the well-being of the commonman but also for economic development, social justice and human rights.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding formation of a special tribunal to try the war criminals. — Star photo

JU convocation on February 17

By JU Correspondent

The second convocation of Jahangirnagar University (JU) which was scheduled to be held on Feb 10 will now be held on February 17, official sources said.

The students who have passed their honours examinations between 1991 to 1997 and those who have passed their master degree examinations between 1992 to 1997 will be able to take their certificates at the convocation.

The function will begin in the morning with the bringing out of a rally by former students. The rally beginning from the university Central Cafeteria will end at the same place.

Later, Chancellor of the university President Justice Sha-

JU BCL activist beaten up for collecting tolls

By JU Correspondent

Activists of ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) beat up one of their partymen on Thursday for collecting tolls in the name of the organisation.

The activist who was beaten up is identified as Razibur Rahman Raju, a student of Department of Anthropology. The eldest son of a teacher of Mathematics at the university, Raju has appeared in the MSS examination.

Raju collected tolls from different shops and residents of the nearby villages.

The BCL activists caught him in the AFM Kamaluddin Hall on Thursday noon after learning that Raju has taken a good sum of money from a woman of nearby village posing as an 'arms cadre' of BCL. They took him to the guest room of the hall and beat him up.

Later, Raju's father rescued him on Thursday evening.

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Next confce of AAPP in China

The next conference of the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP) will be held in China, reports UNB.

As per the charter of AAPP, China has been elected as its vice president.

The decision was taken at the meeting of the general assembly of AAPP Wednesday night in Phnom Penh, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Malaysian Speaker proposed the name of China, which was supported by Bangladesh.

The newly elected AAPP president and Cambodian National Assembly Speaker Prince Norodom Ranariddh presided over the meeting.

More than 35 countries took part in the conference and the number of signatories to the AAPP charter reached 29 including Cyprus, Tazkistan and Turkey.

Legal Notice

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division (Statutory Original Jurisdiction) Company Matter No 5 of 2001

In the Matter Of:

Calling an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Jobaida Steel Mills Ltd And

In the Matter of:

Mrs. Parven Akther & another Petitioners.

-Versus-

Md. Jamal Uddin Chowdhury and others Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application filed on 16.01.2001 under Section 85 (3) of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh comprising his lordships Mr Justice Md Awlad Ali for calling an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Jobaida Steel Mills Ltd to select/appoint to Extra Directors. The Honourable Court has admitted the application and fixed the date of hearing on 14.02.2001.

Any interested person in the matter may appear in the hearing either personally or through appointed advocate.

Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

Mohammad Faridul Islam LL B (Hons) LL M Advocate Supreme Court of Bangladesh Hall Room No-2 Supreme Court Bar Building, Dhaka. Phone No-9336638 (Res) 017812880 (Mobile).

Donation to PM's relief fund

South Wales Awami League President Mohammad Peroz has donated Tk 5 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, reports UNB.

Earlier, Peroz also contributed relief materials worth Tk 3 lakh for distribution among the flood-affected people in Moulvibazar district, said a press release.

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Boy Scouts at the march past of the Third National Agonoree, 2001 organised by the Bangladesh Scouts at the National Scout Training Centre at Mouchak, Gazipur on Thursday.



The annual prize distribution ceremony of St Gregory's High School was held on the school premises in the city yesterday. Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh and a former student of the school Syed Yusuf Hossain was chief guest at the programme and distributed prizes among the students.

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ActionAid to expand its programme

The UK-based NGO ActionAid will expand its programme in Bangladesh and other South Asian countries gearing up their fight against poverty, reports UNB.

This was agreed upon at ActionAid's Asia regional conference held on January 22-24 in the city, chief executive of ActionAid UK Sallie Sheehy told a press conference on Thursday.

Director of Asian region Ramesh Singh, director general of ActionAid Spain Rafael Beneyto, chief executive of ActionAid Ireland and ActionAid Bangladesh country director Feisal Hussain also addressed the press.

Sallie said the focus of ActionAid programmes was more on meeting the day-to-day needs of the poor and marginalised people. "Poverty level is not going down in Bangladesh despite being the largest recipient of aid."

He said that decades of aid-funded projects had yielded limited results because poor people have had little say in their design and implementation.

Now, he said, ActionAid runs three major international campaigns on education, agriculture and trade and AIDS.

The strategy is to empower the poor and marginalised people at grassroots level to claim their rights, strengthen local institutions and influence policies that affect poverty at national and international levels, the NGO boss explained.

"For Bangladesh, we are particularly concerned with market access to both developed and developing countries," he said, adding that macroeconomic conditions for sustained poverty reduction relies on equitable access to markets for Bangladesh goods and services.

"These are currently blocked by unfair and unjust practices of nations that are more powerful and skilled at manipulating international trade rules," he said.

Ramesh said ActionAid Bangladesh is working here with 67 small partner organisations and channelled a fund of US\$3 million last year in fighting against poverty.

"The funds will be doubled in next 3-4 years," he told the newsmen.

11 Secys employed on contract basis, JS told

As many as 11 secretaries are now employed in different ministries and divisions on contract basis, the parliament was told on Thursday, reports UNB.

They are: Kazi Shamsul Alam (Cabinet Division), Dr AKM Mashur Rahman (ERD), Principal Secretary Dr SA Samad (PM Office), Dr AMM Shawkat Ali (Agriculture), MM Reza (Home), Dr Shah Mohammad Farid (Member, Planning Commission), Kazi Golam Rahman (DG NSI), Dr AKA Mubin (Chairman, Turnover Tax Commission), Kazi Rakiuddin Ahmed (Parliament Secretariat), Anwar Hossain (Election Commission Secretariat) and Omar Hadi (Executive Director, Greater Dhaka Urban Transport Planning & Coordination Board).

The information was given by Education Minister ASHK Sadique, who is in charge of establishment ministry in the Jatiya Sangsad, responding to an unstarred question appearing in the name of ANM Ehsanul Huq (BNP).

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Tender Notice
No-30/2000-2001

Sealed tenders are invited from contractors as per eligibility for the undermentioned work under Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority.

SL No	Name of work	Estimated expenditure (in taka)	Eligibility of contractor	Specific time for completion of work	Cost of tender documents (in taka) (non-refundable)
1	Construction of one garage behind the Dhaka EPZ Zone office	5,45,846.78	Enlisted contractors of government/semi government/autonomous establishments who have experience of concerned work of Taka 2.75 lakh in a single work order	90 (ninety) days	500/-
2	Painting and repairing work of ground floor and 1st floor of three-storied factory building at Dhaka EPZ	1,89,884.98	Enlisted contractors of government/semi government/autonomous establishments who have experience of concerned work for taka 0.95 lakh in a single work order	45 (forty-five) days	500/-
3	Residential gas connection at security barrack situated at Dhaka EPZ extension area	94,989.87	Enlisted contractors of government/semi government/autonomous establishments which have experience of concerned work for taka 0.48 lakh in a single work order	30 (thirty) days	250/- (3' call)

Earnest money as mentioned in the tender in the forms of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BEPZA' will have to be submitted with tender. Contractors must submit the attested copies of the following documents in support of their eligibility with tender. Otherwise tenders will be treated as rejected.

- 1) Trade licence for the current year.
- 2) Enlistment certificate of contractors for the current year.
- 3) Certificate (TIN) in support of tax-payers from the Income Tax authority and VAT registration certificate.
- 4) Work order and certificate regarding work from an official of the rank of an Executive Engineer.

Tenders will be rejected alongwith the forfeit of the earnest money submitted if any document submitted with tender is proved false or forged.

Tenders can be purchased from BEPZA Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka, Chittagong EPZ, South Halishahar, Chittagong, Dhaka EPZ, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka from Accounts Section till 18-02-2001.

Tenders will be received on 19-02-2001 till 12:00 noon in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, BEPZA Executive Office, Chittagong, Office Chamber of Dhaka EPZ, Project Engineer.

Tenders submitted in different offices will be opened only in the office chamber of Dhaka EPZ Project Engineer on 25-02-2001 at 12:00 noon in presence of tenderers (if there is any).

If the last date of submitting tender is a government holiday due to any circumstances, then it can be purchased on the following working day and in that case tenders can be submitted till the following day of the last date of purchasing tender. If the day of submitting/opening tender is a government holiday, then it will be submitted/opened the following working day.

If rate is submitted at the lowest limit that is 10% below the estimated expenditure by more than one establishment as per terms and conditions of tender then a lottery will be held on 25-02-2001 at 3:00 pm in the office chamber of the Project Engineer, Dhaka EPZ in presence of the tenderers concerned. If the documents submitted by the 1st successful tenderer by examining as per terms and conditions is found right, then the work order will be given to that establishment. Otherwise necessary steps will be taken to issue work order to the 2nd and 3rd tenderer in phases after examining documents of the tenderers.

The authority reserves the power to accept any one of the tender submitted or reject any one or all without assigning any reason.

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