

Int'l confce on parliamentary reform begins tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka
Possible reforms in the parliamentary system, focusing particularly on the Parliament's oversight functions to further strengthen the process of democratic governance in the country, will be discussed at an international conference which will begin in the city tomorrow (Saturday). The major issues to be addressed at the two-day conference under a title of "The Bangladesh Parliament in the 21st Century", which will cover a wide range of issues, will be key elements to make parliament a more effective institution.

Three distinguished overseas resource persons - P A Sangma, former speaker of the Indian Lok Sabha, Geert Versnick, MP and former chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian Parliament, and David Butcher, former Associate Finance Minister of New Zealand, will present keynote papers.



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Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

DU English Dept Alumni Assoc
reunion today
The annual reunion 2000 of the English Department Alumni Society of Dhaka University will be held today at 3:00 pm at the British Council, says a press release.
All interested alumni have been requested to attend the reunion programme on time.

BCL holds rally on DU campus
DU CORRESPONDENT
Ruling party backed student organization Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to ahead of the Prime Minister visit to the campus tomorrow.
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Amar Ekushey Book Fair at the Bangla Academy premises tomorrow.
Following the procession, BCL held a rally in front of the DUCSU building on the campus.
Speaking at the rally, BCL leaders praised the contribution of the prime minister in achieving world recognition of the Language Movement of February 21 in 1952.
"The recognition of the day as World Mother-Tongue Day has upheld the image and pride of Banglaee nation," they said.
Presided over by Bahadur Bepari, the rally was addressed, among others, by Ajay Kar Khokan, Sujit Roy Nandi.

New organisation launched at JU
UNB, Dhaka
Journalists working at the Jahangirnagar University have launched a new organisation - Bangladesh Human Rights Journalists' Forum (BHRJF).
A nine-member committee of the organisation was formed on Tuesday with JU correspondent of UNB Khaled Saifullah Manik as its convener and Fakrul Islam Jewel as member secretary.
The other members of the committee are: Alamgir Swapan, Mizanur Rahman, Shamim Ashraf, Akram Khan, Sarwar Zaman, Zahidur Rahman and Hamjar Shamim, said a press release yesterday.

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