



Awami League held a rally at Paltan Maidan (ground) yesterday protesting the killing of a policeman by zealots and activities of religious fanatics in the country.

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'Capacity building a must for raising standard of living in LDCs'

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury has stressed on capacity building, both human and institutional, for improvement of living conditions in the Least Developed Countries

(LDCs). According to a press release from New York, Anwarul Karim Chowdhury regretted lack of adequate follow up of the Programme of Action which, he said, should be particularly focused. He was briefing the Group of 77 delegations regarding the

preparation for the Preparatory Committee session on the Third UN Conference on LDCs to be held in New York from 5 to 9 February.

The one-week Preparatory Committee session is part of the extensive preparation for the LDCs' conference that will be

hosted by the European Union in Brussels next May. A second session of the Preparatory Committee will be held from April 2 to 6.

The Least Developed Countries, under the chairmanship of Bangladesh, was for the last two weeks involved in an intensive exercise to forge an united position on the draft programme of action.

Ambassador Chowdhury, who is also the coordinator of the LDCs, told the meeting that three core issues of importance for LDCs are - free access to markets in the developed countries, reduction of their debt burden and increase of official development assistance for LDCs.

Harassment of FF Babar Ali condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad Central Coordination Council in a statement yesterday condemned the physical and psychological torture and harassment of sick freedom fighter Babar Ali in hospital and attack on UNB's Feni Correspondent Tipu Sultan.

In the statement BMS convenor Isteaq Aziz Ulfat and member secretary Sadek Ahmed Khan said that even the journalists are not spared from the ongoing repression and torture across the country.

They demanded of the government to take action against the jailer and police personnel involved in the harassment of Babar Ali. They also urged the government to bear expenses of Tipu's treatment and take actions against those involved in the attack and warned the government that it will have to bear the consequences if failed.

'You Got the Look' beauty contest in city on Feb 8

The final phase of a beauty contest dubbed as 'Pantene Pro-V and Head & Shoulders You Got The Look 2001' will be held on February 8 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel at 7.30 pm, says a press release.

Procter & Gamble has organised the beauty contest for both men and women.

There are 4 awards - 2 for each category - "Best Look" and "Best Hair". The judges will select 4 best contestants out of 20 who managed to reach the final. 10 judges have been selected from journalists, businessmen, actors, actresses, beautician, and designers.

Theft attempt foiled at Ctg port

UNB, Chittagong

The security personnel of the Chittagong Port foiled an attempt of pilferage of goods from the unloading ship at the jetty yesterday.

A group of gangsters made a hole in the jetty to reach the ship at water level and brought out 115 rolls of cloth, worth Tk 10 crore, imported for making garments. They also deployed an engine boat to get away with the looted material.

Sensing the pilferage, security personnel at Jetty No. 12 challenged the gangsters, who fled after firing gunshots in the air.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held today, at 5:30 pm at Vintage Restaurant, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur Road in the city, says a press release.

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 PM at Dhaka Club Family Lounge, says a press release.

"The Rotary Club of Ramna will hold its regular weekly meeting today at 5:30 PM at the Dhaka Club. Club members Rtn Dr. Mukhsuder Rahman, Rtn Dr. AQSM Harun, Rtn Azharul Islam, and Rtn Taleya Rahman will speak on their personal experiences of 52 Language Movement," says a press release.

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Key Note Speaker: Mr. Sirajuddin Ahmed Ex-Executive Chairman, BOI & Member, Bangladesh Public Service Commission.
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Experts suggest improvement of IT infrastructures

BSS, Dhaka

Information Technology (IT) and Telecom experts yesterday called for immediate improvement of the existing telecommunications infrastructure along with linking all IT villages with optic fibre networks to prepare the country for cellular phones and high speed data communication.

"High speed data communication alone will not solve problems relating to complexities of software development. We need efficient programmes and without world class programmers all our effort in IT sector will be proved futile," the experts said at the inaugural ceremony of a week-long AOTS-FUJITSU Workshop on Digital Telecommunications Technology at Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) organised the workshop in joint collaboration with Fujitsu International Engineering Ltd, Fujitsu Limited, Japan, Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board and Pacific Bangladesh Telecom Ltd.

Prof. Dr A B M Siddique Hossain of BUET and Chairman of the Steering Committee for the workshop inaugurated the workshop while it was addressed by Md Manwar Ali, member of Bangladesh T and T Board and Hiroshi Jingu, Minister Counselor of the embassy of Japan in Dhaka as special guests. The function was also addressed by Daisuke Arai, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) representative in Dhaka, Tadatoshi Ikeda, Senior Vice President of Fujitsu International Engineering Ltd, Dr A K M Moazzem Hussain, AOTS representative in Dhaka and Junshi Yamashita, General Manager of Fujitsu Dhaka Office and A Q Razul Huq, among others.

Forty-five telecom engineers, 40 from host Bangladesh and five from neighbouring India, are participating in the workshop which

will deal with Trends in Telecommunications in the mist of IT-Revolution, Telecommunication Network, Transport System, Mobile Communication System, Node System, Access Network and Internet System.

Five IT and Telecom experts from Fujitsu headquarters - Iadatoshi Ikeda, Hideki Nakamura, Furio Uehara, Kazuhiko Kawaguchi and Katsu Uyama - are conducting the week-long technical session of the workshop.

Prof. Siddique Hossain said eagerness to know each other, a perennial human urge from the earliest history of mankind, has led to formation of society and freed individuals from isolation. When constraints of geography, distance and political boundaries made interaction limited, telecommunications came to rescue and became a useful tool for human welfare and progress, he said.

Prof. Hossain added telecommunications in the recent past, particularly in the last 25 years has seen dramatic advancement. Ma-

gor technical innovations like optical fibre with its almost unlimited information carrying capacity and the microchip with its ability to add intelligence computers have brought us to the threshold of universal communication, where the users would get a much faster, cheaper and more flexible telecommunications service - even in developing countries.

Hiroshi Jingu, in his speech, appreciated the government of Bangladesh for the process of transforming all analogue exchanges into digital ones in all divisional and district headquarters and also for taking up various development projects in this sector.

Japan, he said, has been extending cooperation to telecommunication projects equipped with sophisticated equipment, such as the optical system and the digital telephone exchange system that have greatly contributed to the effective telecommunications network in Bangladesh.

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