

PM urges countrymen to resist communal forces 'Democracy Killing Day' today

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday called upon the peace loving people of the country to resist the snatchers of democracy, reactionary and communal forces for upholding the democratic norms and values.

In a message to mark the "Democracy Killing Day", the Prime Minister said the people of the country will foil the conspiracy of the evil forces and strengthen the progress of democracy with united efforts to eradicate poverty.

Paying tribute to the sacrifices of the people in establishing the epoch-making system of holding election under a Caretaker government and the right of franchise, she said a vested group is active again to destroy the democratic system of the country.

She said anti-liberation forces of 1971, war criminals, communal force with the followers of military autocrat and other autocratic forces are united to destroy the democratic process and institutions of the country.

The Prime Minister said the vested quarters are trying to destabilise the political situation of the country by instigating com-

munalism, anarchy and sabotage activities. They are trying to destroy our national pride and achievements in art, literature and culture, she added.

Referring to the February 15 which is known as "Democracy Killing Day", she said the then autocratic BNP governments has conducted a farical one party election in 1996 brushing aside the people's demand for holding the general election under a neutral Caretaker government.

The election was rejected by the people which tarnished the image of the country abroad. Prime Minister also said that Begum Khaleda Zia's government was forced to step down following a people's upsurge.

Moroccan envoy calls on FM

UNB, Dhaka

Moroccan Ambassador to Bangladesh Mohammad Seghrouchni met Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday.

They discussed various issues of business interests.



Police in riot gear chasing pro-hartal activists in city's Bijoy Nagar area yesterday during the hartal hours.

'Environmental awareness a must to check pollution'

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday emphasised the need for

mounting environmental awareness, education and advocacy campaign across the country to check environmental degradation.

They were participating at the seminar organised by the Department For International Development (DFID) of UK office in Bangladesh.

Natural Resource Manager of DFID, Bangladesh, Leigh Stubblefield made a short presentation on "DFID-Bangladesh Environmental Approach" underscoring the need for forging more collaboration among the government, civil society bodies and various stakeholders to improve the physical environment in the country.

Chairman of the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, IUCN Bangladesh Country Representative Dr Ainun Nishat and BELA Director Rizwana Hasan presented recommendations of group discussions.

The participants suggested effective use of the media, educational institutions and civil society bodies for bringing in positive, dynamic and effective changes in the environmental behaviour of people by adequately sensitising the policy-makers, grassroots people, stakeholders and students.

They also expressed concern at the ever-increasing deterioration of environment, lack of coordination among different government bodies, and poor enforcement of the existing rules, regulations and laws in the country.

DRU workshop rescheduled

The workshop on financial reporting organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) will now be held on March 2 and 3 instead of February 16 and 17, a DRU press release said on Wednesday.

The dates have been changed due to unavoidable circumstances, the press release said, adding the time and venue of the workshop will remain unchanged.

Meanwhile, the "Meet the Reporters" by Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, scheduled to take place today at the DRU office, has also been postponed due to the same reason.

Fresh date for the talk of the envoy will be communicated later, the press release said.

Rajpunnah at Bandarban today

UNB, Bandarban

The 15th Raja of the Bomang Circle Aungshoi Prue Chowdhury called for observing Rajpunnah, a yearly traditional revenue collection festival, in the Bandarban town today.

Attired with royal dress, the king will ascend the throne at noon to mark the occasion on the day.

The tribal chief's officers and guards, dressed in their traditional costumes including dhal, sword, spear and other arms will present the customary guard of honour before the actual punnah festival begins, according to the official programmes. The king will greet the invited guests.

The sources said all preparations for the festival have been completed where the country's prominent persons have already been invited to attend the ceremony.

On the occasion, a three-day folk fair have been arranged where various recreational programmes will be presented. Besides, other tribal programmes including doll dance and circus have been chalked out marking the occasion.

People living in inaccessible areas present various gifts along with *khazna* (land tax) to the Bomang King on the occasion, which is very dear to the hill men.

It may be mentioned here that, of the three circles of the three hill districts, the festival is observed only in this district.

DUTA condemns violence in city

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) yesterday expressed its grave concern over the violent and terrorist activities that has been going on for the last few days and urged the government to give exemplary punishment to those who are involved in these

heinous acts.

In a statement, the acting president and the general secretary of DUTA Prof Mohammad Ashrafuddin Chowdhury and Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan called upon all democratic parties to settle all disputes by shunning the politics of confrontation.

They said, "We have been

watching with grave concern that a certain vested quarter, through its sabotage and violent actions, has been trying to foil the democratic process and political stability of the country."

A number of people including two police personnel lost their lives due to these destructive activities, they said.

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Hajj pilgrims urged to contact agents for visa processing

BSS, Dhaka

Saudi Embassy has requested the non-ballottee Hajj pilgrims to contact the enlisted Hajj agents for visa processing through the Pilgrim Pass immediately.

The government has signed agreement with the Saudi government for sending 45,000 pilgrims including 10,000 under government arrangement and rest 35,000 under private sector arrangement through 135 appointed agents for the upcoming Hajj, said.

DU may link up to Omani higher educational instt

BSS, Dhaka

The possibility of linkage programme between the University of Dhaka and the higher educational institutes of the Sultanate of Oman was discussed at a meeting in the city on Wednesday.

The meeting was held between Malallah Bin Ali Habib Allawati of Oman's Ministry of National Heritage and Culture and Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury at the latter's office, a DU press release said.

SAVE THE CHILDREN (USA)

Opportunity for Employment

Program Manager - Saving Newborn Lives (SNL) Initiative

An International Child Development Organization invites application from the qualified candidates for the position of Program Manager for its **Saving Newborn Lives (SNL) Initiative Program**. This position will be based in Dhaka and mainly responsible for providing country-level strategic, technical and managerial leadership for the Initiative. In this capacity, he/she will assist implementation of the SNL strategic framework. He/she would also be a key in-country spokesperson on policy and technical issues related to SNL, and play a central role in establishing newborn health as a national priority. The SNL Program Manager will function as part of Save the Children-Bangladesh Field Office health team and will seek, as appropriate, to introduce and or strengthen newborn health activities within the context of the ongoing Field Office Programs.

The desired candidate shall have:

- at least 5 years experience working in the field of either newborn care, maternal health, child health, public health, population and behavioral sciences or nutrition and a post-graduate level educational background in any of the relevant subjects;
- genuine commitment to work at the grassroots level with disadvantaged children and their families with high degree of initiative and ability to work independently;
- skills that include participatory planning and designing of projects, training and supervision of implementation team;
- very good written, oral communication, analytical skills and ability to work in a team;
- representational skills, including ability to network and engage in policy dialogue with donors, researchers, program managers, senior government official would also be desirable;
- willingness to travel frequently within and outside Bangladesh;
- ability to accept new ideas is non-judgmental and gender-friendly;
- training and experience in using participatory tools such as PRA/PLA would be an advantage;
- fair knowledge of research and documentation.

Senior Program Officer - Adolescent/ Youth and School Program

Applications are also invited from qualified candidates for the position of **Senior Program Officer in Health, Population & Nutrition Section**. This is a Dhaka-based position with frequent travel to rural areas and is mainly responsible for designing, implementing and evaluating health sectoral programs, including, supervising, training, coaching/mentoring, providing technical advice to field workers, monitoring/ review and reporting relevant programs within the framework of sectoral programmatic strategies, particularly program areas such as, health promotion in schools, adolescent/youth reproductive/sexual health programs. The position is open to both non-medical and medical candidates however preference will be given to non-medical candidate with relevant experience.

The desired candidate shall have the following qualifications:

- considerable experience, background and training in the field of community-based programs in the areas mentioned above and an education at post-graduate level in any of the relevant subjects.
- experience in community/social mobilization and participatory program planning and implementation (including PRA) would be essential;
- genuine commitment to work at the grassroots level with disadvantaged children and their families and is willing to travel within the working are;
- skills including participatory planning and designing of projects, training supervision and motivation, monitoring/evaluation and report writing, good written and oral communication and analytical skills and ability to work in a team;
- fair knowledge of research and an aptitude for programmatic documentation will be crucial;

A highly competitive and attractive salary and fringe benefit package commensurate with qualification, experience and salary history. Please apply with detailed CV and photograph with 2 referees and a covering letter (and a contact telephone number and / e-mail address) highlighting your qualifications in support of your candidature to **Administrative Chief, G.P.O. Box No. 421, Dhaka -1000, by 24 February 2001.**

Please mention on the envelope the position you are applying for.

For both positions, female candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

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The incumbent must be a C. A. Course Complete or Master in Accounting with excellent academic background & good command in computer and of minimum three years proven experience in a large industry.

Applications alongwith CV should be sent to :

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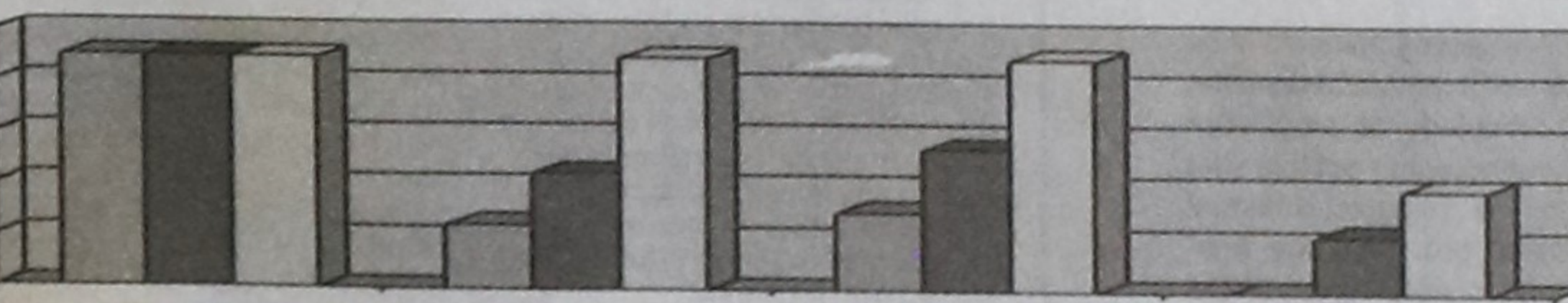
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