

Norway to help develop energy sector

BSS, Dhaka
The Norwegian government is ready to provide assistance to Bangladesh for the development of energy sector.

and survey.
Gerd Wahlstrom, Norwegian ambassador to Bangladesh, said this when he called on Minister of State for Energy and Mineral Resources A K M Mosharraf Hossain at his secretariat office yesterday, an official handout said.

They discussed matters of mutual interest in different development sectors, including energy.
Norway has long been extending cooperation to the Energy and Mineral Resources Department of the country for strengthening the sector.

Bush greets Badruddoza

UNB, Dhaka

US President George W Bush has congratulated Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury on his assumption of the office as President of Bangladesh.

In a message, President Bush hoped that the friendship and

cooperation between Bangladesh and United States would continue to grow stronger.

Bush also praised Bangladesh's assistance to Afghanistan, both humanitarian shipments through the United Nations and Bangladesh's offer of peacekeepers.

DU Pro-VC pledges to stamp out terrorism

BSS, Dhaka

The newly-appointed pro-vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor Zeenatun Nessa Tahmida Begum, has said she will take every step to make the country's highest seat of learning a centre of excellence rooting out terrorism from the campus.

In an interview with the news agency, Prof Tahmida, the first woman to become pro-vice-chancellor of a public university has said everything will be disciplined, if a congenial teaching environment is restored.

"Teachers will have to play the pivotal role in this regard. I firmly believe that if the teachers can motivate students through guidance and counseling, terrorism is bound to be weeded out," she said.

She said teachers should be punctual and sincere in teaching as their lifestyle and ideals influence students a lot.

Prof Tahmida, who joined the university in 1972 in the Department of Botany and held various administrative and academic positions in her long career observed that most of the students of Dhaka University were meritorious, but their brilliance is being shadowed by misdeeds of a few "so-called students".

She pointed to poverty as one of the major causes for campus violence and admitted that the university cannot provide necessary financial assistance to the poor students due to its own financial constraint.
"But I can assure that the poor but meritorious students will now get more scholarships and other financial benefits," the pro-vice-chancellor said.
"A female dormitory will be constructed soon to solve the acute residential problem of female students at the university."

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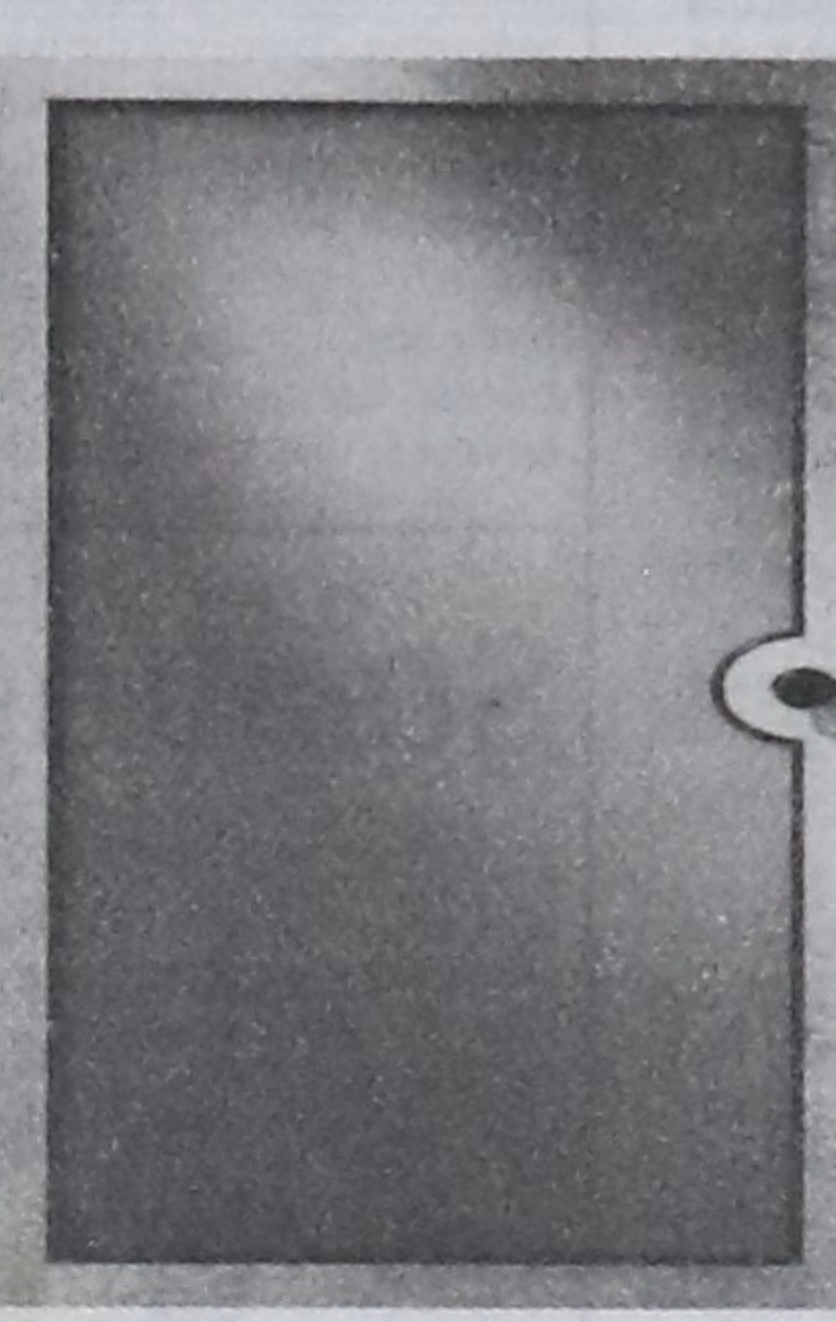
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