

Relocate labour-intensive units to Bangladesh

Khaleda urges Malaysian minister

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offered all necessary cooperation and facilities for Malaysia to relocate their labour-intensive industries to Bangladesh.

She held out the offer when the visiting Malaysian Minister for Culture, Arts and Tourism, Dato Abdul Kadir, called on her at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday afternoon.

Referring to Malaysia's plan for relocating the labour-intensive industries to other countries of the region, Khaleda pointed out that Bangladesh is a good option as it can offer cheap but hardworking labourers.

The Prime Minister also pointed out that scope for promoting bilateral tourism also existed under the umbrella of OIC.

While discussing other bilateral

Foreign ship fined for polluting Ctg port channel

UNB, Chittagong

The Port Magistrate Court has fined a foreign ship Tk 50,000 for polluting the port channel.

Authority of the St. Vincent-flag carrier ship, MV Shafinaz, paid the amount of the fine to the court yesterday.

Court magistrate Munir Chowdhury fined the ship under Port Ordinance as wastes were thrown from the ship into Karnaphuli river during its repair on April 17.

Another foreign ship was sued for the same reason last week.

Meanwhile, a mobile court personalised eight inland cargo ships, one oil tanker and eight cargo trawlers Tk 2.07 lakh on charge of evading tax.

None was arrested till filing of this report at 7pm.

Ship Breakers Ltd MD robbed of Tk 52000 in Ctg

UNB, Chittagong

Muggers snatched Tk 52,000 and a pistol from a businessman on Momin Road at Rahmatganj area in Chittagong yesterday.

Police said the muggers waylaid Liakat Ali Chowdhury, Managing Director of Bangladesh Ship Breakers Ltd, when he was entering his office.

They kicked him down and snatched his briefcase, containing the money and the pistol.

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Assistant Project Coordinator

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for the position of **Assistant Project Coordinator (Rights/Advocacy/Governance/Social Analysis)** for Supporting Household Activities for Hygiene, Assets and Revenue (SHAHAR) Project of Integrated Food Security Program to be based in Dinajpur.

Major Responsibilities will include:

- Develop skills of NGO and SHAHAR staff in Rights / Advocacy / Governance such that these can be mainstreamed into program implementation.
- Identify areas where marginalised communities 'Rights' are being abused to understand the root causes of poverty and vulnerability.
- Develop methodologies and assisting NGO and SHAHAR staff to approach communities using a 'Rights' approach.
- Identify leverage points where 'good governance' and 'advocacy' approaches can be applied for sustainable positive impact on the livelihoods of the vulnerable.
- Establishing linkages with other Rights based organisations such that SHAHAR can be a part of wider general movements on this front.
- Design and perform social analysis to understand the needs of the communities and the degree to which the project is having an impact.
- Assist NGOs and SHAHAR to mainstream social development opportunities into the project's implementation strategies for increased livelihood impact.

Required Qualifications and Competencies:

- Over 5 years of experience in the development arena, of which 2 years need to be in senior level management related to Social Analysis and/or Rights, Advocacy, Governance.
- Experience in an urban development context will be a considerable advantage.
- A minimum Honours degree (2nd class upwards) in Social Studies, Urban Development, General Development or other relevant degree.
- Good speaking and writing skills in both Bengali and English.
- Confidence in approaching new ideas and concepts and being able to clearly articulate these to senior level management.
- Excellent negotiator and communicator.
- A 'self-starter' who can progress efficiently without the need for constant supervision.
- Experience in participatory methods for planning and developing strategies.
- Experience in developing and implementing both participatory and formal M&E systems.
- Strong team working / building skills.
- Able to work under pressure.

Compensation: Take home package is Tk.39,000 per month. Also other admissible benefits as per organizational policy.

Interested candidates are requested to apply by forwarding letter mentioning the name of two professional referees, detailed bio-data, contact telephone number and a copy of photograph to the Advertiser, Box No: A-1778, C/o The Daily Star, 19 Kawran Bazar, Farmgate, Dhaka within May 05, 2002.

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State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrud Islam Chowdhury addressing a seminar at the National Press Club yesterday. The Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) organised the seminar to mark the Earth Day.

Take action against polluters

Speakers urge govt at FEJB seminar in city on Earth Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the government to carry on its programmes designed to protect the environment and take stern action against those responsible for environmental degradation.

With the environmental degradation taking a serious turn, the country now faces various problems including arsenic contamination in groundwater, air pollution, deforestation and salinity, they said.

The speakers pointed out that it is high time to take immediate and effective steps to check the environmental pollution in the country to save the future generation and make the earth habitable, he added.

The Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) organised the seminar on "Earth Day: Protect our Home" at the Jatiya Press Club to mark the Earth Day.

State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrud Islam Chowdhury addressed the seminar as chief guest while Chairman of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission Syed

Marghub Murshed and Environment Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed were present as special guests. FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury presided.

Emphasising the need for maintaining ecological balance, the state minister said the government is committed to protecting the country from environmental degradation.

He said the government has already achieved tremendous success in getting rid of polybags as the people have overwhelmingly supported the move. "Now we have taken more steps to improve the environmental situation in the country to save the future generation and make the earth habitable," he added.

To maintain ecological balance, he said, the government has already taken steps to stop hill cutting. He also assured that restriction would be imposed on brickfields from the next winter season.

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sensitising the policymakers about the environmental issues. He suggested developing a waterway around the capital city by connecting the Buriganga, Sitakha, Bala and Turag rivers.

Environment Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed said the measures taken by the government in the last few months to curb air pollution has paid off. The extent of air pollution has come down significantly in recent days, he added.

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A two-day photo exhibition titled "Miles to Go Through Your Mind" will begin at the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of the Dhaka University today.

Prof. Ahaduzzaman Mohamad Ali, Chairman of the Department, will inaugurate the exhibition at the department premises at 10:00am.

A total of 65 photos taken by the MA students of the 'Photo Journalism Course' of the department will be displayed at the exhibition.

The exhibition will remain open for all from 10:00am to 4:30pm.

Qulkhwani

Alhaj Begum Rokeya Chowdhury, Daughter of Dr Mofizur Rahman and wife of Alhaj Dr Asgar Hossain Chowdhury, died at the UMC Hospital in Las Vegas, USA, on April 19, says a press release.

Her qulkhwani will be held after Asr prayers today at her residence at Chowdhury Villa, 105, East Rayer Bazar in the city.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Feroj Chowdhury's photo exhibition begins today

UNB, Dhaka

A week-long solo photography exhibition of Feroj Chowdhury, photographer of Prothom Alo, begins at Drik Gallery in city's Dhanmondi today.

Educationist Dr Anisuzzaman will inaugurate the exhibition titled 'When the picture is news' at 3:30pm. Editor of the Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman will be present as special guest at the inaugural ceremony.

Some 75 selected colour photographs along with paper cuttings will be put on display in his forth solo exhibition which will remain open from 3 pm to 8 pm, said a press release.

Govt firm to protect women's rights

UNB, Dhaka

A five-day regional workshop for women leaders to train them on literacy programme began in the city yesterday.

Education Minister Dr Osman Farrukh formally inaugurated the workshop, organised by the Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO in collaboration with Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO).

A total of 15 participants from the Maldives, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, Malaysia and host Bangladesh are attending the workshop.

Education Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam chaired the inaugural function. Ambassador of Indonesia Mausud Anjeny and ISESCO Representative Abdulaziz Boufala, also spoke on the occasion.

The objectives of the workshop

are to encourage women staff in education and other disciplines to work in literacy programme and to enhance the efficiency of programmes on girls and women literacy.

Speaking at the inaugural function, the Education Minister said the thrust of the government is on protection of women's rights and their empowerment.

He also mentioned that the government has introduced scholarships for girl students at higher secondary level, which will help reduce dropout rate and pave the way for higher education and create employment for them.

Stranded Pakistanis demand franchise in Pakistan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stranded Pakistanis in different refugee camps in Bangladesh demanded that they should be allowed to cast vote in the upcoming general election in Pakistan.

Abdul Latif Khan, vice president of Stranded Pakistani Repatriation Committee yesterday told the BBC that they want to cast vote in the general election as a Pakistani.

However, an official of Pakistan High Commission told the BBC that the stranded Bihari in Bangladesh are not eligible to vote in the general election as they do not have any valid documents to prove them as the citizens of Pakistan.

Businessmen demand action to stop violence, extortion

UNB, Dhaka

Businessmen demanded immediate actions to stop violence and extortion, which they said, have held up the pace of trade and industry.

"Normal production in the industrial units largely depend on the law and order situation," Bangladesh Chamber of Industries acting president A K Azad said while he was apprising the State Minister for Industries Prof Rezaul Karim of the concern of the businesspeople.

Azad said supply of capital is a major problem for growth of in-

dustries in Bangladesh. He referred to the weak and faulty management in banks and other financial institutions, and urged the minister to take steps to bring down the bank interest at reasonable rate.

"Procedural complexities, bureaucracy, trade unionism and weak infrastructures are among the things that frustrate investment in Bangladesh," he said.

The minister endorsed the need for further lowering the interest rate and making the overall environment favourable for business and industrial growth.

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