

## Build leadership for development

President tells Lions Club convention

BSS, Dhaka

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday underscored the imperatives of building proper leadership in all sectors to lead the nation to prosperity.

"Only a proper leadership in all sectors including politics and economy can take us to the desired level of development," he told a function marking the inauguration of 7th annual convention of Lions Club of Bangladesh.

The opening ceremony of the two-day convention of Lions Club Bangladesh District 315 A1 was held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Chaired by GM Mustafizur Rahman, Lions District Governor, the inaugural function was also addressed by Alamgir Kabir, State Minister for Works, and Moslem Ali Khan, Past International Director.

The President urged the Lions Club to take up the onerous task of building leadership in all sectors including education, social welfare and business. Lions club can choose any sector, be it education or business, to create leadership, he added.

On the question of political leadership, the President said character and patriotism are the two most important characteristics. "A leader must possess strong character and be imbued with highest level of patriotism so that country's interest is protected and promoted."

While lauding the role of the Lions Club to improve the condition of the poor and the less fortunate, the President said mere sympathy would not suffice; the Lions club members through empathy should get themselves involved in the task of healing the

pains of the have nots."

The President expressed his happiness that Lions Clubs have rapidly spread in the country and the people are continuously getting service. He said Lions eye camps are well-known and many needy people have been receiving treatment from such camps.

Narrating his own experience of extending some facilities to the students of Bangabhaban Primary School, President Chowdhury asked the Lions to undertake some simple and effective programme relating to health problem across the country.

## Training course on services for sexually abused

A three-day-long follow up training course on services for the sexually abused and sexually exploited children and youth was inaugurated by Dewan Sohrab Uddin, regional representative of Save the Children Denmark, at the STD auditorium in the city on May 15, says a press release.

The course has been sponsored by the UNESCAP and carried out by the INCIDIN, Bangladesh under the supervision of AKM Mustaque Ali, one of the executive directors of the organisation.

National and local NGOs and representatives of government ministries attended the course.

Dewan Sohrab Uddin welcomed the initiative of INCIDIN and UNESCAP towards building human resource for designing and implementing effective support programme for the child and youth survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation.



The Green Force in collaboration with the Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding effective law for curbing noise pollution.

## A village with a difference

No illiterate girl in Darabohar

UNB, Sylhet

While the government faces a tough challenge to empower women by even offering free education, a remote village in this district has made a difference.

Darabohar in Golapganj upazila is the only village in the district where there is no illiterate girls.

Among its 3,000 residents, there are some families who cannot afford two square meals a day, but they send their girls to schools and colleges.

Azizur Rahman Laskar, an elderly man and member of Panchayat of the village, said the residents of their village live in peace and harmony, and everybody is

serious about education of their girl children.

A pious Muslim, Aziz himself support female education. An educated mother can educate all members of her family, he said.

The village has a primary school, a madrasah and a health complex, but there is no high school and college in the village, forcing the girls to go to high schools and colleges in far-away places.

Although the majority of the villagers are Muslims, members of the minority community can perform their religious rites without any trouble.

Azizur Rahman said, "I cannot see remember whether residents of this sleepy village have ever

seen locked in any clash and we hardly hear any incident of stealing, robbery and snatching."

About communal violence, he said, "The question of religious trouble does not arise as five Muslims come forward in aid of a Hindu."

Most of the villagers are solvent as many of them work abroad, particularly in the UK.

As the rate of education is very high in the village, the villagers are aware of their voting rights and they always take part in all elections, he said.

About violence against women, Aziz said, "All girls irrespective of their age and religion can move freely in the village and none dares to disturb them."

## Trial of all killings demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Delegates at the concluding session of the two-day national convention of the lawyers in the city yesterday called upon the people, including professionals and intellectuals, to be united for establishing rule of law and protecting human rights in the country.

They also demanded immediate repeal of all repressive laws including Special Powers Act and section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) to stop violation of human rights by the government and the law enforcing agencies.

Delegates at the convention

adopted a declaration which was read out by President of the Supreme Court Bar Council Advocate Ozaer Ahmed. The concluding session was presided over by Barister Amirul-ul-Islam.

The declaration called for setting up of separate directorate of Public Prosecutors, Independent Human Rights Commission and Anti-Corruption Commission to ensure justice in the society.

Referring to the attitudes of successive governments to keep the judiciary under the executive, it demanded immediate measures to separate the judiciary.

The declaration urged the government to stop repression on leaders and activists of the opposition parties.

It also criticised the authorities concerned for delaying the trial of Bangabandhu murder case.

The convention passed a resolution demanding proper trial of all political and non-political killings in the country.

It criticised the formation of joint interrogation cell in the name of remand and termed the recently enacted speedy trial act a 'black law'.

Organised by the Sammito Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad, the convention was attended by about 1962 delegates from 63 Bar Councils across the country.

## Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank inter-school debate contest

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The Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank 2nd Inter School English Debate Competition will begin at the Shishu Academy auditorium in Chittagong tomorrow.

Drishy, a local cultural organisation, will organise the six-day-long debate competition in association with the leading English newspaper, The Daily Star, and the Dutch Bangla Bank.

C.M. Koyes Sami, president and managing director of the Dutch Bangla Bank, will inaugurate the competition while Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), will attend the function as chief guest.

Ekram Hussein, executive vice-president of Arab Bangladesh Bank, Nurul Alam, bureau chief of The Daily Star, and Monwara Hakim Ali, a social worker, will also attend the inaugural ceremony.

Ten renowned English medium schools of the port city will take part in the debate competition.

The schools are Sun Shine Grammar School, Bangladesh Elementary School, Little Jewels School, Bay View School, South Point International School, North South International School, Green Bell School, National Public School, Gems International School and Ox-bridge International School.

## Three killed in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

Three people were killed and a boy drowned in separate incidents in the districts on Thursday.

The victims were identified as Dikhai Sarder, 85, of village Sukhandighi under Durgapur Upazila, Anisur Rahman, 42, Rajshahi Area Manager of Square Pharmaceuticals, Tony, 9, and

Liton, 10.

Dikhai Sarder and three other passengers were injured when a Rajshahi-bound tempo rumbled into a roadside tree at Betkuri under Paba thana.

Dikhai Sarder was rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) where he died at about 9.30 pm.

Anisur Rahman was killed and Khalilur Rahman, 35, injured seriously when a truck hit their motor-bike from behind at Maharajpur on Sona Masjid road under Chapainawabganj district at about 5.30 pm, RMCH sources said.

Police seized the truck.

Tony, son of Polin of Miapur village under Charchat Upazila, drowned in a pond at Askerpur village under the same upazila.

And Paba Thana police recovered the body of Liton from a roadside ditch at Muraripur village. The boy went to collect mango but did not return.

## RU Pro-VC meets president of Tsukuba varsity

Rajshahi University Pro-Vice-chancellor Prof Dr K A M Shahadat Hossain Mondal met the President of the University of Tsukuba Dr. Yasuo Kitahara at his office in Japan on May 13, says a press release.

They discussed academic and research matters of both the universities. The discussion also includes an "Academic Cooperation and Exchange Programme between University of Tsukuba, Japan and University of Rajshahi".

The president of the Tsukuba University agreed with the proposal.

The programme will include the exchange of Professors and Research Scholars, exchange of scientific information and publication, exchange of graduate students for PhD degrees, joint research seminars, symposia, and also the exchange of cultural programmes.

## Obituary

BSS, Rajshahi

Minmoy Kanti Das, eminent dramatist and former President of Rajshahi Cultural Association died at his residence on Tuesday at the age of 54.

He left behind his wife, three daughters, relatives and a host of admirers to mourn his death. His body was cremated at Panchobati crematorium on Wednesday.

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