

## SUB starts functioning in September

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State University of Bangladesh (SUB), a new private university, starts functioning at Dhanmondi in the city from September next, says a press release.

The university obtained the government approval on May 30 this year. Initially, there will be three departments namely Business Administration & Management, Computer & Information

Technology and Computer Engineering.

An inaugural ceremony was held at a city hotel yesterday. It was addressed by Vice Chancellor Prof. Yazuddin Ahmed.

Members of the governing body Prof. M. A. Foyez, Dr. Abul Bayes Bhuiyan, Dr. A. M. Shamim and Dr. Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman Lion were present on the occasion.

## Another RAJUK official suspended

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Another RAJUK official has been suspended for his failure to provide the authorities with necessary information about the designs and plans of Asian Pacific Hotel and other hotels.

The action was taken against Abu Hasnat Fuad, assistant chief architect of the Department of Architecture, who was posted on deputation as an Authorized Officer in RAJUK.

Two other authorized officers - SM Asaduzzaman and Fouzi Bin Farid - were suspended on June 6 for their involvement in various irregularities in approving building plans.



Sunbeams celebrated the graduation ceremony of its Class of 2002, the 5th batch of the GCE O' Level students, at Hotel Purbani in the city recently.

## Sierra Leone keen to recruit Bangladeshi docs, teachers

UNB, Dhaka

The newly appointed High Commissioner of Sierra Leone Alari Hawanatu Cole presented her credentials to President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

The high commissioner told the president that Sierra Leone is in need of a good number of doctors, nurses, teachers and agricultural technical advisers.

"We will welcome those Bangladeshi professionals to Sierra Leone," she added.

Welcoming the new high commissioner, President Chowdhury expressed his satisfaction over the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and Sierra

Leone. He stressed much on improving trade relations between the two countries.

Badruddoza lauded the role of UN mission in Sierra Leone in general and Bangladeshi troops in particular in maintaining ceasefire and implementing disarmament process.

He hoped that the government of Sierra Leone would be successful in meeting the post-election challenges.

Secretary to the president M Abdul Haq, Foreign Secretary Shamsur Mobin Chowdhury and MSP Major General AM Mansur Ahmed were present on the occasion.

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## World Day against Child Labour today

### Child Labour Policy by this year likely

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A National Child Labour Policy is expected to be formulated by this year, the ILO and government officials said in the city yesterday.

The main objective of the policy will be to remove child labour and rehabilitate the children engaged in various risky jobs by providing them with better education.

Also, the parents of the child labourers will be given working opportunity, the officials told a press conference at the BIAM auditorium.

ILO Dhaka Office organised the press briefing on the eve of the first World Day against Child Labour to be observed today.

ILO will observe the day on June 12 every year to draw public attention to the ILO's global campaign against child labour and the ILO conventions on elimination of child labour.

The first World Day against Child Labour will highlight the massive international problems of the children and the determination of the global community to combat it.

In a message on the occasion, ILO Director General Juan Somavia called upon all to be united in working towards a world where no children will be deprived of a normal, healthy childhood.

He stressed on ensuring that the parents of child labourers find decent jobs and the children go to school.

The government and various NGOs will hold discussion meeting, children's gathering, advocacy

and awareness campaign at national and district levels to observe the day.

Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum will bring out a procession of child workers with colourful banners and posters to raise awareness about the negative consequences of child labour.

Bangladesh National Coordination Committee, a forum of trade unions, will hold a roundtable on the issue.

Addressing the press briefing, Director of ILO, Dhaka office, Gopal Bhattacharya said a major initiative known as 'Time Bound Programme' is expected to be launched in Bangladesh soon to end the worst forms of child labour.

Among others, Deputy Secretary of Labour Ministry M Abdullah, Ronald Berghuys of ILO, and Labour Advisor of Bangladesh Employers Association Saifuddin Ahmed spoke on the occasion.

They said ILO in partnership with the government and NGOs will also conduct a countrywide survey on child labour to collect statistics on actual number of child labourers.

Quoting a joint study conducted in 1996, they said that there are 47 types of economic activities which are considered hazardous for children in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is among the countries who ratified ILO convention 182 which force the country to eliminate worst forms of child labour, they added.

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