

Closure of DU, BUET Khaleda's remark criticised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the 'Oikya Procheshta', an initiative by the Gono Forum to unite the like-minded political parties of the country, yesterday criticised the remark of the Prime Minister Khaleda Zia over the closure of Dhaka University (DU) and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).
Addressing a meeting, presided over by Advocate Zahirul Islam in the city, they said such irresponsible statement by the prime minister would only inspire the trouble makers.
Khaleda Zia, while inaugurating **Banskhali UZ** upgraded BSS, Dhaka

ing the 'Bangladesh-UK Friendship Bridge' on Tuesday, said the opposition parties are conspiring to destabilise the educational institutions of the country causing the recent closure of the DU and the BUET.
The leaders of the Oikya Procheshta blasted the prime minister saying that she was trying to hide the misdeeds of the ruling party members in a bid to save them.
Later, in a statement they said the people never expected such one sided comments and termed the BUET incident as the creation of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of the ruling BNP.
The leaders demanded the reopening of the DU and the BUET, country's two premier universities immediately to restore educational atmosphere on the campus.
Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Mafizul Islam Khan, Quazi Raisul Haque Mashuk, Maulana Kashem Ali, Nurul Rahman and Mostafa Amin also addressed the meeting.



The FBCCI Reforms Action Council staged a token hunger strike at the FBCCI Bhaban in the city yesterday demanding direct election to the posts of the president and vice-president of FBCCI, the apex body of country's business community.

Reforms in labour law a must for rapid industrialisation

Speakers tell BILS workshop in city

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Speakers at a workshop in the city yesterday called for updating the labour law for the benefit of the workers and the rapid industrialisation of the country.
They said the existing labour law should be amended as it is very complicated and outdated.
The speakers also suggested incorporating new clauses in the law to protect the rights of the workers. They observed that the proposed labour law has no provision protecting the workers' right properly.
The Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) organised the workshop on 'Review of Labour Law' at CIRDP auditorium. Trade union leaders, labour court lawyers, NGO workers, human rights activists and civil society members took part in the workshop.
BILS chairman and general

secretary of Jatiya Sramik League Ahsan Ullah MP inaugurated the workshop. Mokhlesur Rahman presided over the session while BILS vice-chairman Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan was the moderator.
Additional Attorney General Abdul Razaq, trade union leaders Abul Bashir, Abdul Rashid, Nurul Islam, Mahmudul Haq, Shajahan Khan and Sultan Ahmed, and advocate Rehana Sultana took part in the discussion.
Speaking at the workshop, Abdul Razaq suggested introducing arbitration panel headed by retired judges or eminent persons for speedy trial.
He also suggested simplification of labour law so that the workers themselves can file cases with the court without appointing lawyers.
There should be prescribed forms for filing cases and presenting argument on behalf of the

complainants, the additional attorney general said.
He also underscored the need for clear-cut guidelines for termination of the workers.
The additional attorney general said that the labour courts should be placed under the Supreme Court instead of the ministry of labour or the ministry of law.
The trade union leaders said the proposed law should not curtail the benefits which the workers have been enjoying for long.
They suggested elimination of all sorts of discriminations in the leave benefit for the workers.
Some lawyers called for extending the period of the maternity leave for female workers.
"The 12-week maternity leave is not enough for the female workers. The period should be of 16-week," said advocate Rehana Sultana.

Gen Anwar made envoy to Sierra Leone

BSS, Dhaka

The government has appointed Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bangladesh ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, to serve concurrently as the high commissioner to Sierra Leone.
General Anwar, who was born in Kusthila on November 15, 1947, was commissioned in the Pakistan Army in 1968. He took part in the Liberation War in 1971 and received gallantry award 'Bir Protik'.
He held various command and staff appointments including commandant School of Infantry and Tactics, deputy director general of Bangladesh Rifles, defence attache in China, general officer commanding of 33 Infantry Division before going on deputation to the ministry of foreign affairs as ambassador, an official handout said.

Guide N-research to peaceful purposes: Moyeen

BSS, Dhaka

Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday urged the concerned people to guide atomic research to peaceful and human welfare purposes.
He gave the call while opening a two-day workshop on 'Radiation Protection in Treatment' as the chief guest in Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) auditorium.
Sudarshan Saha, 35, was counting the money after closing his shop at around 11:00pm when four armed miscreants entered the shop in the guise of customers.
The gang held the employees of the shop hostage and asked the Saha to hand over the money. As he refused, they stabbed him and decamped with the money.

Fajle Imam, Hashem elected BNPWF president, secy

BSS, Dhaka

Mohammad Fajle Imam of the Daily Ittefaq and Abul Hashem of The Daily Star were elected president and secretary general respectively of the Bangladesh Newspaper Press Workers Federation (BNPWF) yesterday.
The biennial election of the Federation was held at the Ittefaq Workers' Recreation Centre in the city.
Other office-bearers are: senior vice-president -- Mohammad Asadullah (Ittefaq), vice presidents -- Afazuddin (BSS), Nazrul Islam (Observer), Mohiuddin Ahmed (Dinkal), A B Siddiq (Al-Mojadded) and Kazi Delwar (Khobar), joint secretaries general -- Golan Sarwar Azad (Ittefaq) and A K Mahbulul Haq (Sangbad), organising secretary -- Manirul Islam Bhuiyan (Star), publicity secretary -- Manir Hossain (Financial Express), office secretary -- Rafiqul Islam (Banglabazar), cultural secretary -- Mizanur Rahman (Independent) and treasurer -- Rafiqul Islam (New Nation).

Torture on arrested BCL leaders AL lawmakers blast government

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Awami League (AL) lawmakers have blasted the government for its inhuman torture on the arrested leaders of their party's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) violating all jail codes.
In a statement yesterday, they accused the BNP-led coalition government of detaining the top-ranking BCL leaders 'illegally' in jail defying court orders one after another.
"Court has repeatedly ordered the release of the arrested BCL President Liakat Shikder, Vice President Rafiqul Islam Kotwal and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, but the government confined them to jail implicating them in false cases one after another," they added.
AL lawmakers alleged that the BNP-Jamaat government began its repression on the leaders and workers of AL and its front organisations from the day they assumed the power through an unprecedented election rigging. "Their repression has crossed the record of Hitler and Mussolini," they claimed.

The AL MPs alleged that the BCL leaders fell sick due to inhuman torture in the jail. The government is pushing them to death by supplying them arsenic contaminated water to drink.
They also alleged that the jail authorities did not allow the relatives who along with food and medicine tried to meet the ailing leaders in the jail gate.
The AL MPs said authorities of Gazipur Central Jail is now keeping Liakat Shikder in a dark room for 22 hours a day putting his life at stake. He was supposed to be taken to hospital but the authorities did not allow him.
"As lawmakers of parliament, we strongly condemn and protest this barbaric attitude of the government," they said in the statement.
They also demanded immediate release of the student leaders and said the government and the concerned authorities would be responsible if anything happens to them.

Iron rod falls on BADC peon, dies

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A peon of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) died when an iron rod fell on him from an under construction building at Dilkusha Tuesday evening.
A piece of iron of about two feet long fell on him from the under-construction Yunus Tower at about 3:45 pm when Mafiz Uddin, 45, a peon of audit section of the BADC, was waiting for the bus in front of 49-51 Dilkusha commercial area office.
The victim collapsed on the ground and lost consciousness. His colleagues rushed him to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Betel leaf trader stabbed, robbed of Tk 3 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed miscreants stabbed a betel leaf wholesaler and looted Tk 3 lakh from his shop at Kamalganj Lane in the city's Sutrapur area on Monday night.
Sudarshan Saha, 35, was counting the money after closing his shop at around 11:00pm when four armed miscreants entered the shop in the guise of customers.
The gang held the employees of the shop hostage and asked the Saha to hand over the money. As he refused, they stabbed him and decamped with the money.

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Vacancy Announcement

Title of post: Social Monitor,
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The International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (or IPEC in short) is one of the ILO's largest technical cooperation programmes. The ILO/IPEC launched an action-oriented project in Bangladesh titled "Preventing & eliminating the worst forms of child labour in the informal economy in Dhaka" for which it seeks applications from qualified candidates for the above post.

Description of duties

The main functions of the Social Monitor/MVT – Data Processor will be (i) to monitor and verify the compliance of employers to the agreement that the workplaces should remain free of the worst forms of child labour; (ii) to be the focal point and liaison person for all different stakeholders at the community level; (iii) to be a social worker and community mobiliser and (iv) to regularly process/expedite all data collected through field visits in a computerised data base. More specifically his/her duties will include the following:

- assist in the field surveys to be conducted by the project and collect data from different partners/stakeholders;
- visit workplaces on a regular or random basis to monitor the worst forms of child labour;
- visit multipurpose centres to monitor the functioning of the centres through observation and other forms of data collection;
- keep appropriate record of relevant information gathered during the field visits;
- report on a regular basis to the Coordinator, MVT;
- regularly update the data collected by the team of social monitors in the project database;
- develop good relationships with the employers, local authorities, welfare groups and other bodies or individuals;
- act as a liaison person between the Informal Community Watch System and the MVT system of the project;
- raise awareness among the employers and community about the negative consequences of the worst forms of child labour;
- carry out other duties as appropriate and assigned by the supervisor.

Qualifications

Education: University degree in social science. Education/training on computerised database will be an advantage.
Experience: Experience in database management. Knowledge and experience of development work at community level. Familiarity with the child labour situation in the urban informal economy will be an advantage.

Applications

Interested candidates should submit their applications in a sealed envelop marking on top "Application for the Post of Social Monitor-Data Processor, BGD/00/P01/NET" addressed to the following:

ILO Area Office, Dhaka
House # 12, Road # 12 (New)
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The candidates will be interviewed and may also be required to undergo written tests. Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview and tests. The ILO is an equal opportunity employer. Any form of canvassing, soliciting or influencing will be treated as a disqualification.

Deadline for receipt of application by the ILO office is 18 September 2002 at 0430 pm.

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ARAB BANGLADESH BANK LTD. HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Notice for filing of Bankruptcy suit against Ms. Ruhi Afzal, proprietor of M/s. R.R. Construction & Supply Firm and M/s. I. N. Construction, 11/2, Iqbal Road, (1st Floor), Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka for adjustment of outstanding liabilities of Tk. 40.82 lac as on 30.06.2002

This is for information to all concerned that M/s. R.R. Construction & Supply Firm and M/s. I.N. Construction, Proprietor MS. RUHI AFZAL was allowed credit facilities from Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, Karwan Bazar Branch, Dhaka, in the name of her above two construction firms. Since she was not coming forward to adjust the over due outstanding in the accounts on repeated requests and reminders from the Bank, two separate Money Suit Nos. 90/97 and 91/97 were filed in the court of Sub-Judge and Artha Rin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka and the honorable Court was pleased to pass the judgement in favor of the Bank with decree for realization of the Banks dues. Bank, on obtaining final decree from the Court, filed Execution Suit No. 104/2000 and 105/2000 in the Court of Sub-Judge and Artha Rin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka, which are pending for execution. **Outstanding as on 30.06.2002 is Tk. 40.82 Lac** (excluding Legal Expense).

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