

BILS for an end to discrimination against female workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) have demanded proper implementation of existing laws for reducing discrimination between male and female workers.

"It will create a negative impact on the country's development if the female workers go back to their homes after facing discrimination at their working places", said Shirin Akhter, member secretary of BILS while reading out a written statement at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city on Monday.

She said though our constitution has ensured equal rights for male and female, most of the women workers get less salary than their male co-workers.

Shirin said in the first half of the current year 51 working women were raped, of whom five were killed as their employers failed to provide them sufficient security on their way back home at late night.

She said Bangladesh had signed two conventions of ILO-

100 and 111 which ensure reduction of discrimination towards the working women at their working places.

Shirin said the BILS in association with the Commonwealth Trade Union Council (CTUC) launched a Tk 76 lakh 'BILS/CTUC: WWD Project' in 2001 for the development of women workers.

Under the 2-year project, four teams were formed comprising 24 women trade union leaders for basic training on leadership development, occupational health hazards, safety of women workers and gender equality.

Shirin said so far 546 women workers had already been trained and another 4,000 women workers are being trained now.

She urged the civil society and mass media to play a significant role to create awareness about the rights of working women in their working places.

BILS Vice Chairman Jahan Ara Begum, Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan, Finance Secretary Kazi Mosharrar Hossain and Kohinor Mahmud were present at the press conference.

New timetable for Shishu Park

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has fixed new timetable for Shishu Park during coming winter.

The new timetable will come into effect from October 1, a DCC press release said.

The park will remain open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 pm to 7 pm while it will remain open on Friday from 2.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

On Wednesday, the park will remain open from 9 am to 4 pm for poor children.

The park will remain closed on Sunday as weekly holiday, the release said.

Turkish envoy calls on FM

UNB, Dhaka

Newly appointed Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Ferit Ergin called on Foreign Minister M Mosharrar Khan at his office yesterday.

Welcoming the new Ambassador to Bangladesh, the foreign minister said that Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with Turkey.

He briefed on the government's emphasis on good governance, rule of law, accountability and transparency.



The City Awami League organised a protest rally in front of the party office at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday in observance of 'black day'.

'Gender inequality keeps women in subdued position'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unequal power relations between women and men and gender inequality are mainly responsible for keeping the women in a subdued position in the society.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain said this while inaugurating a seminar on reproductive health programmes yesterday.

Pointing to the women's limited access to healthcare services, he said, "The understanding and support of men is crucial and it is a challenging task that needs a long term intervention."

Over the last couple of years, the activities of the family planning (FP) department has 'faltered' due to less attention to the family planning services, the minister said.

He also pointed out that closing down of door-to-door FP services has caused a negative impact on the success of the population control programmes.

The seminar titled "EC/UNFPA initiative for reproductive health programme in Bangladesh: 1999-2002" was also addressed by Wilma Goppel, RHI/UNFPA Delegate, and Josephine Kalinauckas, Representative of the EC Delegation. UNFPA Representative Suneta Mukherjee presided.

The daylong seminar was held under the auspices of UNFPA and

Reproductive Health Initiative (RHI) partners to share best practices and lessons learned from the field during implementation of various projects in the country.

The UNFPA Representative said that despite notable success in population control programmes and an increase in contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) in Bangladesh, the total fertility rate (TFR) has not decreased and it remained almost stagnant over the past years.

She said, "This clearly indicates that increase of long term method users in FP method together with other programmatic steps are very essential, especially strong BCC (behaviour change communication) activities, including focusing and empowering women and involvement of men."

Giving an overview of the RHI in Asia, Wilma Goppel said, "It is difficult, if not impossible, to reach financial sustainability and at the same time address the needs of the most vulnerable populations. Bangladesh, nevertheless, has managed to achieve a minimum level of sustainability, mainly due to carefully selected models that were adopted."

Reproductive health initiative (RHI) partners - Marie Stopes Clinic Society (MSCS), Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB), Bangladesh Red

Crescent Society (BDRCS) and Save the Children, UK - presented some of their achievements and lessons learned from the RHI programme in Bangladesh.

The partners are operating in 18 areas of the country, especially the under-served small and medium size towns, to reach reproductive health services to the poor and vulnerable groups.

16 arms seized

Police seized 16 firearms, 24 bullets and arrested 1,237 people including six identified criminals from across the country during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

Police arrested 19 persons in connection with the recovery of firearms and filed eight cases under Arms Act against them.

Brahmanbaria police recovered 9,720 explosives and filed three cases after arresting two persons in this connection, a police headquarters press release said.

Of the arrested, 604 were police wanted and 606 accused in different under-investigation cases, the release said.

The arrested identified criminals are Amin Biswas and Faruk alias Kala Faruk of Khulna, Amzad Hossain of Pabna, Nur-e-Alam alias Gutu of Joypurhat, Ilyas of Chittagong city and Yakub of Sirajganj.

Graft case Hearing on charge-framing against Nasim, 20 others Nov 3

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Special Court for Dhaka Division yesterday fixed November 3 for hearing on charge-framing against former home minister Mohammad Nasim and 20 others in a graft case.

Judge (in charge) Latif Ahmed Khan passed the order after the case was placed before him.

The investigation officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet against Nasim and 20 others to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court Dhaka on June 16.

In the case filed with Mahammadpur thana, it has been alleged that Nasim, who initially held the works ministry portfolio in the AL government, had made irregularities in selling government property under the public works ministry.

It has also been alleged that Nasim along with 20 others inflicted a loss of Tk 4.25 crore on the government through the sale of a one-bigha plot at Lalmatia to a Phony Society. Former home secretary Jagannath Dey, Chief Engineer Juned Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of PWD Aminur Rahman, personal secretary to former home minister Abdul Malek, assistant commissioner Yakub Ali and other officials later took possession of the land.

Mohammad Saif Mahmud, an Inspector of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) filed the case on December 11 last year accusing Nasim and 20 others.

Accused Nasim and 20 others, now on bail, were present in the court during the hearing.

Children's painting workshop

Alliance Francaise de Dacca is sponsoring a three months children's painting workshop, says a press release.

Children aged 7 to 16 are allowed for admission. The admission test will be held on Friday, at 10.30 am at Alliance Francaise de Dacca.

The session will start from the October 11.

Artist Masuma Khan will conduct the course.

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Ban on student politics opposed

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Leaders of ruling BNP and the opposition Awami League and professional groups at a seminar yesterday opposed the proposed ban on student politics.

They said rather student politics should be free from the influence of political parties to restore its past glorious image.

They said this while they were participating in a discussion on 'desired student politics' organised by the Bangladesh Democratic Foundation, an NGO, at the Jatiya Press Club.

As in the language movement and all democratic movements in the past, students will play their due role in important national issues and other issues concerning them, the speakers said. What is going on in the name of student politics should be stopped for the interest of students and the future generation, they added.

To stop the present trend of student politics, national politics

should be fair also. Parties should be fair in politics and stop using students to serve their purposes, they said.

Health Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharrar Hossain was present as the chief guest. Awami League leader and former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, former vice-chancellor of Open University Dr. M Shamsur Ali, former student leader Najimuddin Alam MP, former DUCSU VP Mujahidul Islam Selim, woman rights activist Shirin Akhter and NGO leader Khushi Kabir also spoke briefly.

Mosharrar said political parties should first determine what they want for the next generation. "It is our responsibility. Once we determine this, politics will be fair", he said.

He proposed more discussions on the issue with wider participation of all political parties, student organisations and professional groups.

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