

Free trade unions from grip of hooligans: Bhuiyan

BSS, Dhaka
LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday underscored the need for freeing trade unions (TUs) from the grip of hooligans.
The LGRD minister said a congenial atmosphere for production should be maintained in mills and factories through promoting healthy trade union movement. "Otherwise, there will be no new investment in the country which will impede creation of new job opportunity," he said.
Mannan Bhuiyan was addressing the inaugural function of

two-day fourth beneficiary conference of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) in the auditorium of Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (BIAM) here.
State Minister for Labour and Employment Lutfur Rahman Khan Azad, Whip of Jatiya Sangsad M Ashraf Hossain, Director of the ILO office in Dhaka Gopal Bhat-tacharya attended the function as special guests.
Presided over by vice-president of BILS Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan, the function was addressed by Secretary General of BILS Nazrul Islam Khan, advisors Mokhlesur

Raman and Shirin Aktar.
The LGRD minister stressed the need for building responsible and trusted TU leadership in the interest of workers and owners, and the nation. "Reasons should be found out why sloth has gripped labour leaders and workers," he said.
Praising the programmes of the BILS for making workers efficient and aware, the minister said there is no alternative to training to create awareness among the workers about their interest.
The state minister called upon the labour leaders to make the trade union movement pragmatic.



LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan speaks at a discussion on 'Social security; Fundamental rights of workers' at the BIAM auditorium in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies organised the event.

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Maudud new envoy to Belgium

UNB, Dhaka
Government has appointed Syed Maudud Ali, at present Bangladesh High Commissioner to Singapore, as next Ambassador to Belgium.
A career diplomat Maudud Ali served in various capacities in the Bangladesh missions in Pakistan, Turkey, Iran, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Egypt.

DUJ Sangbad unit formed

UNB, Dhaka
Ajoy Barua, Sports-in-charge, and senior reporter Rashed Ahmed were elected Unit Chief and Deputy Unit Chief respectively of the Sangbad unit of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ).
The election was held at the Annual General Meeting of DUJ Sangbad unit yesterday.
Assistant Editor Sohrab Hasan conducted the election.

Nobel laureate Prof Kenneth visits NSU

Nobel laureate economist Prof Kenneth J Arrow and Sir Partha Dasgupta, Professor of Cambridge University participated in a colloquium of faculty and students at North South University (NSU) yesterday, says a press release.
Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, NSU Pro Vice Chancellor, delivered the welcome address.
Prof Arrow and Prof Partha Das shared with the students what prompted them to study economics switching from math and physics.
They also held a discussion on country's sustainable economic growth.

Asiatic Society founding anniversary Jan 3

UNB, Dhaka
The 51st founding anniversary of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be observed on January 3 at the auditorium of the society.
Emeritus Professor ABM Husain, Department of Islamic History and Culture, Rajshahi University, will deliver the foundation day lecture on 'What is Islamic Painting'.
Asiatic Society president Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury will chair the function while its General Secretary Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan deliver the address of welcome.

Obituary

M S Zoha, a chartered accountant, died of heart attack in London on December 22 at the age of 70, says a press release.
He is survived by his wife and a son.
He was a partner of Zoha Zaman Kabir Rashid and Co Chartered Accountant.



Jatiyatobadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASAS) took out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of its founding anniversary.

Adv Mondal Murder Case Malek's bail cancelled, sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT
Abdul Malek, an accused in the Advocate Habibur Rahman Mondal Murder Case was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday.

Shahed Noor Uddin, Judge of the Speedy Trial Tribunal Dhaka Division, cancelled his bail granted by the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka on November 28. Earlier, the case was transferred to the Speedy Trial Tribunal for disposal.
Malek along with his lawyers appeared before the Tribunal and sought fresh bail. The lawyers stated that their client was earlier granted bail by the Sessions Judge's Court and he did not mis-use the privilege of bail. So, they prayed for fresh bail.

Special Public Prosecutor (PP) opposed the bail petition saying the matter of getting bail by the Sessions Judge's Court was illegal and unlawful.
The government had issued a notification for transfer of the case to the Speedy Trial Tribunal for trial before passing the order on the bail petition. So, it was an illegal order and the petition for fresh bail should be rejected, the PP said.
After hearing both the sides, the court cancelled the bail of Malek and sent him to the jail custody.
Meanwhile, the court yesterday adjourned the hearing of charge framing till December 31.
The 'adjournment' followed a

time petition by the prosecution lawyer. The court was adjourned as Saïdur Rahman Shahid, one of the accused now in jail was not produced in the court due to unavoidable circumstances.
The Investigation Officer of the case submitted a charge sheet against Shahid, ward commissioner of the Dhaka City Corporation and 17 others on November 4 this year.
Advocate Habibur Rahman Mondal, 44, Joint-Secretary of the city BNP and leader of the Jatiyatobadi Ainjibi Parishad, was shot dead by a gang at Chandra Mohon Basak Lane at Banagram in old city on August 20, 2000.
Mondal came under attack when he and his muhuri (clerk) were going to court by a motor-bike.

Kala Shari, Akhter Hossain and Alamgir are now on bail in the case but in jail as they are accused in another case.
The thirteen others including Tonat Mollah are still at large.
Advocate Mahubub Ahmed and Saïdur Rahman Manik appeared for the accused while PP Abdul Latif Talukder for the state.

Legal support for expat Bangladeshis in US sought

BSS, New York
State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Ebadur Rahman, who is now on a visit to the United States, called on member of the US Congress and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Disaster Management Joseph Crowley at the latter's office on Wednesday.
They discussed issues related to mutual interests including welfare of the expatriate Bangladeshi nationals in US. Ebadur Rahman requested Joseph Crowley to provide legal support to the expatriate Bangladeshis regarding their immigration.

Rokeya Sadan 17th founding anniversary Dec 31

UNB, Dhaka
The 17th founding anniversary of Rokeya Sadan, a rehabilitation centre for women and children in the city, will be observed on December 31.
Rokeya Sadan, founded in 1985 and run by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, provides temporary shelter to distressed women and children, and imparts vocational training as well as formal and non-formal education to the inmates.
Besides, it gives legal support to the repressed women and children and arranges their rehabilitation.
Rokeya Sadan has a number of projects, including a sales centre, 'Sristi', to market different types of products manufactured by the women at the Sadan, says a press release.

giving more financial and technical assistance to Bangladesh to alleviate losses from the natural disaster.
The state minister gratefully recalled the cooperation of US providing under the 'Operation of Sea-Angel' after 1991 cyclone.

Uttara Club executives

The election of Uttara Club Limited for the post of president and ten executive committee members was held on Wednesday on the club premises, says a press release.
Shameem Hussain was elected president of the club. Executive committee members are SM Masud Alam (Tapan), Liaquat Ali, Nisar Kader, KMR Manzoor, Raquib Uddin Ahmed (Roomce), Md Salim Ghaffar, ATKM Azmal, M A Wadud, Abu Mohammad Hasan (Babar) and Md Masud Khan.



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Shopkeepers asked not to use polybags

BSS, Dhaka
Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj yesterday warned against the persons trying to sell and use polythene shopping bags in the country.
He also asked shopkeepers not to use any polythene cover over the packets of saris, lungis, garment and plastic items unnecessarily during the sale.
The minister gave the directives when he made surprise visits to some shops at Khilgaon City Corporation Bazar, Malibagh Rail Gate Bazar, Bampurua Kancha Bazar and Taltala Super Market here.
During his visits, law enforcers seized four sacks of polythene bags from a wholesale shop at Khilgaon Kancha Bazar. A case was filed with Motijheel police against shopkeeper Mohammad Kabir Ahmed for possessing the banned item.
The government has imposed a complete ban on manufacturing, use and marketing of polythene shopping bags in the country early this year.
Cheap polythene bags had posed a serious threat to public health as well as sewerage system of major cities and towns across the country.

Book fair begins in Ctg today

BSS, Ctg
A 3-day book fair under the auspices of district administration begins here today.
The 'Book Fair-2002' will be held on Muslim Institute premises marking the 'Jatiya Granthabars-haw-2002', a press release said.
A number of public and private publishing houses will open their stalls in the fair.
Additional Divisional Commissioner (Chittagong Division) Sheikh Mahabbat Ullah will inaugurate the fair.
The fair will remain open from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm everyday till December 29.



Nobel laureate economist Prof Kenneth J Arrow addresses a colloquium of faculty and students at North South University (NSU) during his recent visit to Dhaka.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
স্বল্পমূল্যে মন্ত্রণালয়
প্রশাসন-৪ শাখা
ত্বন-৩, কক-১১৩ (২য় তলা)
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নং সম (প্রশাসন-৪)-৪/২০০১-১১৯৬
তারিখঃ ৭ শেখ, ১৪০৯/২১ ডিসেম্বর, ২০০২
লোক প্রশাসন কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্র (পিএসিসি)-এর
২টি সার্ভার ও নেটওয়ার্ক সফটওয়্যার উপকরণাদির যন্ত্রাংশ
মেসার্স/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম, রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের
পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
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৩। কম্পিউটার ও সফটওয়্যার উপকরণাদির বিবরণ প্রয়োজনীয় কোন তথ্য জানার প্রয়োজন
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৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্রই কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে গ্রহণ বা বাতিল
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President Iajuddin Ahmed addresses the 8th National Conference and the 24th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastobayon Sangstha in the city yesterday.

DHAKA TODAY

Poush gathering
The Dhanmondi Poush Unnayan Jote organises a Poush Gathering which includes discussions by Prof Serajul Islam and Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed and songs by leading artists. Venue: Open theatre next to the bridge on Road 8, Dhanmondi. Time: 8.30am.

Nabanno Utsab
The inaugural ceremony of Nabanno Utsab, organised by the Jatiya Nabannotsab Udjapon Parishad, will be held. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Time: 6.00am.

Film show
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'Adalat O Ekti Meye' directed by noted Indian filmmaker Tapan Sinha. Venue: The High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Painting exhibition
The inaugural ceremony of a solo painting exhibition of AHM Bashirullah will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till January 8 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

Recitation
Swarnshil Aritt Academy organises an evening of recitation of poems composed by poet Shamsur Rahman. Venue: Natmandal of Dhaka University. Time: 5.00pm.

Conference on computer
The inaugural session of the 5th international conference on Computer and Information Technology, organised by East West University, will be held with Dr Mohammad Yunus, managing director of Grameen Bank as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Complex. Time: 9.30am.

IBA ceremony
The 6th BBA and 34th MBA Graduation Ceremony of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, will be held with Vice-Chancellor SMA Faz as chief guest. Venue: TSC auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Closing ceremony
The closing ceremony of REHAB Housing Fair will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 8.00pm.

BLA meeting
A meeting of the executive committee of Bangabandhu Lalitkala Academy (BLA) will be held. Venue: 52/1, New Eskaton Road. Time: 4.30pm.

BLA conference
The annual conference of Bangladesh Law Association (BLA) will be held with Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury, Chief Justice of Bangladesh, as chief guest. Venue: Science Annex Building of Dhaka University. Time: 10.00am.

ICMAB meeting
The annual general meeting of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) will be held. Venue: ICMA Bhaban, Nilkhet. Time: 10.00am.

Bangla Academy meeting
The annual general meeting of Bangla Academy will be held. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 8.00am.

Certificate award ceremony
The certificate award ceremony of a training course, organised by the World wide Immigration Consultants, will be held. Venue: 83, Siddheshwari Circular Road. Time: 3.00pm.

The Exhibition
A three-day exhibition of Sarees and Ornaments, especially designed by noted artist Nima Rahman, will begin. Venue: Gallery Chittrak, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: From 11.00am to 9.00pm daily.

Launching ceremony
The launching ceremony of Thailand Tuk-Tuk, 4-stroke CNG auto-rickshaw, will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Dhanmondi Club Play Ground. Time: 3.00pm.

Meeting
A meeting of the executive committee of Nababganga Zila Samity will be held. Venue: 504/A, Malibagh Bagan Bari. Time: 4.00pm.

Human chain
National Garment Workers Federation will form a human chain demanding the security of the workers. Venue: Muktagan, Ramna. Time: 11.00am.

Krishak League meeting
A meeting of the central committee of Bangladesh Krishak League will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 10.00am.

Rally
Gonosanghati Andolon organises a rally to protest possible US-British attack on Iraq and North Korea. Venue: Muktagan, Ramna. Time: 4.00pm.

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Digital telecom tech can change fate of millions

Dr Moyeen Khan tells IUT function

BSS, Gazipur
Science, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday said digital telecommunication technology can change the fate of millions of people in the poor developing countries across the world.
He was addressing the concluding function of the Digital Telecommunications Technology Course, offered by the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department (EEED) of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) here.
Prof Dr Fazil Qayyum Yousuf-Zai, chairperson of the EEED, pre-

sided over the function.
Vice-chancellor of IUT Prof Dr M Anwar Hossain, Prof Dr ABM Siddique Hossain and students Zahir Khan of Pakistan, Mustaba of Senegal and Mudassar Mahfuz of Bangladesh spoke on the occasion.
The minister said the Muslim world can feel proud of its glorious past and heritage in the arena of science and education.
That age-old Islamic tradition should now be linked to latest developments in the arena of ICT, he added.
Some 32 participants, including 11 students from OIC states took part in the course.