

## NGO activities discussed with UK Charity Commission

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The three-member delegation of the United Kingdom Charity Commission called on LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at latter's office here yesterday.

Law adviser of the commission Rachel Elizabeth Baxter led the delegation.

The delegation members exchanged views with the LGRD minister about activities of the NGOs working in England and Wales, and the government control on those NGOs. Activities of NGOs operating in Bangladesh, and rules and regulations of the government for running those NGOs came up in the discussion.

The other members of the delegation were senior investigation officer of the Charity Commission Geoff Hay and chief of Wales Charity Commission Jim Melton Bradley.



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Bangladesh Fourth Class Government Employees' Association stages demonstration to realise its 14-point demand yesterday.

## Norway long-term dev partner of Bangladesh

Outgoing ambassador tells PM

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The outgoing Norwegian Ambassador Gerd Wahlstrom yesterday said her country would continue to play its role as a long-term development partner of Bangladesh.

"Norway is confident about a bright future of Bangladesh, and happy for getting the opportunity to help the country in its development," she said during her farewell call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at the Prime Minister's office yesterday afternoon.

Wahlstrom, who is leaving Bangladesh after her nearly four-year assignment here, appreciated "positive changes and impressive development" specially in education, gender mainstreaming, reduction of population growth, stable economic growth, achieving self-sufficiency in some areas and estab-

lishing parliamentary democracy. She hoped that the existing excellent bilateral relations between the two countries would deepen and broaden further in future.

Khaleda thanked Norway for giving duty and quota-free access to Bangladeshi goods to Norwegian market and called for more imports from Bangladesh. She also sought more Norwegian investment in private sector.

The envoy appreciated the investment climate in Bangladesh and said the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) are attracting big investments and functioning successfully.

Wahlstrom, who earlier worked in Bangladesh as a development worker, pointed to the change in the life of women here. In early seventies women were confined to houses but the trend began changing since late seventies, she observed.

Khaleda conveyed through the envoy her best wishes to Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik and invited him to visit Bangladesh.

The envoy also invited Khaleda Zia, on behalf of her government to visit Norway.

## Fisheries Exhibition begins today

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A week-long "Fisheries Exhibition" begins on the Farmgate Krishibid Institution premises here today.

A total of 50 stalls have been set up by government, private business establishments, NGOs and development entrepreneurs, to show their products to attract buyers in the exhibition.

The fair will be inaugurated by Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman at 3pm. The exhibition will remain open from 9am to 9pm daily.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Ukip Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan will be present at the function as special guest.

Cultural functions will also be held on the occasion.

## Obituary

Amena Munshi, wife of Dr A A A Munshi, retired professor of Botany and dean of Bangladesh Agriculture University, Mymensingh, died of cardiac arrest on August 16, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, one daughter and one son.

Her namaj-e-janaza will be held at Sobhanbagh Jame mosque in the city after Zohr prayers today.

She will be buried in Bogra.

Her qulakhwani will be held at 92/2 Shukrabad in the city after Asr prayers on August 21.