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#### INVITATION FOR LETTER OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SHORT LISTING OF CONSULTING FIRMS/INSTITUTIONS

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), the leading apex funding organization for microcredit, has received funds from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh under the International Development Association (IDA) assisted Second Poverty Alleviation Microfinance Project (Cr. 3457-BD). PKSF intends to use part of the funds to conduct a followup Monitoring and Evaluation System (MES) Study.

Competent consulting firms/institutions are invited to express their interest in the above services. They are requested to collect short-listing questionnaire forms from the office of PKSF during office hours upon the submission of a written application and payment of Tk. 100. (Taka one hundred) non-refundable.

All information/data in response to the short-listing questionnaire forms must reach the office of the undersigned in duplicate not later than 12:00-noon, on 5 August, 2004.

A short-list of consulting firms/institutions will be prepared from the firms/ institutions who have registered their expression of interest to this notice. Request for proposal (RFP) will be issued to the short-listed firms/institutions for submission of proposals. Final selection of firms/institutions will be made following IDA's fixed Budget Method of Procurement of Consultant Services.

PKSF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all expressions of interest without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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Manusher Jonno Team Leader Shaheen Anam speaks at a workshop on Labour Rights in Bangladesh' in the city yesterday. Journalist Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul (left) moderated the workshop while Shirin Akhter (right) of Karmajibi Nari spoke as resource person.

# Non-govt teachers for an end to salary discrimination

The Samity leaders also

The Samity will submit memo-

demanded extension of their service

randums to the lawmakers, divi-

sional commissioners, deputy commissioners and chairmen of the

educational boards from August 27

to September 30 to press home its

SM Ali Asraf Chowdhury, secre-tary of the Samity, read out a written

statement at the press conference. Samity President Julfa Mohammad

Afghan envoy

meets Hasina

Afghan Ambassador in Dhaka Akmal

Ghani ysterday called on Leader of

the Opposition in Parliament and

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence

and discussed issues of mutual

relating to regional and interna-

tional issues, said Abul Kalam Azad,

Press Secretary to Hasina.

Ziauddin were present.

They also discussed matters

Wife of the Afghan envoy Mrs

Ghani, and former Ambassador

demands, the leaders said.

age limit up to 65.

was also present.

UNB, Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of non-government secondary schools yesterday called for an end to salary discrimination between them and the government

They demanded that their salary be included in the new national pay scale and they be given three time scales as teachers of nongovernment colleges and

The teachers also threatened to wage a tough movement if their

demands are not met by October 15. "If necessary, we will go to court o realise our demands," said AKM Rashid Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Teachers' Samity, Dhaka cityunit, at a press conference.

He urged the government to take immediate steps to pay same salary, house rent, medical allowance and others facilities to the nongovernment teachers as enjoyed by the government schoolteachers.

### Market demolished in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) yesterday demolished a market to recover its four Kanthas of land

The Mabia Rahman Market was constructed on the CPA land illegally housing some 18 business establish ments at the traditional business

CPA Magistrate Mohammad Munir Chowdhury led the eviction

Chittagong Metropolitan Police and members of CPA Ansar Bahini assisted the eviction drive

Later, the demolished structure was confiscated and sold on auction on the spot. CPA Ansar members were posted guard on the recovered land, sources said.

The land was leased out for commercial use to one Sultan Ahmad in

The lessee transferred the land illegally to one Haji Badiur Rahman before leaving the country for Canada along with family in 1985. Since then Badiur had been occupying the land illegally using the name of the real lessee. He erected permanent structures including the market without any approval of the authority and used it for commercial pur-

CPA in another drive recovered 7 kathas of land worth around TK 1 crore at Chaktai last month.

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### Call for closer ties among unions, labour dept, NGOs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop yesterday called for closer ties among trade unions, the Department of Labour (NGOs) to safeguard the rights of workers.

They also identified many areas where the NGOs as well as the labour department can go for corrective interventions.

The Manusher Jonno (MJ) Fund organised the workshop on 'Labour Rights in Bangladesh' at the Brac Centre to assess the status of labour rights in both formal and informal

Chaired by MJ Team Leader Shaheen Anam, the workshop was moderated by journalist Manjurul

A total of 62 representatives from different NGOs working on labour issues, donor bodies, trade unions and the media took part in the work

shop.
The speakers revealed that out of nearly 60 million workforce, only 1.9 million workers are unionised.

A labour department official said they cannot intervene properly or timely in many labour rights prob-lems because of manpower con-

Shaheen Anam said the Manusher Jonno would formulate its funding guidelines to promote labour rights on the basis of recommendations made by the discus-

Syed Sultanuddin Ahmed, assistant executive director of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), and Shirin Akhter of Karmajibi Nari spoke as resource persons.

Akhter Sobhan Mashrur presented a paper on behalf of Management & Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) which was in-charge of overall man-agement of the workshop.

### Dr Ehsan made **Kuet VC**

BSS, Dhaka

Professor Dr Ehsanul Haque of the Department of Metallurgy of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) has been appointed the Vice-chancellor of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) for a term of four years.

The appointment would be effective from the date of his joining to the post, said an official handout

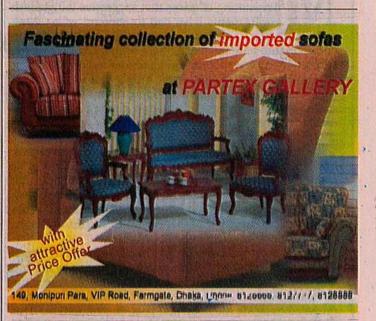
## Verdict in Sharifa murder today

The verdict on the sensational Sharifa Khatun murder case of Uttara Thana will be delivered by the Dhaka's Women and Children Repression

Prevention Tribunal-2 today. The court has fixed July 22 for delivering of the verdict, a press release issued by special prosecutor of the court said.

gainst Sharifa's husband Abdur Rauf and sister-in-law Rokeya Khatun.

According to prosecution, Sharifa's husband Abdur Rauf and his sister Rokeya Khatun allegedly murdered Sharifa by setting fire on her body after pouring kerosene in a rented house at Azampur in Uttara Model town in the city on August 2,







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