

Non-govt pry teachers to continue strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association yesterday vowed to continue their ongoing strike until the government accepts their demand for nationalisation of their jobs.

Thousands of agitating teachers from different parts of the country took the vow at a grand rally at the Central Shaheed Minar.

"It is we who build the nation by teaching our people, but we are now the most deprived section of the society," said Association Secretary General Akkas Ali Sheikh.

Association Organising Secretary Aminul Islam said the prime minister should accept the demand of non-government teachers as it was the election pledge of her party.

Delwar Hossain, a teacher from Noakhali, said the government and non-government teachers are performing the same functions although there is a huge discrimination in salary.

"How could one expect a better service from non-government teachers when they are given only Tk 1,950 per month?" Shaheb Ali, a teacher from Rangpur posed the question.

Earlier, the association held another rally at Muktangan.

Rokeya Begum, a teacher from Feni, lost her child in a road accident while coming to Dhaka to join the rally.

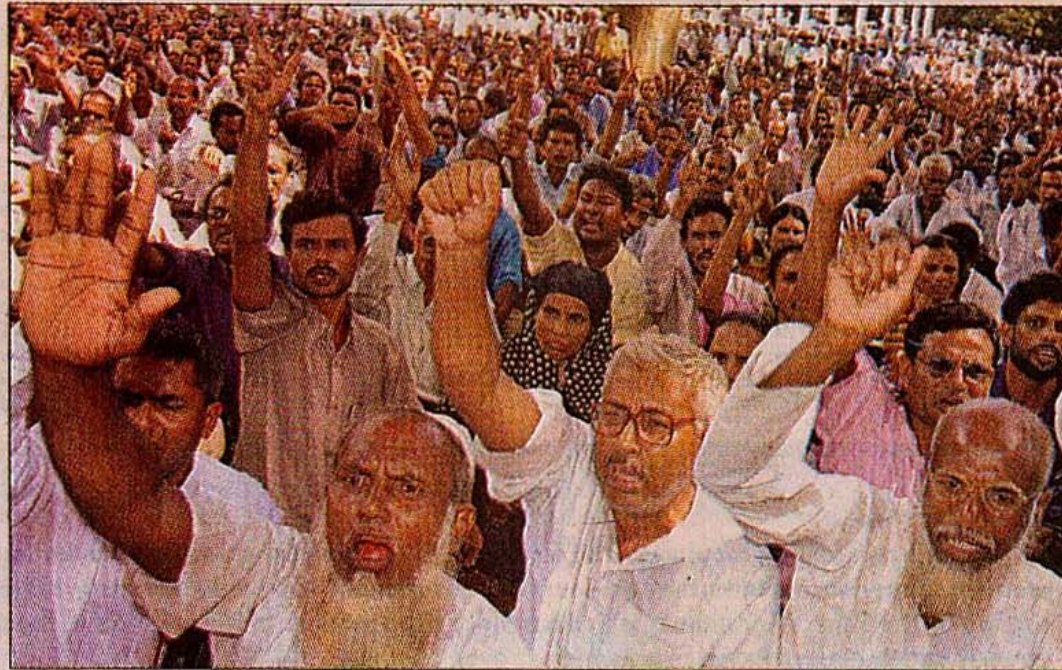


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Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association stages a demonstration at Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

Norway, Brac sign contract

A contract has been signed between the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFN) and Brac regarding support to the Brac Education Programme (BEP) Phase IV on July 21, says a press release.

Norwegian Ambassador Aud Lise Norheim and Brac Deputy Executive Director Md Aminul Alam signed the contract in Dhaka on Wednesday.

According to the agreement, Tk25.5 crore will be provided in support of the programme for 2004-2005. CIDA, DFID, NOVIB, Aga Khan Foundation and the Royal Netherlands Embassy are also jointly funding the programme.

Brac Education Programme strives to make a significant contribution to the achievement of education for all. Objectives of the programme include providing cost effective and primary education for poor children and ethnic minorities, expanding opportunities for adolescent girls, improving teaching, learning and management of secondary schools, and expanding the outreach and demand for continuing education offered by Gonokendros and mobile libraries in rural areas.

Independent judiciary a must for good governance: Saifur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An independent judiciary is a precondition for good governance, said Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman at a function here yesterday.

To achieve this objective, the country's judicial system is being reformed, he added.

The function was organised in connection with the foundation laying ceremony of the annex building of Sylhet District Judge Court.

Saifur said under the 'Legal and Judicial Capacity Building Project', the World Bank would provide Tk 3.6 crore out of the total expenditure of Tk 5.08 crore for the construction of the building. The rest would be financed by the government, he added.

The minister said democracy is meaningless without the rule of law. It is not possible to reach the fruits of democracy to the peoples' doorstep if the rule of law is not established in

all spheres of the society, he added.

Saifur said although the foreigners have a negative perception about the law and order situation in our country, it is very hard to maintain it in a densely populated country like ours.

Presided over by District and Sessions Judge ANM Bashir Ullah, the inaugural function was also addressed by Sylhet District Bar President Abdul Hai Khan and the Superintending Engineer of Public Works Department Jahangir Alam.

Seminar on Aids awareness

The American Alumni Association (AAA) and City University jointly organised a seminar on "Aids awareness" at the City University auditorium at Banani in the city on July 22, says a press release.

Dr Yasmin Ahmed, Managing Director of Marie Stopes Clinic Society, was the guest speaker at the seminar. City University Vice-Chancellor Dr AM Shamsul Haque, AAA Secretary Ayesha Dastgir and executive committee member Prof Akhtar Sultana were present.

The Aids awareness seminar is an initiative of the Community Development & Awareness Subcommittee of AAA in collaboration with City University to address this issue and its relevance and implications in Bangladesh. The theme for the seminar was "Aids, HIV & Bangladesh-What the future holds?"

Media confce postponed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day media conference, which was scheduled to begin tomorrow at British Council Auditorium, has been postponed due to deteriorating flood situation.

Fresh date for the conference will be announced later on, says a press release.



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French Ambassador Michel Lummaux (right) decorates Rasul Nizam, honorary consul of France in Chittagong, with Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur at a ceremony in the port city on Saturday.

Rasul Nizam honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Rasul Nizam, honorary consul of France in Chittagong, was awarded the most prestigious French order, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour), at a colourful ceremony at Chittagong club on Saturday night.

French Ambassador Michel Lummaux conferred the award on Nizam amid thunderous applause at the ceremony attended by dignitaries, diplomats and elite of the city.

French President Jacques Chirac announced Nizam's name for the award on June 4.

Serving as honorary consul of France in Chittagong for the past 35 years, Nizam won the award for his outstanding contribution to strengthening the relationship between Bangladesh and France.

Rasul did an excellent job to develop the friendly ties between the two countries, Lummaux said.

Receiving the top French honour, Nizam said this award is an honour not only for himself but also for Chittagong.

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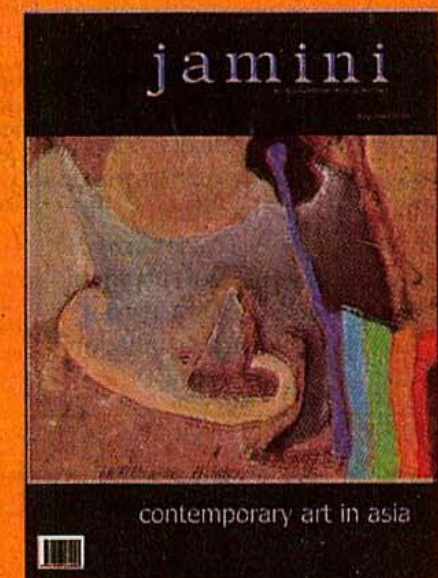


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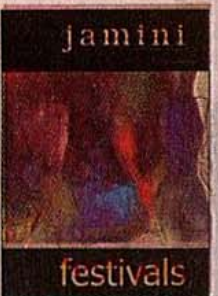
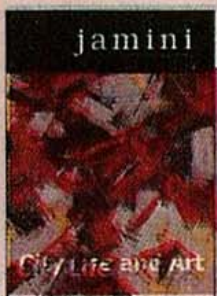
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