

Qatar assures of recruiting more Bangladeshis

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Qatari Civil Service and Housing Affairs Minister Sheikh Falah Bin Jasim Bin Jabor Al Thani yesterday assured Dhaka of recruiting more Bangladeshi manpower.

The Qatari minister gave the assurance at a meeting with State Minister for Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Major (retd) Quamrul Islam in Qatar.

According to a message received here Quamrul told the Qatari minister at the meeting on Thursday that Bangladesh has many skilled people, especially in the fields of information technology (IT), nursing, marine and construction.

He thanked Al Thani for introducing a fresh labour law incorporating more facilities for labourers in that country. He also praised the role of the Qatari Emir in resolving the problems exist in the Muslim World as chairman of the 9th Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Quamrul also had a meeting with Qatari State Minister of Home Affairs Sheikh Hamad Bin Naser Bin Jasim Al Thani.

During the meeting, he thanked the state minister of home affairs of Qatar for providing necessary cooperation to the Bangladeshi employees in Qatar through CEID and Immigration Department.

Quamrul invited the two Qatari ministers to visit Bangladesh at their convenient time. They also responded positively to the invitation, the message said.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar Maj. Gen. Ahsan N Amin was present at the meetings.



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Karmojibi Nari, a women's rights organisation, took out a procession at Muktangan yesterday protesting the killing of domestic help Noor Banu by an engineer in Rajshahi.

Unite against evil forces to strengthen democracy

Speakers urge students at discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said the present education system has divided the student community by depriving them of their just rights.

"We took part in meetings, demonstrations and processions for the cause of students and democracy, but student politics is now dictated by the interest of individual political parties," she added.

They called upon the students to unite against all evil forces to achieve their rights and help strengthen democracy.

The discussion was organised by Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, the student wing of Jatiya Party (JP Manju) on the occasion of the Historic Education Day at the National Press Club in the city.

The divided education system has created rift among the students and weakened the strength of the

student movement for national issues, said Begum Motia Chowdhury, president member of Awami League.

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"I am not against the student politics, but they must keep in mind that their main thrust is to educate themselves for future leadership," he added.

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The speakers also paid homage to the memory of Mostafa, Wajidullah and Babul who were killed in police firing during a demonstration in the city in 1962 for cancellation of the national education report of the then Pakistani regime.

Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Sheila Sisulu arrives Dhaka today on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

During her stay, Sisulu will visit Dhaka, Manikganj and Chittagong Hill Tracts to observe WFP-assisted activities including the Vulnerable Group Development, School Feeding and Rural Road Maintenance Programmes.

Sisulu will also meet NGO partners and local authorities, says a press release.

The WFP has been managing food aid activities in Bangladesh since 1974.

Its current five-year programmes (2001-2005) aims to achieve sustainable improvements in food security and nutrition for ultra-poor households.

Each year WFP reaches more than two million beneficiaries including 500,000 ultra-poor women and 1.2 million school children across the country.

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) stages a demonstration yesterday demanding steps to save Dhaka city from waterlogging.

Changma alphabet course begins in city

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A month-long training course on Changma alphabets began in the city yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Moni Swapan Dewari inaugurated the course at the Tribal Hostel in Mohammadpur.

He said everybody should practise their mother language. It is a must for smooth mental development.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples' Forum Sanjib Drong was present at the function as special guest.

Changma Sahitya Bah has organised the course.