

'Women underrepresented in politics'

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Women are still underrepresented in politics across the globe, said Carole Hillard, former American Lt. Governor of South Dakota, yesterday.

She called for participation of more women in politics, saying that they are more skilled in conflict resolution than their male counterparts and their activities are transparent.

Women are also more responsive to their constituents, she added.

Carole was speaking at a programme titled 'Face to face with women journalists' organised by Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) in the city.

She said women have the highest representation in politics in Nordic countries and the lowest in Arab countries. In Sweden, 53

percent of the politicians are women, but in Arab countries, women accounted for only three percent of the politicians.

In the USA, women represent 15 percent of the politicians, she said.

Referring to the American women, Carole said they are more

involved in public offices that are closer to home. At least 32 percent of school board members are women but only 10 percent of senators are represented by them.

She said women hesitate to join politics as they confront special challenges like cultural obstacles,

responsibility to family and projecting a strong image.

Women should be encouraged to start their political career at the local level, she said.

She also called on women to educate themselves to move forward in their political career.

Rab nabs 4 in Ctg

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A team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four top criminals in Sitakunda Upazila early yesterday.

Sources said the team in a pre-dawn raid caught the four in Bhatary area at around 4.00am.

The arrestees are Md Salim Uddin alias Salim Member, Md Lokman Hossain, Md Mahub and Jamal Salim. All of them are accused in Sitakunda Press Club President Azhar Siddiq Khosru abduction case.

They were handed over to Sitakunda Police Station.

