

CPB protests immunity to WB, IMF

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) formed a human chain in the city yesterday protesting the government move to pass two bills—one providing immunity to World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the other providing indirect election to women's reserved seats in parliament.

Passage of the two bills, infringing on the country's sovereignty and people's fundamental democratic rights, will be tantamount to the violation of the constitution, said CPB President Monjurul Ahsan Khan.

All patriotic politicians should vigorously raise their voices against the anti-people bills, he added.

Obituary



Noted film personality and cameraman M Abdus Samad died at the Apollo Hospital in Delhi yesterday at the age of 68.

He won the National Film Award, Bachsas Film Award, Moscow Film Festival award and many other prizes.

Cameraman of many famous Bangla films, including Rupban, Ora Egaroan and Ishu Khan, Samad was also the chairman of the Film and Media Department of Stamford University in Dhaka.

Jamir Uddin Ahmed



Jamir Uddin Ahmed, former chief engineer of the Pakistan T & T, died in Houston, USA, on October 26 at the age of 74, says a press release.

He was the second son of late Magistrate Md Asgar of Sylhet.

He is survived by his wife, one

Jalal Uddin Ahmed

Jalal Uddin Ahmed, a former deputy manager of Shinepukur Jute Mills Ltd, passed away at his residence in Bhairab, Kishoreganj, on Wednesday night at the age of 57.

He left behind his wife, one son and three daughters.

He was buried at the Bhairab Municipal Graveyard yesterday.



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CPD Chairman Professor Rehman Sobhan, middle, speaks at a dialogue on 'Migration and Mode 4 in health and education sector: Towards a trade and development approach' in the city yesterday. On his right is Commonwealth official Dr Roman Grynberg and on his left is former commerce minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury.

Set up mechanism to send workers abroad for temporary jobs

Commonwealth official suggests

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A visiting Commonwealth official yesterday called on the developing countries like Bangladesh to establish a mechanism so that people can go to developed states for temporary jobs.

Such system will bring huge economic benefit to both sending and receiving countries and reduce the trend of illegal migration, said Dr Roman Grynberg, deputy director and head, Trade and Regional Integration Department, Economic Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

He was speaking at a dialogue on 'Migration and Mode 4 in health and education sector: Towards a trade and development approach' organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue at its auditorium in the city.

Referring to a system in Caribbean states from where thousands of workers go to Canada for seasonal jobs every year, Dr Grynberg said the developed countries would agree to hire unskilled and semi-skilled workers only if they are certain that the workers would go back home after a certain period.

He also suggested training the nurses to work abroad as the demand for such professionals is very high in the developed world.

The temporary job system would

also help reduce illegal migration as around half a million people enter European countries every year illegally, he added.

Dr Grynberg, however, said the Commonwealth did not negotiate with the sending or receiving countries in this regard but provided technical support and guidelines for capacity-building of the developing nations.

The speakers pointed out various aspects that create obstacles to movement of workers from the developing countries to the developed ones.

The developed nations do not advocate for free movement of workers fearing that it may cause social problems and cultural shock at their states, they said.

Raihan also spoke.

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Former commerce minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, former commerce secretary Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury, former governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Farashuddin Ahmed and economist Anaynna

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301-member nat'l executive body announced

UNB, Dhaka

A 301-member national executive committee of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) was formed yesterday with former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Major (retd.) Abdul Mannan as its president and secretary general respectively.

Badrudoza Chowdhury announced the names of 47 members at its temporary office at KC Memorial Clinic yesterday morning.

Former secretary general of Fema Firoze M Hassan and Dhaka University Professor Dr Nurul Amin Bepari have been made joint secretaries.

Mahi B Chowdhury MP was selected as organising secretary while Abdullah Bin Riaz, a chartered accountant, and Major (retd.) SK Nadir Ahmed were made treasurer and office secretary.

The joint organising secretaries are Major (retd.) M Murad Ali Khan, Abdur Rouf Mannan and Shahidur Rahman.

Other executives are Major (retd.)

Wahidul Hossain - social affairs secretary, film director Shahidul Islam Khokon - cultural affairs secretary, Khaled Hossain - labour affairs secretary, Brig. Gen. (retd.) Giasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury - liberation war affairs secretary, Dr Shahidul Hossain - health affairs secretary, Dr M Majibur Rahman - youth affairs secretary, Advocate Shah Ahmed Badal - public relations and publicity secretary, AKM Zainul Abedin Khan - commerce and trade affairs secretary, Surid Sohan - overseas affairs secretary, and Advocate AM Ahsanullah - legal affairs secretary.

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