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 United Democratic Forum against Imperialism stages a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the proposed budget.

Training for local NGOs begins today

A capacity development training programme for the first batch of the local NGOs will begin at Rajendrapur in Gazipur today, says a press release.

The week-long training on financial management will be conducted by Brac and has been organised in collaboration with the Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB).

A total of 500 participants will receive the training in phases of 20 batches by August this year at different Training and Resource Centres (Tarc) of Brac.

Another training on land laws for the NGOs of northern districts, conducted by the Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD) in collaboration with FNB, will begin in Dhaka on June 20. This will be the second course on land laws.



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 Five left-leaning parties brought out a procession at Muktangan in the city yesterday rejecting the proposed Budget terming it anti-people.

ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOUR ILO lauds Dhaka's commitment

Bss, Geneva

Director General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Juan Somavia yesterday praised Bangladesh's commitment to eliminating the worst forms of child labour from the country.

He also appreciated the government's programmes on the women and children development and congratulated Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for her personal initiatives to improve the lot of workers.

During a meeting with State Minister for Labour and Employment Amanullah Aman here, Juan Somavia said, "Political commitment is essential for implementation of the ILO conventions."

Aman, leading a Bangladesh delegation, is now attending the 93rd session of the International Labor Conference in Geneva.

Their meeting on the sidelines of the conference covered Bangladesh's progress in ensuring workers rights and ILO activities.

The state minister requested ILO to strengthen its activities in Bangladesh, particularly in the field

of employment generation, through pragmatic and realistic programmes and skill development schemes. He also extended an invitation to the ILO DG to visit Bangladesh.

Pirates loot trawlers in Meghna

BDNEWS, Noakhali

A band of notorious pirates shot four fishermen and seriously injured nine others early yesterday at Meghna Hatia Channel.

The injured said that a gang of 40 to 50 pirates attacked two fishing trawlers with firearms and sharp weapons early Friday and looted properties, including cash, fishes, fishing materials worth Tk 15 lakh.

The bullet-hit fishermen were identified as Motaleb Gazi, 40, Lokman Bepari, 35, Ali Ashraf Mridha, 55, and Md Harun, 53.