

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR TODAY

12.90 lakh engaged in worst forms of child labour

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Today is the World Day Against Child Labour. The country is observing the day for the fourth year when a total of 12.90 lakh children are engaged in hazardous child labour.

to 5:00pm. The poor boy works 48 hours a week to receive only Tk 245, which is Tk 35 per day. He comes from Barisal and stays at his sister's house.

child workers are not stopped even though a bilateral agreement was signed in 2002. sources from International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) project of ILO said.

Education programme for the children, vocational training, economic empowerment, creating awareness in the society are going on. Rehabilitation of some 30 thousand children, engaged in hazardous work, is also carried out.

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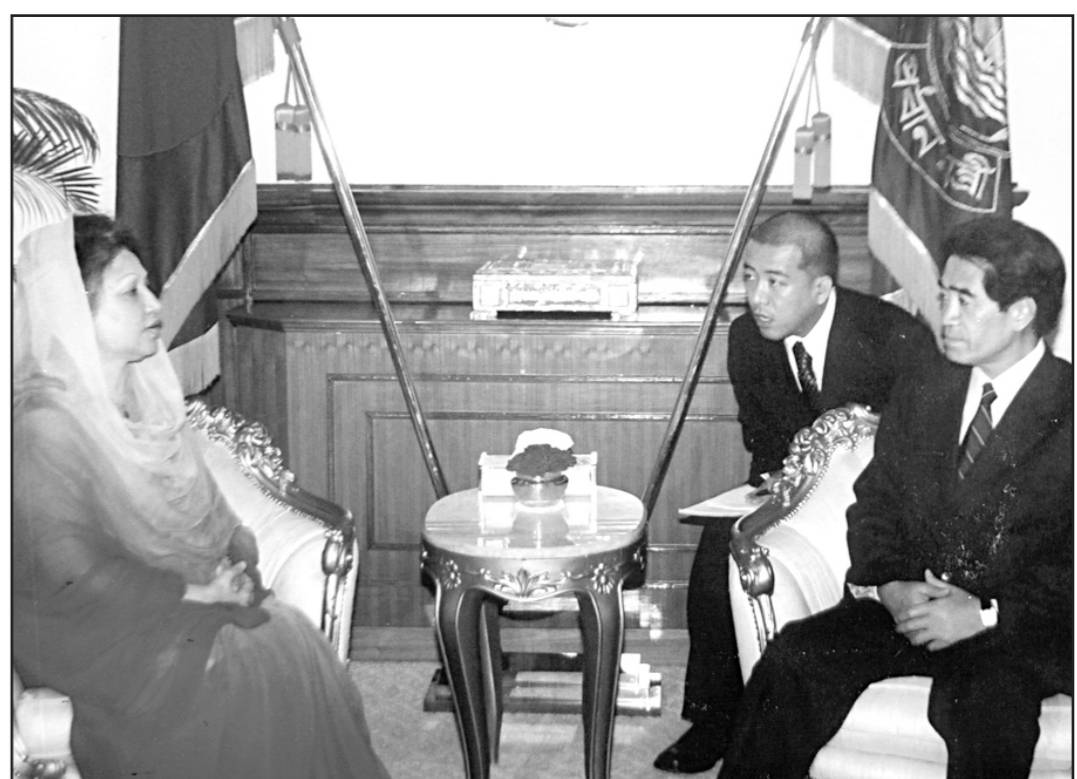
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Provident funds of the recognised institutions can henceforth be invested in savings certificates and bonds. This was decided by the government, which reintroduced the system by further amending the Savings Certificates Rules of 1977 (as amended till June 30, 2002).

Mosquitoes force villagers to flee homes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

About 12,000 villagers in Kuakata have fled their houses to protect themselves from a phenomenal mosquito menace. Most of them have been passing their nights in the open field, producing thick smoke from various sources to scare off the insects.



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PM seeks Japanese help to build Padma bridge

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Visiting Japanese Senior Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Ichiro Aisawa yesterday called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at the PM's office yesterday. During the meeting, Aisawa expressed his hope that the forthcoming visit of Khaleda Zia to Japan, beginning July 11, will further intensify the existing warm relationship between the two countries.

government would also come forward in building the planned Padma bridge.

The Japanese Senior Vice Minister responded positively and said his country looks with appreciation at the development being carried out under the leadership of Khaleda Zia.

Canada keen to invest in energy sector

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Energy minister of oil-rich Canadian province Alberta (AB) expressed interest to invest in the energy sector of Bangladesh. He showed the interest when Bangladesh State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharrar Hossain met him at the provincial capital Calgary on June 9.

Ex-JCD leader seeks security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday urged the prime minister to ensure the security of him and his family members as a quarter has been giving death threats over the telephone.



Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum held a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday on the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour.

'Widened tax net to hit consumers'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political and social organisations yesterday strongly criticised the proposed budget for 2005-06, terming it ambitious and against the interest of the people.

speech said poverty alleviation will be given priority. It also expressed scepticism about whether the poor farmers will benefit from the provision for more subsidies to the agriculture sector proposed in the budget.

'Rather, the finance minister has colluded with the big interest groups by giving them a scope to whiten black money,' it said. Sheikh Shahidul Islam, secretary general of the Jatiya Party (Manju), called for reducing expenditure in the unproductive sectors and increasing the allocation for the service sectors such as education and health.

Hawker murdered in Rajshahi

BDNEWS, Rajshahi

A newspaper hawkker was stabbed to death at Ranibazar area here yesterday morning. The victim was identified as Titon, 22. Police suspect that the murder occurred due to previous enmity.

Jalil goes to Kolkata for check-up

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Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil MP left Dhaka yesterday for Kolkata for his regular health check-up.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Senior journalist AKM Jalaluddin died here yesterday following protracted illness at the age of 58. Jalal left behind his wife, a son and a daughter.

Begum Kaniz Noor

BSS, Dhaka

Begum Kaniz Noor, wife of late Abdur Noor, deputy registrar of Bangladesh Cooperatives Society, passed away due to old-age complications yesterday at her Mohammadpur residence at the age of 89.

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Heat wave may continue

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Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Myanmar hails Bangladesh for repatriation of its 172 citizens

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Myanmar has appreciated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and all concerned authorities of the ministry of Home Affairs, and the Bangladesh Rifles for the speedy repatriation of 172 Myanmar nationals.

JU syndicate polls June 18

JU CORRESPONDENT

The election to the syndicate under dean category in Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held on June 18. Intra-party feud among the pro-AL teachers has come into surface ahead of the election.

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Arts Festival: A weeklong Arts Festival, organised by the International School Dhaka (ISD) and Bengal Foundation, will be inaugurated. Venue: ISD premises. Time: 11:00am.

School: British Interactive School arranges a demonstration on 'Interactive whiteboard teaching' introduced for the first time in the country. Venue: School premises, House #500 V (west), Road # 8, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:30am.

Evening of Bangla songs: An evening of Bangla songs, organised by the Muldhara, will be held with renowned senior and young singers. Venue: Muldhara Zaki Alam Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30pm.

Project Fair: Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh organises a daylong Project Fair to raise awareness about the EC-funded projects. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan. Time: from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

DVD launch: The DVD version of national award-winning film 'Lalsalu' (A tree without roots) by Tanvir Mokammel will be launched, with French Ambassador Jacques-Andre Costilhes as chief guest and Prof Anisuzzaman as special guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 5:00pm.

Child gathering: Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum will hold a gathering of children on the occasion of the World Day against Child Labour. Venue: Wonderlands, Gulshan-2. Time: 8:00am.

Confce on ending domestic violence: The Alliance to End Domestic Violence will hold a national conference on 'Ending domestic violence against women' as part of 'We can' campaign. Venue: Engineers' Institute. Time: 9:30am.

British Interactive: A joint meeting of the executive committee and advisory committee of Rajshahi University Alumni Association will be held. Venue: 5/5 Block # C, Lalmita. Time: 5:30pm.

KALPANA CHAKMA ABDUCTION Punishment to abductors demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the ninth year of the abduction of Hill Women's Federation Leader Kalpana Chakma, says a press release of the federation. Protesting the abduction and demanding immediate punishment to the alleged kidnaper Lieutenant Ferdous, the federation will organise various programmes on the occasion.

'Govt conspires to uproot indigenous people'

BDNEWS, Bandarban

Goutam Dewan, president of Chittagong Hill Tracts Committee to Protect Rights of Land and Forest, has said that the indigenous people of CHT do not get much importance as the wildlife gets. 'When sanctuaries are being established across the world to protect wildlife, Bangladesh government has been conspiring to uproot the indigenous people (Adivashis) from their homes,' said Dewan in an exclusive interview with the BDNEWS.