

JMB threat a direct assault on women

Speakers tell discussion

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Speakers at a discussion yesterday said the threat issued by Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to confine women to their homes is a direct assault on women.

They also called upon all to resist such threat.

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) organised the discussion titled 'Spirit of Liberation War and Rights of Women Workers.'

Women leaders of different political organisations and trade unions took part in the discussion at the WAPDA auditorium at Motijheel in the city.

To ensure rights of the women workers they have to come out of their houses upholding the glorified participation of women in the Liberation War, they said.

They stressed the need for an effective unity of the trade union organisations to resist the defeated forces of 1971.

BILS chairman and whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Md Ashraf Hossain

was the chief guest at the discussion with acting secretary general Md Zafrul Hasan in the chair.

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) coordinator Dr Wajedul Islam Khan, BILS Assistant Executive Director Syed Sultanuddin Ahmed, Jatiya Sramik League Women Affairs Secretary Rawshan Jahan Sathi and women leaders of the national trade union federations spoke on the occasion.

9 shops gutted

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Nine shops and a house burned down in a devastating fire at Jhaotala Bazar under Doublamooring thana in Chittagong early yesterday, fire brigade sources said.

The fire was originated from an electrical short-circuit at a shop at around 3:00am.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia along with members of the Christian community cuts a Christmas cake at her office in the city yesterday on the occasion of Christmas Day. PHOTO: PID

Photo exhibition on tsunami, quake begins today

To commemorate the victims of tsunami and recent earthquakes, Drik Picture Library has organised a two-week photography exhibition titled 'Nature's Fury' beginning in the city today, says a press release.

Sri Lankan High Commissioner Gamini Sarath Munasinghe, Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Beheshti Monfared, Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan Shahid M G Kiani and BRAC University Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury will jointly inaugurate

the exhibition at 5:00pm at the Drik Gallery at House # 58, Road # 15A, Dhanmondi.

The photographs of Bam have been taken by well-known photographers of Iran and the photographs of the tsunami in Sri Lanka and the earthquake in Pakistan have been taken by internationally renowned Bangladeshi photographer Shahidul Alam.

The exhibition will remain open from 3:00pm to 8:00pm daily until January 8.

President hosts reception for Christians

BSS, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and his wife Professor Dr Anwara Begum yesterday hosted a reception for the members of country's Christian community at Bangabhaban on the occasion of Christmas.

Archbishop Michael Rozario, members of different churches and leading members of the community attended the reception.

Royal Norwegian Ambassador Mrs Aud Lise Norheim, Ambassador of Italy Dr Pietro Balleru, Canadian High Commissioner MS Barbara Richardson, British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury, Ambassador of Russian Federation Oleg S Malignov, Netherlands Ambassador BCM Beemsterboer, Danish Ambassador Niels Severin Munk, Ambassador of Sweden Britt Falkman Hagstrom and Charge d'Affaires of USA, France, Switzerland, delegation of the European Commission and Australia attended the reception.

Iajuddin and Mrs Iajuddin welcomed the guests. They exchanged pleasantries with them and wished them a happy Christmas.