

'Good governance a must for democracy'

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Speakers at a seminar on Sunday stressed the need for good governance to ensure an expected democracy where rule of law and accountability to the parliament will be established. They also asked for training for the members of parliament on good governance so that they can implement it in real life. They were speaking at a seminar titled 'Good governance and development in Bangladesh' organised by the Political Science Department of

Dhaka University (DU) at RC Majumdar auditorium. The chief discussant Prof Ataur Rahman said good governance has to be established in order to preserve democracy. "An expected democracy will not come into effect without good governance," he added. A number of students of MSS Final Year of the department presented papers on various issues including good governance, the relation of good governance with development, and good leadership.

Nilufar Parvin, assistant professor of the department, said at present there is no practice of democracy within the political parties and this is a major threat to democracy. Prof Aminur Rahman said mutual respect among the political leaders is the precondition of good governance while political commitment is also essential. Prof Ferdous Hasan, Prof Sabbir Ahmed and Prof Sohrab Hossain also spoke with Prof Md Abdul Odud Bhuiyan in the chair.



Zonta Club of Dhaka II organised a discussion on 'Empowerment of women and violence against women' recently to celebrate the 87th birthday of Zonta. From right are Club President Raihana Bashir, Canadian High Commissioner Barbara Richardson, Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam and Zonta International Area Director, Dhaka II, Nahid Moyeen.

LDP leaders embarrassed over Oli's comment

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Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leaders feel embarrassed for a recent interview of its executive president Oli Ahmed. LDP leaders of its different front organisations at a meeting also asked the party high-ups to investigate into allegations of criminal activities and corruption against some party leaders and expel them if found guilty. In the recent interview with a private television channel ATN Bangla, Oli said he would consider to return BNP if Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman confessed their wrongdoings. The LDP leaders viewed that a cleansing drive inside the party is necessary. ATM Kamal presided over the meeting at the party's Moghbazar office in the capital.

Bosunia's death anniversary observed

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of Awami League, yesterday observed the 23rd death anniversary of its leader Roufun Bosunia on Dhaka University (DU) campus, says a press release. Basunia was killed on February 13 in 1984 in front of Muhsin Hall. The BCL leaders placed floral wreaths at the memorial of Basunia at the gate of Muhsin Hall.