

Special briefing

attaches from

Chowdhury has said all heads of

labour wings in countries hosting

Bangladeshi contractual labour

have been asked to come to Dhaka

for a special briefing between

Iftekhar who is also in charge of

the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare

and Overseas Employment said

and the recruiting agents.

Migration (IOM).

with the said objectives.

said a press release yesterday.

problems faced by many of them.

The ministry has asked the missions

to report regularly on the subject

assigning "top priority to welfare."

March 23 to 25.

workshop

for labour

Holding lighted candles, participants vow to resist acid violence at a function at Rabindra Sarobar at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday. The event was organised by Acid Survivors' Foundation, Prothom Alo and Campaign to Work with Men and Boys Network on the occasion of International Women's Day today.

UPCOMING DCC ELECTION

'Murder of 2 political leaders an act of pre-poll violence'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The aspirations of becoming can-said the criminals of his rival didates in the upcoming Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) election Shibli. might be the cause of recent murthe city, sources said.

Dhanmondi thana unit BNP Battalion, police said. leader Mostofa Zaman Shibli, 35, and Motijheel thana unit Kazi Mainul Hossain, sub-Swechchhasebak League vice- inspector of Dhanmondi Police president Kawsar Ali, 35, were Station and the investigation offi-Wednesday and Tuesday.

"Shibli was taking preparations to to the DCC election or not." become a commissioner candidate ofWard No 48."

"As Shihli wanted to be a candidate, his rivals might have killed Wednesday. him," said Harun-ur-Rashid.

leader Harun Chowdhury is the present commissioner of Ward No 48.

As he has joined the Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) led by Firdaus Ahmad Quarishi, Shibli, who was also the general secretary

candidate. Shibli served five and a half 1:00pm. months jail term in connection with the August Violence on the and sister Dolly Begum said anony- him.

campus recently. However, the other sources over cell phone to kill Kawsar for

group might have killed

Earlier the criminals killed his ders of both the BNP and brother Abdus Sattar two years ago muggers. Swechchhasebak League leaders in and another brother Yunus was killed in crossfire with Rapid Action

Terming it a political murder, gunned down by their rivals on cer (IO) of the case, told The Daily Star, "We have been looking into Harun-ur-Rashid, husband of the matter. We want to ascertain the sister of slain Shibli, said, whether Shibli's murder is linked

> Shibli was shot dead by unidentified gunmen near his Jigatala residence at around 8:00pm on

Earlier on Tuesday, the assail-Sources said former BNP ants shot dead Kawsar Ali, vicepresident of Motijheel thana unit of Swechchhasebak League at Shahjahanpur.

> Enterprise, a generator shop at nine/eleven. It is impossible for north Shahjahanpur.

of the party's Ward No 48 unit, had bullets on Kawsar when he was term in several cases for several thought himself of a commissioner on his way to a local mosque to years say Zohr prayers at around

March 23 UNB, Dhaka Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed

the last one week. Kawsar's friend Mohidul Islam Lablu said Kawsar was always against local drug peddlers and

mous callers had been threatening

He suspects that the muggers or drug peddlers might have hand in the killing.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sub-Inspector Zillur Rahman of Motijheel Police Station, who is also the IO of the case, suspects that Kawsar might have been killed due to an internal feud.

The IO said Kawsar had a desire to contest the DCC election as commissioner candidate from "We have detained one Arif

Khan Rana from Malibagh area. After grilling him, we might be sure of the cause behind the murder," he

Sources said present Ward Commissioner Mirza Khokan had Kawsarwas also the owner of Ali been hiding since the him to take part in the election, as A gang of criminals spread he has been sentenced to prison

Local sources said in presence of Mirza Khokan, none dared to Kawsar's wife Shahina Begum take part in the election against

3 get Radhuni Kirtimoti Sanmanona

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the eve of the International Women's Day, Radhuni Kirtimoti Sanmanona 2007 was awarded vesterday.

Three women received the award for their significant contribution to the society at a function at the Expo Centre of Bashundhara City.

The recipients are Angela Gomes (social development), Dr Hosne Ara (small entrepreneurship) and Munni Saha (journalism).

Each awardee received a crest and Tk 50000 in cash.

Square Consumer Products Limited and its brand Radhuni organised the function. Channel i was the media partner of the

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed said days are not very far when men and women of this country will go hand in hand with equal dignity.

Shamokal Editor Abed Khan said such initiative of the Square would encourage the women.

Managing Director of Square Consumer Products Limited Anjan Chowdhury, Manabzamin Editor Matiur Rahman Chowdhury and artiste Dilara Zaman were present at the award giving ceremony.

Meanwhile, the women and gender studies department of Dhaka University will organise a poster competition to mark the International Women's Day today.

The poster competition titled 'Nohi Samanya Nari' (Not a mere woman) will take place in front of the arts building.

Prior to the exhibition, a procession will be brought out.

Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz will lead the procession which will parade the campus.

Executive Director of Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) Sultana Kamal will be present as chief guest at the prize giving ceremony.

Ship breaking sector yet to get govt patronisation

Experts tell programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ship breaking could be a booming sector in future if the sector gets proper government patronisation, said the experts at a programme in the city yesterday.

They said although 90 percent raw materials of the re-rolling mills in the country comes from ship breaking yards, the sector yet to get proper government patronisation.

The two-day programme includinglectures and seminars has ended at the Bangladesh University of

Engineering and Technology (Buet). Organised by the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering of Buet, the programme was participated by the teachers of the department and a seven-member Japanese delegation led by Prof Yoichi Sumi of Yokohama National University.

Prof Khabirul Haque to The Daily Star. Chowdhury, head of naval architecture and marine engineering department, said the Japanese delegates in co-operation with the Buet teachers will conduct a survey

which will ultimately help government formulate a guideline for the ship breaking yards.

"The survey will also help undertake proper safety measures for the workers and improvement of the existing facilities," said Dr Mir Tareque Ali, associate professor of the department while talking

He said Bangladesh is still the number one ship breaking county, although the number of ship breaking yards now stands at 20 from 60 around 10 years back.



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Recipients of Radhuni Kirtimoti Sanmanona 2007 pose for photograph with the guests at the award giving ceremony at Bashundhara City yesterday.



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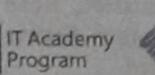
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