

Implement Women Dev Policy to ensure equal rights

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the government to implement the Women Development Policy - 2008 to ensure equal rights of women.

Although the policy has ignored the issue of the right to inheritance, a vested quarter is opposing the policy in the name of religion, they said and called on the government not to give in to the unreasonable

demand of fanatical forces.

Jatiya Nari Samik Trade Union Kendra, a platform for women workers, organised the discussion on 'Women Development Policy 2008 and women's rights to trade union' at the National Press Club in the city.

Dr Atiur Rahman said the government should announce a gender-sensitive budget with specific allocation for the development of women for implementing the policy.

He also urged the government

to introduce food rationing for the garment workers and to ensure women workers' right to trade union activities.

Advocate Farida Yasmin, deputy director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), said the constitution guarantees equal rights to women. The government should take an action plan and allocate money in the budget to implement the policy, she added.

Shahida Parvin Shikha, general secretary of Jatiya Nari Samik

Trade Union Kendra, presented the keynote paper.

She said the most-debated issue in the policy is the economic empowerment of women.

The policy ensures equal rights of women only with regard to earned property, not with regard to inheritance, she said, adding that but fanatical forces have been demanding cancellation of the policy.

President of Jatiya Nari Samik Trade Union Kendra Ayesha Islam presided over the meeting.

'Check-out for children' concert tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the aim of immunising children across the world against the fatal diseases, a fund raising concert will be held at Sheraton Hotel in the capital tomorrow as part of the 'Check-out for children' programme of the Unicef.

The Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and private television channel ntv are jointly organising the concert at the Winter Garden of the hotel with the support of Nescafe, Panasonic and Rahimafrooz. Radio Fori is the media partner of the event.

This was stated at a press conference organised by Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on its premises with the representatives of Unicef, ntv and other supporting organisations.

The 'Check out for children' programme has been carrying out by the Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, one of the leading hotel and leisure companies, with the Unicef to assist Unicef's immunisation programme worldwide for the last 10 years. Dhaka Sheraton Hotel joined the programme a few years back, said the organisers.

Mahfuzur Rahman, acting general manager of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, said the occupants of Starwood across the world are invited to donate \$ 1 or its equivalent in local currency upon their check-out of the hotels to donate for the immunisation programme.

Dhaka Sheraton Hotel raised and donated Tk 360000 to the fund last year, he said.

At the concert starting at 6:00pm, noted singer Bappa Majumder, renowned band singer Shafin Ahmed and famous musical band Nagar Baul (James) will perform, he added.

Christine Jaumes, chief of communication of Unicef, said the voluntary contribution of a dollar by the hotel guests while checking out accumulated over \$ 16 million over

the past 10 years. "Immunisation rate increased substantially during this decade in Bangladesh, but we should keep up the work by reaching those children who remain beyond the reach of routine immunisation," she added.

Each ticket of the concert will cost Tk 700 and it will be available in

the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel, BFC (all branches) and Western Grill (all branches), said the organisers.

Mostafa Kamal Syed, programme chief of ntv, Ehsan Mahboob, head of sales of Radio Fori, and Rabeth Khan, chief executive officer of Macomim Resolve also spoke.



A worker of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company tries to bring a fire under control after a gas supply line snapped and caught fire on an under-construction road at Tejgani Para behind the Rangs Bhaban yesterday morning. The gas line snapped when a truck hit it.

Two submit wealth statements to ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An establishment ministry joint secretary and a former supervisor of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co. Ltd. submitted their wealth statements to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Israil Alam, former supervisor of Titas Gas, submitted his wealth statement yesterday while the joint secretary Rafiqul E Mohtashem, officer on special duty (OSD), submitted his one on April 8.

Rafiqul in his statement said he owns 320 decimals of land at Sreepur in Gazipur and 12.37 decimals in Dhaka Cantonment area. He also said he owns savings certificate worth Tk 25 lakh, five accounts worth Tk 6,56,785 in banks, and Tk 10 lakh in ICIB in his own name.

Rafiqul said there are family savings accounts worth Tk 50 lakh while he and his wife jointly have Tk 9.5 lakh in ICIB bank.

Though he mentioned having insurance in Alico but did not show any account of the insurance.

Meanwhile, Israil in his statement showed that he owns immovable and movable property worth Tk 12.47 lakh and 14.31 lakh respectively. Israil also mentioned in the statement that he has loan of Tk 20,31,327.

Israil is among the 68 former and present employees of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co. Ltd. whom a task force of the National Coordination Committee to Combat Corruption and Serious Crimes listed as graft suspects.

The documents of ill-gotten gains of the 53 employees, out of 68, were sent to the ACC on February 24, as they did not confess to corruption.

Workers demand rationing, DA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers' leaders at a press conference yesterday urged the government to start rationing system, paying dearness allowance and re-fixing wage in line with the present market prices of essentials for the workers in garment industries.

The leaders also called on the government to cancel the Bangladesh Labour Act-2008 and correct the Bangladesh Labour Act-2006.

The call was made by the Labour Act '06 Correction and Labour Act '08 Cancellation Proposal National Committee at Mukti Bhaban in the city's Palton area.



Visiting British Home Secretary Jacqui Smith pays a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed at the Army Headquarters at Dhaka Cantonment in the city yesterday.

Security to be tightened on Pahela Baishakh

UNB, Dhaka

The government has taken tight security measures in and around the traditional venues of celebration of the Bengali New Year on Pahela Baishakh.

Law enforcement agencies will ensure the security to avert any unwanted situation where thousands of people will throng for the pageant, including Ramna Park, Suhrawardy Udyan, Central Shaheed Minar, Dhaka University, Shahbag, and Dhanmondi.

A meeting with the high officials of the law enforcement agencies at the home ministry yesterday chalked out the security arrangements. Home Adviser Maj Gen (Retd) MA Matin presided.

Briefing newsmen, Home Secretary Mohammad Abdul Karim said some 12,235 members of different law enforcement

agencies will be deployed across the country to ensure security for celebrating the Bengali festival on April 14.

The law enforcers in uniform and plainclothes, including members of the elite force Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Special Branch and Detective Branch, will keep a close eye on the movements of people in the Ramna Park venue, popularly known as 'Ramna Batamul', the heartland of the Pahela Baishakh carnival.

Dog squads, bomb squads, close-circuit security cameras, metal detectors will be deployed as part of the security alignment, said Karim. Police and Rab troops will be posted at all the entrances to the park and observation tower will be set up for high security measures.

Roads stretching from Matshya Bhaban to Shahbagh to Karim said some 12,235 members of different law enforcement

date the crowds. A total of 24 CCTV cameras will be set up across the capital.

Members of the law enforcement agencies will distribute drinking water among the people of Ramna Park during the programme and Fire Brigade and Ambulance will also be deployed. Security measures will also be taken at the cinema halls and diplomatic zone.

Replying to a question, Karim said they didn't yet get any threat from any organisations like Harkatul Jihad to boycott the celebrations.

"We will follow last year's security measures for celebration of Pahela Baishakh. This year we will further tighten the security," said Nayem Ahmed, commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

Hasan Mahmud Khandaker, Director General of Rab, was also present at the meeting.

British home secy calls on army chief

Visiting British Home Secretary Jacqui Smith paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed at Army Headquarters at Dhaka Cantonment in the city yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

She spent some time with the army chief and discussed matters of bilateral issues. British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Chowdhury was present on the occasion.

Hasina's release can help resolve current crises

Say professionals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Peshajibi Shomonnay Parishad, a body of professionals, Tuesday said at a meeting that unconditional release of former prime minister and Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina could facilitate resolution of the present-day socio-economic and political crises.

They also demanded proper treatment of the AL chief, says a press release.

The leaders said Hasina's experience as prime minister in dealing with floods and food sufficiency could address the ever-spiralling price hike of essentials, power deficit and stagnation in development activities today.

Protesting health adviser's comment on the doctor's involvement in politics, they further said beneficiaries of BNP-Jamaat coalition are still serving different government offices despite the present caretaker government has passed 15 months in power.

They pledged to go on with a united movement to free the AL chief.

Convener of the parishad Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique conducted the discussion, presided by Swadhinata Chikishah Parishad President Prof AFM Ruhul Haq.

Abducted imam rescued in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Police rescued an abducted imam of a mosque in Cox's Bazar from a village under Sitakunda upazila and arrested two persons on Tuesday night.

The arrestees were identified as Abu Taher, 37, son of Abul Kashem, and Mohammad Ikram, 30, son of Jalal Ahmed, of Latif Pur village at the upazila.

Sources said a gang of miscreants abducted Abu Syed, imam of local Eidgah Dargah Jame Masjid, from Kalur Dokan area of the beach town on Monday night.

Later, the abductors called Firoz, a student of Syed, over phone and demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom. They asked him to send the money at Latif Pur within hours on Tuesday evening.

Later, relatives of Syed informed the matter to the police in Chittagong. A team of Detective Branch (DB) police conducted separate raids in different areas of Latif Pur and rescued Syed from a rented house of Abu Taher at around 8:00pm.

Police arrested Taher and Ikram on the spot and sent them to Sitakunda Police Station.

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