

# Education, political commitment can help eliminate child labour

## Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said education and political commitment can help eliminate child labour in the country.

The seminar was organised jointly by the Ministries of Labour and Employment, and Primary and Mass Education in association with International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) at Sheraton Hotel to observe the World Day against Child Labour.

This year the theme of the day

was 'Education: The right response to child labour.'

According to a survey conducted by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in 2002-03, the number of children aged five to 17 years is 42.4 million. Of them, 7.4 million children are involved in economic activities, and out of them, 1.3 million children are engaged in hazardous work.

While chairing the seminar, Labour and Employment Secretary Mahfuzul Haque said the government is working to prepare a

national policy on eliminating the child labour with a target to reduce the number of child labour from different sectors.

"Currently we are working on forming a Child Labour Monitoring Unit which is expected to work from September next," he added.

The secretary said the government is also considering ratification of the ILO Convention 138 which states about minimum age of the children for work.

Narendra Dahal of the Unicef said education can be a tool to

prevent child labour.

Malama Meleisea of the Unesco said, "We need serious attention to address the issue."

Secretary General of Bangladesh Employers Federation CK Hyder said child labour is the result of poverty, and education can help stop it.

Skilled development is an important component of education, which can help get rid of poverty, he added.

Secretary to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan also spoke on the occasion.

## Death anniversary



Today is the 32nd death anniversary of LA Chowdhury, a noted social worker and politician, says a press release.

LA Chowdhury, an associate of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq, was the general secretary of Jukta Front in 1954.

He was also the editor of the Al Helal, a weekly published from Chittagong.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Quankhwani will be held at his grave in Chittagong after Maghrib prayers and at Naya Paltan Jame Mosque in the city after Esha prayers.

## Shamsul Alam

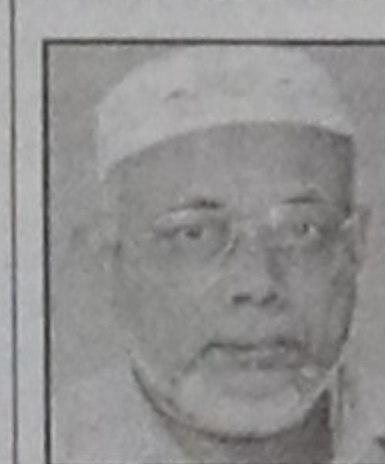


Today is the 11th death anniversary of Shamsul Alam, popularly known as Nana Bhai, a noted politician and an organiser of the liberation war, says a press release.

On the occasion, Nana Bhai Memorial Society will distribute food among the destitute on his major premises at Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard tomorrow.

A doa mahfil will also be held at the office of Baitul Mukarram Jeweler's Samity in the city after Asr prayers on the same day.

## Mohammad Nasir Uddin



Today is the 3rd death anniversary of Alhaj Mohammad Nasir Uddin, a businessman and a social activist, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held and prayers will be offered at his grave.

## Dr S Motahar Ali



Today is the 5th death anniversary of Dr S Motahar Ali, founder chairman of New Life and Co Pvt Ltd and Khadem of Hakkani.

Anzuman, says a press release. On the occasion, a discussion will be held followed by a doa mahfil at Hakkani Masjid Complex at 15/1, Barobagh, Mirpur-2 in the city at 5:00pm.



Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain speaks at a view exchange meeting with lawyers at his Bailey Road residence in the city yesterday. On his right are acting general secretary Subrata Chowdhury and Abdur Rouf. (Story on Page 16)

# Hasina's release a positive step

## Says Iranian envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Iran sees release of Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina as a very positive step taken by the government paving the way for participation of all political parties in ongoing dialogue to ensure a fruitful election and democracy in Bangladesh.

"Telephonic conversation with the chief adviser and meeting between four advisers and the AL leader is a sign of good will... people are very happy... we are also happy," said Iranian Ambassador in Dhaka Hassan Farazandeh while talking to newsmen at a press conference at his residence in the capital.

He said Sheikh Hasina was sick and was supposed to have treatment abroad, and now she can have it, he said, adding, once Bangladesh was a rich land with its history and heritage in the sub-continent and will again see prosperous days.

He, however, did not make any comment when asked if detained BNP Chief Khaleda Zia and Jamaat-e-Islami Chief Motiur Rahman Nizami should also be released, but said he is happy when people of this country are happy.

"This year is a landmark for Bangladesh. I see much better days

ahead... you have got good manpower... I wish to witness good economic growth here," he added.

Iran is a very close friend of Bangladesh and their trade relations are good, the ambassador said, adding, trading between the two countries increased by over 25 percent in 2007.

He said Iran has signed a number of agreements with Bangladesh on scientific research, education and avoidance of double taxation.

The Joint Economic Commission will hold its second meeting in Bangladesh, he added.

Delegates from Bangladesh regularly visit Iran and Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury is scheduled to visit Iran by the end of next month, the ambassador said.

Coming on Iran's nuclear programme, Hassan Farazandeh said the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its latest report attested to peaceful nature of nuclear programme of Iran.

Iran, as a responsible member of Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), is fully committed to its international obligations with regard to its peaceful nuclear programme, he said, adding, Iran has become self-reliant and now in a position to defend itself.

## CNG bus fare refixed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has refixed the fare of CNG-run passenger buses and minibuses at Tk 1.20 and Tk 1.10 per kilometre respectively for Dhaka and Chittagong cities.

It also set the minimum fare of the CNG-run buses at Tk 5 and directed diesel-run bus operators to convert their vehicles into CNG within next three months, said a press release of the Road and Railway Division yesterday.

A nine-member committee formed on May 21 refixed the fare in the wake of price hike of CNG to Tk 16.75 from Tk 8.5 per cubic metre as the CNG bus operators were demanding an increase in bus fare.

The government directed the bus operators to put up fare charts in buses and print the name of route, amount of fare, telephone numbers of the operating company and law enforcement agencies in the ticket.

## Ex-BNP lawmaker Salauddin sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday sued former BNP lawmaker Dewan Mohammad Salauddin of Savar and his wife Sabina Siddique for concealing information in his wealth statement and amassing wealth beyond the unknown source of income.

ACC Deputy Director Nurul Islam filed the case with Ramna Police Station.

In the first information report (FIR), the complainants mentioned that Salauddin did not mention wealth worth around Tk 3.40 crore.

Besides, he accumulated wealth worth around Tk 2.44 crore beyond the known source of income.

## Bogra BNP leader arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police yesterday arrested BNP Bogra unit Vice President Khaza Iftekhar Ahmed from his house at Upashahar in the town.

Bogra Sadar police said they arrested Iftekhar following an arrest warrant issued on him in a misappropriation case filed with Sutrapur Police Station in the capital.

Later, the police sent him to the Bogra jail.

## DHAKA

### TODAY

#### Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony of the 'Diploma in Population Sciences 2008' will be held. Venue: Senate Building, Dhaka University. Time: 10:00am.

#### Discussion

Universal News Agency (UNA) and the monthly Asia Digest will hold a discussion on post-election Bangladesh and democratic expectations. Venue: Brac Centre Inn. Time: 10:00am.

#### Roundtable

The weekly Robbar organises a roundtable titled 'Present perspective in housing industry and the proposed budget'. Venue: Ittefaq Bhaban. Time: 3:00pm.

#### Workshop

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a workshop on women representatives in local government. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

#### Lunch

Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) organises an international ladies lunch. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. Time: 10:00am.

#### Seminar

The 39th Annual Seminar of Bangladesh Ithas Parishad will begin. Venue: Teacher-Student Centre (TSC), Dhaka University. Time: 9:30am.

## ACC finds no corruption in 50 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has found no evidence of corruption

in 50 cases while investigating the charges made in the first information report (FIR).

So people against whom the cases were filed would be relieved of the charges, and if anybody is already arrested in connection with any of the cases will also be released on submission of the final reports.

"It was police who had filed most of the cases," said ACC Director (Admin) Col Hanif Iqbal during his regular briefing at the commission office yesterday.

He said the commission has so far completed investigation of 332 cases while submitted charge sheets in 207 cases.

"Some 790 cases are now under

investigation while investigation of 239 cases will start soon," Hanif said, adding, the ACC has so far asked 357 people to submit wealth statements to the commission.

Replying to a query, he said the ACC has given final reports in 50 cases after proper scrutiny, and does not feel the necessity of reviewing them again.

However, the ACC has approved submission of one charge sheet against AKM Toufique Rahman of Upazila Education Office at Gobindaganj in Gaibandha district for taking bribe, he added.

Hanif said the ACC chairman has returned home from a personal vacation abroad and would join the office soon.

"The chairman will again leave for the United Kingdom this month where he is expected to address a function," he added.

## Couple held for torturing domestic help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police arrested a couple on charges of torturing their domestic help and rescued the victim with injury marks on various parts of her body, who was kept confined to a room in their house at Purana Paltan in the city early yesterday.

The police raided the house at around 1:00am after the neighbours informed them that the couple -- Mahmud Al Mamun and his wife Sanjida Sultana -- had been beating the 12-year-old girl, Dipa.

They also told the police that the couple often tortured the domestic help.

The police sent the girl to One Stop Crisis Centre (OCC) at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The police also produced the couple before the court, which sent them to jail.

Quoting Dipa, the police said Mamun and Sultana used to beat her almost everyday over trifling matters.

She also told the police that the couple had tortured her from 7:00pm to 11:00pm and confined her to a room on Wednesday as she failed to do household chores in time.

Dipa, who hails from Sunamganj, has been working at their house for the last three months.



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna.

Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.9 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 25.0 degrees Celsius at Sandwip.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:47pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.2	27.4	74	65
Chittagong	31.6	26.2	88	82
Rajshahi	35.0	27.4	81	67
Khulna	32.5	27.0	80	70
Barisal	32.2	27.0	75	84
Sylhet	31.2	25.8	91	80
Cox's Bazar	32.8	26.0	69	80

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## CAREER UPPERCASE



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- Good leadership skills and ability to manage result oriented sales teams and should be a good coach & communicator.

### SALES FORCE TRAINING MANAGER:

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- Should have sound knowledge and practical field experience about urban and rural markets of Bangladesh.
- Should have sound background in strategic planning, analytical & budgeting skills.

### SENIOR R & D OFFICER:

- M.Sc in Statistics/Masters Degree with minimum 3-5 years research experience in research firm or in research department in FMCG.
- The candidate must have extensive knowledge & experience in conducting, monitoring & supervising qualitative & quantitative research especially primary research through SPSS or other software.

### AREA SALES MANAGER:

- Masters Degree with minimum 5 years experience in field sales management of FMCG industry.
- Good leadership, execution skill, challenge encountering attitude and ability to manage a highly result oriented sales team.
- Must be physically sound, capable of riding motor cycle, possesses a valid driving license & agreeable to work anywhere in the country.

### SALES OFFICER (INSTITUTE):

- Graduate with minimum 1-2 years experience in institution sales.
- Preference will be given for experience in food & beverage sales.
- Must be physically sound, capable of riding motor cycle & agreeable to work anywhere in the country, age below 30.

If you are ambitious, dynamic, have good command in English, Computer knowledge in Microsoft Office and willing to work hard and would like to be considered for one of the vacancies above, send your updated C.V. along with a recent passport size photograph, attested copies of all certificates & contact address with telephone number on or before 30th June, 2008 to: HR & Admin Department, Akij Chamber, 73 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. Only those candidates, who are seriously considered, will be contacted with additional information.

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