

Take steps to reduce suffering of migrant workers Says Justice Habibur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former chief adviser to the caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman yesterday called on the government and Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) to take steps to ensure that Bangladeshi migrant workers receive proper wages.

falling victim to frauds," Justice Habibur Rahman said, urging Bangladesh missions to stand by them. He also called on the NRBs living in different countries to come forward to help the Bangladesh migrant workers.

tenure as the chief adviser, Justice Habibur Rahman said, "I hope the issue will be resolved before the next elections." However, he criticised the NRBs for demanding 'special rights'.

for those having dual citizenship. Some other NRBs also demanded 20 reserved seats in the Jatiya Sangsad for them.

CHITTAGONG DIALOGUE Support to local govt polls before general election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A cross section of people who attended a lively dialogue here yesterday afternoon, spoke on a number of issues ranging from upcoming local government and national elections to some local problems of the port city.

the economic growth of the country. "Expected industrialisation or investment will not take place unless we get rid of the crises soon," he observed.

Former CCCI president Ali Ahmad urged the government to give constitutional recognition to Chittagong as commercial capital of the country.

LDP to take part in local body polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) yesterday said they will participate in the upcoming local body election.

The LDP leaders urged the caretaker government to hold both national and local body elections on the same day.



Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma inaugurates the celebration of the 153rd anniversary of 'Santal Revolution' by lighting lamps at the Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday.

153RD ANNIVERSARY OF SANTAL REVOLUTION 'Establish secular, democratic govt for indigenous people's rights'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Regional Council Chairman Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma yesterday said a secular, democratic and progressive government is a must to ensure the rights of the indigenous people as well as the students.

indigenous students for a concerted struggle to form a secular, democratic and progressive government and establish their rights, adding that if the political repression on them is not over, the rights of education of indigenous people will not be established.

indigenous people is removed, their rights of education cannot be established. Eminent journalist Syed Abul Moksud said education is one of the fundamental human rights.

He said, "Unless we can form a secular, democratic and progressive government, we will not be able to solve the problems of the indigenous people as well as those of the tribal students."

He said, "In the past 37 years, we did not get any pro-people government and the repression on indigenous people has thus increased. The tribal students are frequently losing their rights to education."

Sohel Hajong and Poly Tripura, two indigenous students in written speech, said the indigenous students should be allowed more quotas in universities and colleges, more chance in getting scholarships at home and abroad, adding that primary education for the indigenous children should be given in their mother language.

Some of them also expressed concern about the post-general election situation that may occur in December or January after the caretaker government ends its term.

Dr Bikrom Prasad Barua, chairman of physics department at Chittagong University, termed the decision to hold local government polls ahead of parliamentary election a 'timely and appropriate decision'.

Mubibul Hoque, former general secretary of Chittagong District Bar Association, urged the government to be more cautious while releasing accused detainees on legal and humanitarian grounds.

CJFD executives

UNB, Dhaka

Shilabrata Barua of Dainik Samakal and Saif Islam Dilal of Dainik Amar Desh were elected president and general secretary of Chittagong Journalists' Forum-Dhaka (CJFD) yesterday.

They were at the annual general meeting of CJFD at the Jatiya Press Club. Other office-bearers are Vice President: Nizamuddin Ahmed (Reuters), Joint Secretary: Syed Golam Mustafa (Bangla Bazar), Finance Secretary: Anup Khastagir (BSS), Office and Publicity Secretary: AFM Borhan (Chatgar Bani) and Social Welfare, Sports and Cultural Secretary: Santosh Sharma.



Dr Stefan Frowein, head of Delegation of European Commission in Dhaka, speaks at the inaugural ceremony of an international seminar on 'Corporate social responsibility in Bangladesh: Current issues and trends' at IDB Bhaban auditorium in the city yesterday.

Women scientists' assoc holds AGM, seminar Executive body formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The annual general meeting (AGM) of Association of Women Scientists in Bangladesh was held on the Institute of Science and Technology (IST) campus in the city on Friday, says a press release.

ESO BANGLADESH GORI Road show held in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Marking the arrival of the road show titled 'Eso Bangladesh Gori' (Let us build a new Bangladesh) in Mymensingh, a daylong fair was organised on the local Circuit House ground yesterday morning.

Police Super Md Rafiqul Islam, Muktagacha UNO AKM Tipu Sultan, Mayor of Mymensingh Municipality advocate Mahmud Al Noor Tareq, Mymensingh Press Club Secretary Mozammel Haque and Muktagacha Press Club President AZM Imamuddin Mukta also took part in the programme.

Low over Bay moves northwestward

UNB, Dhaka

The low over north-west Bay and adjoining area moved northwestward and now lies over Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining area.

Under its influence, steep pressure gradient persists over north Bay.

Squally weather may affect maritime ports and adjoining coastal area, said a special bulletin of Met Office.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary signal number three.

Tk 72.80 crore CU budget approved

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) Senate at its 20th annual meeting yesterday approved a budget of Tk 72.80 crore for the fiscal 2008-09.

The Senate also approved a revised budget of Tk 69.20 crore for the fiscal 2007-08.

Of the budget, Tk 65.80 crore would come as an allocation approved by University Grants Commission (UGC) while the rest Tk 7 crore from the internal resources of the university.

CU Vice Chancellor Prof M Badul Alam presided over the meeting at the conference room of the administrative building.

DHAKA TODAY Seminar Network of Independent Lawyers for Legal Aid and Human Rights organises a seminar on 'Awareness on anti-tobacco law for lawyers and declaring a tobacco free court premises'.

WEATHER TODAY No change in temperature likely UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.



N'ganj Press Club executives

Rumon Reza of the daily Janakantha and Channel I, and Abu Saad Masud of the daily Amar Desh were elected president and general secretary of Narayananj Press Club for the year 2008-10, says a press release.

The election was held on Friday. Other office bearers are: vice president -- Nafiz Ashraf of ntv and the daily Jai Din; joint secretary -- Hasanuzzaman Shamim of Channel I and the daily Nayadiganta; treasurer -- AKM Mahfuzur Rahman of Bangladesh Television; sports and cultural secretary -- Sharif Uddin Shabuj of daily Jugantar.

Executive committee members are: Khandaker Shah Alam, Hafizur Rahman Mintu, Bimal Roy, Monirul Islam and Billal Hossain Robin.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Md Shamsul Alam presided over the programme. A total of seven stalls were set up on the fair premises. Earlier, a discussion was held at the same venue a reception was accorded to four persons as 'Shada Moner Manush' for their contribution to the society.

The awarders are Md Janab Ali of Bhutta village at Dhobaura, Md Shamsul Haque of Shaitia village at Gafargaon, Joyal Abedin of Taan Hasadia village at Sadar and Gazi Abdus Salam Bhuiyan of Charianipara village at Nandail upazilas.

DU Day on July 1

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) is going to celebrate the 'Dhaka University Day' on the campus on July 1.

A committee has been formed with DU Treasurer Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad as its convener to observe the day in a festive manner. Faculty deans, chairmen of the department of Music and Drama and registrar are also the members of the committee.

A series of programmes, including Colourful rally, friendly football and cricket matches, debate, concert and voluntary blood donation, will be organised to mark the day amid much enthusiasm.

The celebration of the day was started in 1983 in a bid to introduce an alternative culture on the campus replacing the 'rag day' as well as to mark the launching day of the university.

DU started its journey on the first day of July in 1921.

The day, popularly known as 'open day', is going to be observed for the two consecutive years after 18 years.

However, no classes will be held on the day, but the offices will remain open. Academic activities of the university will resume on July 2.

The celebration of the day will begin in the morning with a discussion at Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) auditorium. Former vice chancellors, recently awarded four emeritus professors, distinguished guests, teachers and students will participate in the discussion.

DU residential halls, departments and institutes will remain open for the guardians and former students. Special dishes will also be served at the dormitories.

To mark the day, the university alumni association will set up around 15 billboards with campus map at different entry points of the university and other important spots.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz will inaugurate the first billboard at the Central Shaheed Minar today.

Apollo Hospitals observes Int'l Nurses Day

Apollo Hospitals, Dhaka observed International Nurses Day recently, says a press release.

Lighting candles, bringing out procession and discussion were the events of the day.

Dr Ed L Hansen, chief executive officer of Apollo Hospitals, Dhaka, inaugurated the programme while Jahanara Begum, director of Directorate of Nursing Services, and Prof Tahatun Nahar, principal of Dhaka Nursing College were present.

In the discussion the speakers congratulated the nurses for their humanitarian services. They also requested the nurses to associate themselves in the profession with utmost humanitarianism and win the public respect and admiration.

Obituary

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Shafiqur Rahaman, a social worker and cultural figure in Faridpur, passed away at Tata Memorial Hospital at Mumbai in India yesterday at the age of 66.

He left behind his wife and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Faridpur Sahitya O Sangskrita Unnayan Sangstha, Lalan Parishad, Mohila Parishad expressed deep shock at his death.

Death anniversary

Today is the 49th death anniversary of Maulana Ali Ahmed, former deputy magistrate and member of civil service in undivided Bengal, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the residence of his son Justice AFM Ali Asgar at 13/8 Sir Syed Road in Mohammadpur after Maghrib prayers.

Besides, Qurankhwani and feeding of the destitute will be held. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Abdul Wazed Babul

Today is the 8th death anniversary of Md Abdul Wazed Babul, a social worker and director of 'Ananda Confectionary', says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence after Maghrib prayers.

Alhaj Abdul Halim

Today is the second death anniversary of Alhaj Abdul Halim, a social worker and founder of H A L I M Company, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at Aladinagar Hafiza Madrasa in Noakhali.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the milad and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.