

# Utilise local resources for economic growth

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the government to increase dependency on local resources instead of foreign loan to accelerate socio-economic development in the country.

They said this at the discussion on 'International financial institutions are the major barrier to development effectiveness' organised by VOICE, a local NGO, at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

Economists, politicians, development workers, civil society

organisations, NGOs and human rights groups participated in the discussion.

The speakers said 75 percent of total amount of money the government gets as foreign loan are wasted in the name of consultancy and the rest goes to bureaucrats, politicians and opportunists while main beneficiaries are being deprived.

"Imposing unjustifiable conditions on the government, international financial institutions like World Bank, IMF and ADB are increasing poverty without reduc-

ing it," they added.

Eminent economist Prof Abu Ahmed said the government should formulate its national development policy independently to make the country self-reliant.

To reduce economic dependency on international financial institutions, he stressed on the people's involvement in the market economy, saying that if people are the shareholders they could invest in the share market, which will reduce the dependency.

Criticising IMF for its prescription to increase the bank interest rate to reduce inflation rate, he said there is no logic to increase the rate while globally the interest rate is prescribed for decreasing.

"To ensure transparency and accountability of NGOs, he further said that the government should form a full-fledged regulatory commission to monitor the NGO activities.

Haider Akbar Khan Rono said World Bank and IMF are undermining the democratic process of the country and impeding the economic development.

He underlined the importance of firm political leadership and patriotism opposing the unjust developing paradigm.



Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed inaugurates the Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) at Mirpur Cantonment in the city yesterday.

# University of Professionals inaugurated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) started its academic activities in the city yesterday.

The BUP is the 29th public university which was established on June 5 with a motto 'excellence through knowledge'.

The university will run all educational institutions of the army, navy and air force and facilitate professional degrees for armed forces personnel.

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed formally inaugurated the university at Mirpur cantonment.

Speaking on the occasion, the army chief hoped that the BUP will soon be turned into a world standard centre of education and make significant contribution to the development of the country.

He said nine academic institutions which were earlier affiliated with Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University and National University will now be affiliated with the BUP.

The nine institutions are

National Defence College, Defence Services Command and Staff College, Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST), Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Armed Forces Medical Institute (AFMI), Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA), Bangladesh Naval Academy (BNA) and Bangladesh Air Force Academy (BAFA).

Initially, bachelor degrees of 10 categories in various disciplines of engineering, medicine and general education, and masters degrees of 25 categories in various disciplines of military studies, war studies, medicine and M. Phil will be awarded from this university.

The university has Faculty of Security and Strategic Studies, Faculty of Technical Studies, Faculty of Medical Studies and Faculty of General Studies for smooth conduct of the academic activities of different institutions.

Besides, there is a Faculty of Business Studies which will initially conduct MBA and Executive MBA programmes, and subsequently BBA programmes.

The university has full authority like any other public university to

confer up to PhD degree. BUP deals not only with the education of armed forces personnel but also the students of civilian community at home and abroad through its affiliated bodies.

BUP Vice Chancellor Major General Dr Abdul Wadud also spoke at the inaugural function.

# Four killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Four people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in Rangpur and Sylhet in the last two days.

Our correspondent in Rangpur reports: Three people were killed in a road accident at Hajir Hat on Rangpur-Dinajpur highway in Rangpur Sadar on Wednesday night.

Locals of Hajir Hat set fire on two trucks and a bus following the accident, which snapped vehicular movement on the road for about three hours.

The accident occurred when a Rangpur-bound rice-laden truck from Thakurgaon rammed a rickshaw from behind. The rickshaw puller Korban Ali and two passengers Arif and Lebu died on the spot.

Being infuriated, locals set fire on the truck. They also set a Dhaka-bound bus of Shyamoli Paribahan and another truck from Dinajpur ablaze.

Fire fighters and police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control after one hour.

Our staff correspondent in Sylhet adds: A young man was killed and three others injured in a road accident at Sherpur on Dhaka-Sylhet highway yesterday.

The dead was identified as Rakib Zaman, 27.

The injured were rushed to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

The accident took place when a speeding truck rammed into the toll camp on the approach road of Sherpur bridge.

Police seized the truck, but the driver managed to escape.

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## German first lady visits Unicef projects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

German First Lady Eva Luise Koehler, now on a visit to Bangladesh, shared her experiences at a press briefing at a city hotel yesterday.

Earlier Eva, who is also the Patroness of National Committee for Unicef in Germany, visited some projects of Unicef in the country.

She visited a slum and a non-formal educational institute at Mirpur, Acid Survivors Foundation at Banani in the city, water and sanitation programme at Belabo upazila in Narsinghdi, and arsenic mitigation programme at Sharail upazila in Brahmanbaria.

"It was really amazing to see how the community people have been organising themselves to manage clean and hygienic water," said Eva.

She said the adolescents cannot maintain their personal hygiene due to various social taboos which should be eradicated through education.

"Even the children who are very poor seemed very eager in going to school," Eva said.

It is the responsibility of the government to educate these children and the Unicef can help the government in this regard, she added.

Praising the energy of the people who live bearing lots of hardship, she regretted that the heinous act like acid throwing is still taking place shattering the life of a person within a minute.

## Tk 19.50 lakh looted from city offices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown criminals looted around Tk 19.50 lakh from two offices at Fakirapul in the city yesterday.

Criminals looted over Tk 19.40 lakhs from Akash Bhromon Limited, a travel agency, at DIT Extension Road at Fakirapul. Mansur Ahmed Kamal, managing director of the travel agency, told reporters that Tk 19.40 lakhs were missing from their lockers.

He said they had closed the office at 7:30pm on Wednesday and opened it yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, around Tk 10,000 was looted from Oriental Courier Service at the same building.

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