



BKMEA President Fazlul Hoque speaks at a roundtable on 'Responsible business behaviour: Business students' expectations' at The Daily Star conference room in the city yesterday. On his right is Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs President Rokia Afzal Rahman.

IBA-STAR CAMPUS ROUNDTABLE

'Bridge the gap between students' expectations, business environment'

METRO DESK

A roundtable on 'Responsible business behaviour: Business students' expectations' was organised at The Daily Star conference room in the city yesterday.

Star Campus, a weekly student magazine of The Daily Star, and Management Development Programme (MDP), IBA of Dhaka University, were the joint initiators of the event.

The seminar was aimed at bridging the gap between the expectations of the undergraduate students of IBA and the ground realities that dictate the country's business environment.

Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs President Rokia Afzal Rahman, Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association President Fazlul Hoque and OIC Matco Enterprise Consultant Rassel Hassan Kadir were the panellists at the programme.

Assistant Prof of IBA Shama-E-Zaheer moderated the roundtable which was attended by Prof Sheikh Morshed Jahan and Editor of Star Campus Shahnoor Wahid.

A group of 30 undergraduate students from IBA participated in this interactive session. The perceptive reasoning of the panellists negated many of the notions propagated by conventional wisdom. The importance of re-branding Bangladesh was underscored with renewed vitality at the session filled with pertinent questions and insightful answers.

A wide variety of topics ranging from the true impacts of the global financial crisis on the knitwear sector and the impediments facing the manpower sector to the future prospects of women entrepreneurs in the country were covered during the lively exchange of ideas.

Business students got a glimpse of the daunting challenges confronting businesses in the country, while the panellists also gained an insight to the perceptions and beliefs held by the upcoming business professionals.

Call to reject war criminals, corrupt people in elections

METRO DESK

Bangladesh Muktijoddha Samannay Parishad Chairman Abir Ahad on Monday called on the people to reject anti-liberation elements, corrupt people, criminals and fanatics in the upcoming parliamentary elections, says a press release.

He also urged them to cast their votes for Awami League-led grand alliance to materialise the dreams of freedom fighters and the martyrs of the War of Liberation.

Abir Ahad made the call at a meeting at its central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city.

Akram Hossain, Prof Dr ASM Badruddoza, Syed Aftabul Alam, Joyosree Zaman, Naser Khan Kislul, Shahrul Al Hossain and Soleman Kader Mintu also spoke at the meeting.

JU extends vacation for polls

A JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday decided to extend its running vacation till January 1 due to parliamentary elections.

Earlier, the university was closed for Eid and winter vacation on December 3 and was scheduled to open December 27.

ABDUCTION OF CLOTH TRADER

Wife alleges cops' negligence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wife of a kidnapped trader in the city yesterday alleged that her husband was not yet rescued 20 days after the incident due to negligence of law enforcers, while police said the trader was arrested with Indian fake currencies in Kolkata.

At a press conference at Bangladesh Crime Reporters' Association in the city, Latifa Begum, wife of the trader, said her husband Sarfaraj Yeakub, a wholesale cloth trader at Gazi Bhaban in Kakrail area, was kidnapped on November 1 from a house at 30, Block-B, Road-6 at Banasri.

She said Sarfaraj's friend Shawkat asked him over a cellphone to go there. Accordingly, he went to the spot and informed her at around 7:00pm that he would be late to come back.

As her husband did not return home at that night, she rushed to the spot following day at around 9:00am where she found that the house was locked from outside, she added.

Latifa said she rushed to Khilgaon Police Station immediately to file a kidnap case, but they asked her to go to Ramna Police Station as the victim was a resident of Karnaphuli Garden City at Kakrail which is under Ramna Police Station, but Ramna police denied to record her case, saying the place of occurrence was under Khilgaon Police Station.

She alleged that due to the indecision of Khilgaon and Ramna police stations over recording the case, she had to spend around two days to get her case recorded. By this time, the kidnappers managed to reach their safe den.

The victim's wife said though after repeated requests on December 3, Sub-Inspector Saifullah of Khilgaon Police Station broke open the house and found a police uniform with a batch containing the name of one Shamrat, narcotics and shoes in the flat. But he did not make any list of things as evidence or even inform the officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

But when Latifa informed the OC of the things next day, he along with her rushed to the spot and recorded the case on December 4, she added.

She said the kidnappers started asking for ransom over cellphones from December 3. Her husband requested her to pay the extortionists Tk 25 lakh as ransom to save his life for the last time on December 19.

JNU 'Ga' unit

viva voce
Dec 24, 27

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The viva voce for vacant seats under 'Ga' unit of Jagannath University (JNU) will be held on December 24 and 27 at the dean office of Business Studies faculty.

The detail information will be available at the notice board of the university.

Meanwhile, the running vacation of the university has been extended till January 1 due to parliamentary elections.

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Nationalise jobs within three months of election

Non-govt primary teachers urge next govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association at a press conference yesterday urged the political party that would be voted to power to issue a gazette notification for nationalisation of their jobs within three months of the election.

They also demanded cancellation of controversial gazette of taking primary education under Brac authority.

Association President Mohammad Shamsul Alam read out the keynote paper at the press conference at its office at Tophkhana Road in the city.

The association will stage a rally at the Central Shahid Minar on April 1, 2009 and take out a procession towards the prime minister's office to submit a memorandum, he said.

On May 9, they will hold a

grand rally at the Central Shahid Minar and lay siege to the prime minister's office at 3:00pm on that day.

"Although both the political parties mentioned about nationalisation of jobs of the primary school teachers in their electoral manifestoes in the 8th national election, they did not materialise it," said Alam.

But this time they didn't mention anything. So, both the parties have indirectly avoided this issue, he said.

General Secretary Mrigendra Mohon Saha, Convener of Jatiya Prathamik Shikshak Samannaya Parishad and General Secretary of Bangladesh Prathamik Shikshak Samity BM Asadullah, Shahidul Islam Khan, Sheikh Farid Uddin, Kazi Kamal Pasha and MA Mannan were present at the press conference.

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