

2 major parties must take indigenous issue seriously

Says Dilip Barua

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday said the problems of the indigenous people will not come to an end unless both the leading political parties consider the issue seriously.

"In Bangladesh there is no choice for a third party in politics. So, the issue will only be addressed if both the parties give the issue due importance," said the minister. He was speaking at the

concluding session of an international conclave titled 'Discrimination, exclusion and marginalisation: diversity perspective' jointly organised by Research and Development Collective (RDC) and ActionAid Bangladesh, at the Bham auditorium in the city.

"If there is an indigenous representative in the parliament from the North Bengal, the parliament will be a complete one from all perspectives. Representation of an

indigenous person alone might not bring any qualitative change in the country but plain land indigenous people will at least have a representation in the parliament," he said.

"We must advance along with people from different ethnic background. If we want to keep harmony in the society we must consider the indigenous issue seriously," he also said.

Prof Jaharata Ara Rupa of RDC presented the keynote

paper titled 'Accommodating diversity: Samis of Norway as an Example of Good Practices' while Prof Mesbah Kamal conducted the concluding session.

DANIDA Representative Kirtinishan Chakma said, "Diversity is a must. It searches for our real identity. The government should form a ministry for the indigenous people and ensure that it is functioning impartially."

Prof Ahsan Ali also spoke on the occasion.

US investors keen to invest in health, IT sectors

Says Moriarty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US investors are keen to invest in healthcare and information technology (IT) sectors in Bangladesh, US Ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty said yesterday.

He said this following a visit to American Super Specialty Hospital Ltd, a 250-bed hospital at Uttara in the city.

People in the US as well as many non-resident Bangladeshis living there are very much interested to invest in the IT sector for employment generation and healthcare sector to provide people with world class healthcare, said the envoy.

During his visit, he addressed a programme participated by the hospital staff and the investors where he said, "This hospital

represents a commitment by private US investors to doing business in Bangladesh, a commitment to high-quality healthcare for Bangladeshis and a commitment by non-resident Bangladeshis to the development of their homeland."

American Hospital Consortium, which owns and operates this hospital, is a group of US doctors and healthcare professionals who have invested millions of dollars in the healthcare sector in Bangladesh, he said.

Moriarty also inaugurated the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

The hospital, which has almost all the departments, provides people with free medical services on Friday while 20 percent of their patients are extreme poor

people, said Dr Habibullah, one of the investors and chief executive officer of the hospital.

Road crash kills schoolteacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A schoolteacher was killed and six others injured in a road accident on Patuakhali-Baufal highway on Wednesday evening.

The victim was identified as Sampan Kumar Das, 50, an assistant teacher of Charboya High School at Dumki in the district.

The accident took place when a Patuakhali-bound passengers bus from Baufal hit a human hauler from behind.

The injured were taken to different local hospitals.

Illegal structures demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) yesterday demolished two concrete, 10 semi-concrete and 200 kancha structures on the Mirpur Housing Canal near Benarasi Palli in the city.

They also fined one Ali Howlader Tk 34,000 for constructing a concrete structure on the canal, says a press release.

Magistrate Kazi Wasiuddin of Wasa led the drive with police and Wasa officials.

WASA earlier conducted drives on Katasur and Hazaribagh canals and demolished illegal structures on the canals.

"We have started the drive to free the canals from encroachers and gradually other canals will also come under the drive," said an official of Wasa.

Japanese cardiologist treats patients at Apollo

METRO DESK

Renowned interventional cardiologist Dr Satoru Sumitsuji from Osaka University, Japan performed some complicated procedures on patients having chronic total occlusion of arteries of heart at the Apollo Hospitals Dhaka recently, says a press release.

This was the first visit of Dr Sumitsuji to Bangladesh.

Prof Dr Md Shahabuddin Talukder, coordinator and consultant of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, led the team during the procedures in collaboration with Dr Sumitsuji.

Earlier in the morning, Dr Sumitsuji had a brief meeting with Shahjahan Majumder, acting CEO of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka.

Early marriage still a major problem

Says BDHS survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The average age of marriage for girls is 15.8 years in urban areas while it is 14.8 years in rural areas making them more vulnerable to early pregnancy complications that sometimes lead to death, says a government survey report.

The report on Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS) 2007 was disclosed at a dissemination ceremony at Niport auditorium in the city yesterday.

According to the survey conducted by Ahmed Al Sabir, director (research) of National Institute of Population Research and Training (Niport), the average age of marriage for male is 24.5 years.

The report said 33 percent of mothers are adolescent aged between 14 and 19 years.

Sabir said early marriage and early child bearing are still the major obstacles to fertility decline in the country.

He said both the government and non-government organisations should work out better ways to check alarming growth of population in the country.

Women on an average in the country have 2.7 children, while required target of total fertility rate (TFR) is 2.2.

TFR is the highest in Sylhet division (3.7) and the lowest in Khulna division (2.0), added the report.

The report also highlighted that huge shortage of manpower creates an obstacle to implement all approaches for improving facility-based and



Mostafa Jabbar, president of Bangladesh Computer Samity, Abdullah H Kafi, managing director of JAN Associates and directors Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Sufia Aftab Chowdhury and Jesmin Jahan cut a ribbon to inaugurate the new head office of JAN Associates Ltd, the national distributor of Canon system and image communication products for Bangladesh, at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Discharge duties remaining faithful to govt

President urges employees

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the government employees to sincerely discharge their duties remaining faithful to the government and efficiently provide service to the people they deserve.

"You have to extend your hand further to the people so that they can easily get government's services," he said when a delegation of Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Dabee Bastobayan Parishad met him at Bangabhaban. Parishad President M Harun Ur Rashid and Secretary General M Shahabuddin led the delegation.

The president said the government is going to implement a new pay scale from the current month. "I hope that your financial capability will increase to some extent having the new pay scale," he told them.

He said the employees must remember that their salaries and allowances come from people's taxes.

He said Bangladesh is a developing country and its income is lower compared to other countries. "The government needs to determine the pay scale of its employees considering the real grounds."

But, he said, the government is aware of various problems, including the limited income of the government employees.

Saying that there is no alternative to a competent public administration for running government, Zillur asked them to play more responsible role and help make the administration more dynamic.

Putting emphasis on information technology (IT), he urged the employees to

update their career through taking necessary IT training.

"You will have to be more sincere in implementing the prime minister-declared charter of change for building an IT-based happy and prosperous Bangladesh by 2021," he told the employees' delegation.

He also urged them to perform their respective duties with honesty, sincerity and loyalty.

The delegation members

apprised the president of various problems and constraints of the government employees and sought his all out cooperation in ensuring their welfare.

They also assured the president that they would give their best in implementing the Prime Minister-declared 'Digital Bangladesh' as well as for realising the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Raman of 'Sonar Bangla'.

Slit-throat body recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a bus driver at his room at Rayerbazar in the city's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

Identified as Majidul Islam alias Polash, 27, the dead, who was a driver of Mega City bus service plying on Mohammadpur-Motijheel route, was a resident of Sadek Khan Road at Rayerbazar.

Sub-Inspector Tahera of Mohammadpur Police Station said house owner Khorshed Matobbar informed police over a cellphone around 10:30am that his tenant Polash did not open the door of his room and even he made no response after repeated callings.

Police reached the spot and found the slit-throat body lying on the bed at a room on the first floor of the two-storey building.

Later, the body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Police said one neighbour Babul suspected that burglars might have taken away belongings from the victim's room as he had seen two long clothes were hanging outside the window of the room.

Babul informed Khorshed who later reported the matter to the police. Polash had been living in the room with his wife and two children for two months.

As the victim's wife Shilpi Begum went to their village home in Barisal few days ago from Rayerbazar residence, Polash took his two friends to his room on that night, but his friends remained missing following the incident, police said.



PHOTO: APOLLO HOSPITALS DHAKA

Japanese cardiologist Dr Satoru Sumitsuji receives a crest from the officials of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka recently.



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NOTICE OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **Thirty-Sixth** Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Bangladesh Services Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday, **5 August 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** to transact the following business:

Agenda

- To confirm the Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 24 September 2008;
- To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Audited Accounts of the Company as of December 31, 2008 together with the report of the Auditors thereon and the report of the Directors;
- To declare dividend for the year 2008;
- To elect Directors in place of retiring Directors;
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2009 and fix their remuneration; and
- To transact any other business which may legally be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Sd/-

(Md. Aminul Bar Chowdhury)
Secretary

Dated: 10 July 2009

Notes:

- The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 15 July to 5 August 2009 (both days inclusive). During this period no share transfer will be effected.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy form, duly stamped, must be deposited at registered office of the Company not later than 72 hours before the time fixed for the Annual General Meeting.
- Members are requested to notify change of address, if any, to the Company.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Marico Bangladesh Ltd. is the 3rd largest company among the FMCG MNCs in Bangladesh and markets powerful brands like Parachute, Aromatic, Camelia, Hair Code, etc. Parachute is among the largest and most trusted brands in Bangladesh. Marico Bangladesh is a subsidiary of Marico Ltd. which operates in Egypt, Middle East, South Africa, Malaysia, India, etc. The company is growing at a rapid pace in Bangladesh and to augment its operation is looking for suitable candidates for the following position:

Regional Sales Manager

Minimum qualification/experience

Experience in FMCG Sales of at least 10-12 years of which not less than 2 years should have been in a similar role. Must have experience of handling a large team. MBAs will be preferred.

Key responsibilities

- Responsible for the complete management of sales targets and distribution infrastructure for a particular region (approximately one-third of Bangladesh) for entire range of products
- Develop sales strategies for his region in conjunction with Sales Head & drive key initiatives through his team of ASM's and ASEs
- Manage the environment (Customers, Influencers, Bureaucracy, and Statutory Authorities)
- Identify opportunities and manage them in a favorable manner
- Responsible for monitoring the field staff activities and driving sales
- Liaison with other functions in rolling out promotional plans and product launches
- Responsible for on the job training and development of sales team
- Accountable for the supply chain efficiencies
- Conform with the sales administration procedures
- Develop a strong and motivated sales team and maintain good trade relationships
- Analyze and give feedback on competitive activities

Competencies and skills

Result oriented, analytical skills, man management skills

Reporting relationship

Sales Head

Location

Any metro in Bangladesh

Attractive remuneration & benefits package will be offered to the right candidates. Only short-listed candidates shall be called for a preliminary interview.

Please send in your resume with a passport size photo to Box # A-57, C/O The Daily Star, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka 1215 by July 20, 2009.

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- সাইজ: ৬২০-১১৭৫ বর্গফুট
- ০১৯১২০৬২৪৫

উত্তরা

- সোফা-৩, ৪ ও ১০
- সাইজ: ১৪০০-২৫৬০ বর্গফুট
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ওয়ারী

- সোফা (কর্পার টুট)
- সাইজ: ৯০-১০০ বর্গফুট
- ০১৯১২০৭৮৬৮

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- আপার্টমেন্ট
- সাইজ: ১১১০ বর্গফুট
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গুলশান

- সার্বারী আপার্টমেন্ট
- সাইজ: ২১০০ বর্গফুট
- ০১৯১৪৪৯৬৬৬৯

ব্রীণরোড

- আপার্টমেন্ট
- সাইজ: ১২৯৭-১৪১০ বর্গফুট
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- আপার্টমেন্ট (কর্পার টুট)
- সাইজ: ৭৪০-১১৪০ বর্গফুট
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- সার্বারী আপার্টমেন্ট
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