

# Invest in Bangladesh

President urges Colombian entrepreneurs

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday emphasised the need for increasing the volume of foreign direct investment (FDI) by wooing more foreign entrepreneurs for investment in various sectors as an investment-friendly atmosphere prevails in the country.

The president made the remarks when newly appointed Colombian Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Juan Alfredo Pinto Saavedra presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban.

Zillur said the Colombian entrepreneurs could invest here by taking advantage of

various incentives are on offer for foreign investment.

"Colombian businessmen can invest here considering the prevailing investment-friendly atmosphere as well as the country's cheap labour," he said.

Mentioning that there is ample scope in bolstering commerce and trade relations between Bangladesh and Colombia, the president said visits by high-profile business delegation and people-to-people contact could be a useful tool in this regard.

He said the two countries are enjoying an excellent bilateral relation and it would be strengthened further during his new tenure.

He also said Bangladesh is always against any kind of terrorist act.

Dr Saavedra, based in New Delhi, sought the president's all-out cooperation in performing his new duty.

He assured Zillur that he would try his level best in increasing trade volumes between the two countries. Dr Saavedra hoped that Bangladesh would be able to emerge as a middle-income country soon under the dynamic leadership of the president and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Secretary to the President's Office Mohammad Shafiqul Alam, Military Secretary to the President Maj Gen Md Ehtesham Ul Haque, Foreign Secretary M Mijarul Quayes and President's Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were present during the meeting.



Colombian Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Juan Alfredo Pinto Saavedra presents his credentials to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday.



BDR members gather at Darbar Hall at Pilkhana BDR Headquarters in the city during a Darbar yesterday. This was the first Darbar at the BDR Headquarters after the mutiny in February. (Story on Page 1)

## Tributes paid to Shamsur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 3rd death anniversary of noted poet Shamsur Rahman was observed yesterday.

To observe the day, eminent cultural personalities and family members of the poet placed wreaths at his grave at Banani at around 11:00am.

However, they expressed their regrets that the government did not organise any programme to mark the day.

On the occasion, Kabi Parishad, a cultural organisation formed by the poet, held a recital at the Aziz Super Market in the city.

Speakers at the programme said Shamsur Rahman has taken Bangla literature to a new height.

The organisation also arranged a special prayer and doa mahfil at his home at Shyamoli in the evening praying for salvation of the departed soul.

A prolific writer, Shamsur Rahman was born on October 23 in 1929. He kept writing even at the age of 77.

His famous works include Roudro Korotite, Biddhastha Nilima, Niraloke Dibyaroth and Adiganta Nagna Padaddhani. Besides poetry, he also contributed a great deal to the worlds of essay, story, novel, juvenile literature, translation and column.

Rabindrabharati University and Jadavpur University of India conferred on him honorary Doctor of Literature (D Lit) degree. His poems were translated in many languages and he was awarded the South Asian Literature Award for the Master.

He has also won Swadhinata Padak, Ekushey Padak, Adamjee Purashkar, Bangla Academy Purashkar and Jibanananda Purashkar.

## Those who celebrate birthday on Aug 15 are killers of Bangabandhu

Says Matia Chowdhury

DU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a meeting yesterday called for immediate steps to execute the verdict in the Bangabandhu Murder Case.

Speaking as the chief guest, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury said those who celebrate birthday on the day of the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman are virtually the killers of Bangabandhu.

Bangabandhu Krishibid Parishad organised the discussion marking the 34th death anniversary of Bangabandhu in the city, says a press release.

Secretary General of the Parishad AFM Bahauddin Nasim said that not only the self-proclaimed killers, but also those involved in the conspiracy should also be punished.

At another discussion on Dhaka University campus,

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Capt (retd) AB Tajul Islam strongly criticised BNP leader Salauddin Qader Chowdhury for his comment on August 15, the National Mourning Day.

He said the BNP leader's "audacious comment" is tantamount to sedition. So, he should face trial.

Shahidullah Hall BCL organised the discussion to mark the National Mourning Day.



Shamsur Rahman Smriti Parishad places a wreath at the grave of poet Shamsur Rahman at Banani in the city yesterday to mark his third death anniversary.

## Mass Education Project staffs demand salary arrears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The employees of the Mosque-based Child and Mass Education Project yesterday demanded payment of their salary arrears, including other allowances from January immediately.

The leaders of the Mosque-based Child and Mass Education Programme Officers and Workers Welfare Association placed the demand at a press conference at the Photojournalists' Association auditorium in the city.

The leaders said they would form a human chain in front of the National Press Club on August 19 and threaten to go for tougher agitation if their demand is not met immediately.

They said the director general of the Islamic Foundation has stopped payment of our salaries from January for reasons unknown although secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs directed him to pay our dues.

They said the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) at its meeting on April 28 has approved Tk 643 crore with prime minister in the chair for implementation of the 5th phase of the Mosque-based Child and Mass Education Project from (2009-2013). But the DG is yet to disburse salaries of 522 officers and employees from January as of today, added.

They said they have talked to senior officials of the ministry on different occasions in this regard without any result. "Moreover the DG has planned to recruit new officers by discharging the existing ones illegally," they said.

The project started to run in 1992-92 academic session with a poor budget of tk 5.99 crore under the Islamic foundation and has already completed its 4th phases.

The Association President Ayub Hossain and General Secretary Md Sultan Uddin spoke at the press conference.

## Tourist police to ensure security of tourists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Police introduced tourist police, a new unit of police, to ensure security of tourists and protect tourism sites.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nur Mohammad introduced the new unit at Cox's Bazar on Sunday.

Police Headquarters sources said like other units of police tourist police will work at important tourists' spots under the supervision of the concerned superintendents of police (SP) in the districts. The unit will discharge their duties round the clock to check crimes and guide the tourists.

Assistant Inspector General Hasan Ul Haider of Police Headquarters said the main objectives of the tourist police unit is to provide assistance to the tourists, building sense of security among them on the sites and handling the tourists specially foreign ones.

Existing patrol teams of police at different tourist sites can hardly interact with foreign tourists in English and they remain so busy in tackling crimes and they cannot pay attention to the tourist.

Sources said several lakhs of tourists, including foreign ones, visit important sites in the country but they very often fall victims of snatching that tarnish the image of the country and hamper emerging tourism sector of the country.

Haider said in phases tourist police unit will be introduced in different districts on the basis of proposal form concerned SPs where there are important tourist spots.

He added, "We received proposals from the SPs of Bandarban and Patuakhali. We sent the proposal to the government and after the government approval we will form tourist police unit in the

districts." Tourist police will not only ensure security of the tourists but also to play role in protecting bio-diversity, ecological balance and natural beauty by stopping hill cutting, sand and stone lifting, hunting birds and animals and cutting down trees by unscrupulous people.

A total of 77 police personnel under the command of an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) will serve as tourist police at Cox's Bazar. But, initially 15 tourist police headed by an inspector started functioning at Shaikat Police Outpost in Cox's Bazar, said AKM Kamrul Ahsan, information officer of Police Headquarters.

Sources said, of the 77 tourist police personnel in Cox's Bazar, there will be one ASP, one inspector, three female sub-inspectors, four sergeants, 16 ASIs, and 42 constables.



Gono Sanghati Andolon launches a signature campaign at Rabindra Sarobar in the city yesterday protesting the Indian move to construct Tipaimukh dam.

## Career Opportunity in ASA

A newly established "ASA Chunarughat Health Complex" will be inaugurated soon at Chunarughat thana under Habiganj district. To run this Health Complex we need persons who are self-driven, result oriented, hard working and willing to work in a challenging environment as Medical Officers and Nurses. We invite application from the Bangladeshi nationals for the posts mentioned below.

### Name & number of posts:

1. Medical Officer (Gynae & Obs), Female-1
2. Medical Officer (Medicine), Male/Female-1
3. Nurse-2

### Eligibility:

The candidates should have MBBS degree for the post of Medical Officers (Sl. nos. 1 & 2) and Diploma in nursing for the post of Nurses (Sl. no. 3). Minimum two years experience in the relevant post in any Clinic or Hospital. Educational qualifications and experience should be commensurate with the BMDC rules and approved by the BMDC.

### Place of Posting:

"ASA Chunarughat Health Complex", South Narapati, Chunarughat, Habiganj.

Salary & Allowances: Negotiable.

### Conditions and procedures to apply:

The applicants must be non-smoker. Interested candidates can send their applications addressing the President of ASA and mentioning the name of the post applied for on the top of the envelope along with a full CV, two recent passport size photographs, a return self-addressed envelope (with stamp of Tk. 3) within 31st August, 2009 to the following address. No need to send photostat copies of certificates and other documents with the application but the original copies must be submitted at the time of interview.



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## Applications invited for media award

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Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) under Disaster Management Bureau invited applications for media award on disaster management, says a press release.

Reports, features and investigative reports on disaster management published in national/local newspapers or broadcasted in electronic media within September 1,

2008 to August 30, 2009 will be considered for the awards.

Publications or programmes on river erosion, earthquake, cyclone, draughts, flood management, climate change, and success stories or limitations in disaster management will also be considered for the award.

Applicants are requested to send five copies of publications or CDs of programmes to Dr SM Morshed, senior project expert, CDMP, phone number 01199-832875.



Parkway Health, which owns and operates Mount Elizabeth, Gleneagles and East Shore Hospital in Singapore, organises a seminar on 'Liver diseases, knee and back pain' at a city hotel recently. From left are Dr Toh Choon Lai, senior consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Mount Elizabeth and East Shore Hospital, Singapore, Dr Chew Soo Ping, senior consultant general surgeon of the same hospital, Health Minister Prof AFM Ruhul Haque and Zahid Khan, director of ParkwayHealth Patient Assistance Centre, Dhaka.



## Australian Education Exhibition

Venue: Ballroom, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel

Date: 18-19 August, 2009, Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Participants

- Australian Institute of Commerce and Language
- Deakin University / MIBT
- La Trobe University
- Melbourne Institute of Technology
- Monash University
- Swinburne University of Technology
- TAFE NSW Institutes
- The University of Sydney
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