17pc students fall victim to harassment by teachers: Survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Educationists and rights activists at a roundtable yesterday stressed the need to immediately formulate antisexual harassment policy for all educational institutions.

Due to prevalence of sexual harassment in the educational institutions, many female students lose interest in pursuing education and eventually drop out, they said and called for enacting a law in line with the High Court directives to eradicate the

Urging all to change attitude towards women, the speakers called on guardians, teachers, governing bodies of the educational institutions and the media to raise awareness in this regard.

The Shaptahik 2000, a weekly magazine, and Actionaid jointly organised the roundtable titled 'Role of the policymakers in resisting sexual harassment at all educational institutions' at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

According to a survey conducted by Actionaid, some 16.7 percent of female students were harassed or tortured by their teachers in schools, said Abdullah Zafar, a child and adolescent rights activist, in his keynote education ANM Ehsanul

The survey also revealed that around 41 percent of female students do not consider their schools a safe place while 63.6 percent of students said teachers use discourte-

actionaid

Although students of the universities are aware of the issue, no effective measures were taken at school and college levels to prevent sexual harassment, Zafar said.

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam said the situation will not change unless empowerment of women and a favourable socio-economic environment is ensured. Former state minister for

Haque Milon said the issue should be incorporated into the school curricula.

professor of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), said

ous language on them, he moral values are eroding day by day. Some female students even consider it a way to achieve better results.

The easy accessibility of information technology is being misused and even the media is objectifying women in dramas and advertisements, he said.

Prof Dr Abdul Latif of Jahangirnagar university suggested opening a cell where female students can make their complaints.

Moinul Ahsan Saber, editor of the Shaptahik 2000, and teachers and students of different educational institutions spoke at the Faheem Hasan, associate roundtable moderated by Naima Imam, head of women's rights and gender equality of Actionaid.



Arthur Erken, UNFPA Representative to Bangladesh, addresses a roundtable on 'Linkage of Sexual and Reproductive Health in Prevention of HIV in Bangladesh' jointly organised by The Daily Star and the United Nations Population Fund at The Daily Star conference room in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

Reforms a must to end political influence on public admin

Says PM's adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Adviser to Prime Minister HT Imam yesterday said reforms in the public administration are needed to eliminate political influence from the civil service. Establishment ministry

needs to redefine its role, vision and mission and the name of the ministry should also be changed and a more meaningful name be given, he added.

The adviser said this at the inaugural ceremony of a workshop on 'Mission, vision, values, role and renaming of ministry of establishment' organised by Civil Service Change Management Programme (CSCMP) of the ministryatacityhotel.

"We want to create an efficient, pro-people civil service to deliver the services on the doorstep of people focusing the spirit of the liberation war," Imam told journalists after the inauguration.

"Civil servants would be free Stefan Priesner as the special from partisan influence if they are

efficient and honest," he added. Imam, the PM's adviser on

establishment and administrative affairs, said the name 'establishment ministry' does not reflect the works it does. So, the ministry should be renamed with a meaningful one. "We need to work collectively to implement the vision

2021 and beyond it," he men-UNDP Country Director

guest said the workshop was

build consensus on its vision, mission and values, to facilitate the renaming process and revisitits role.

aimed that the ministry seeks to

Additional Secretary of the ministry Dr Muhammad Sadique said they have been going to the grassroots level to bring about change in the ministry and around 300 proposals have so far been received for the reforms.

Establishment Secretary Iqbal Mahmoodchairedtheworkshop.

Former state minister for education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon speaks at a roundtable at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. On his right are Prof Nazrul Islam and Abdullah Zafar and on his left are Naima Imam and Moinul Ahsan Saber. EU pledges large climate fund

Says state minister for environment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

committed a large financial aid for Bangladesh to fight the impacts of climate change and global warming.

This was stated by State ingto a press release. Minister for Environment

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office yesterday.

commitment at the EU Day ceremony," he added, accord-

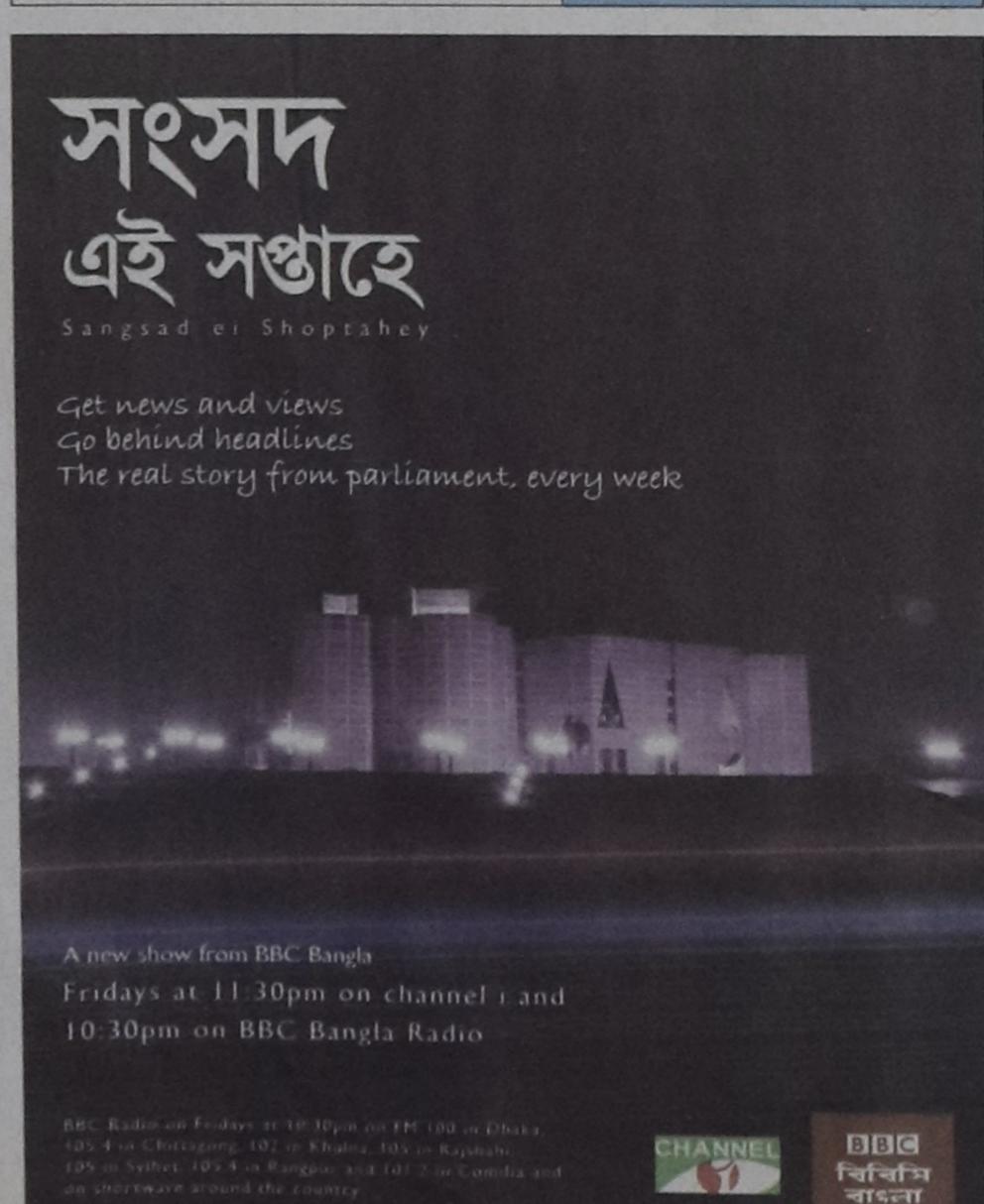
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attend the EU Day in bat the challenges of climate Bangladesh's vulnerability, Stockholm during October 22 change, he said, adding the density of population and The European Union (EU) has to 24, at a press briefing at his PM called upon the EU lead-natural calamities. ers to extend generous aid to Dr Hasan said the PM on "The EU leaders made the Bangladesh, a country most her way back home held a

vulnerable to climate change. The EU invited Prime Multi Donor Trust Fund at the Thani, who assured her of and Forests Dr Hasan Minister Sheikh Hasina to the upcoming Copenhagen monetary help to Bangladesh Mahmud, who was on the EU Day in recognition of climate conference in particularly for Padma

meeting on October 24 with Hasina also called upon Qatar Prime Minister Sheikh them to allocate from the Hamad Bin Jasim Bin Jabar Al





DEFAMATION CASE SQ Chowdhury granted bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted an anticipatory bail for six months to BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in a defamation case filed in Panchagarh.

The High Court bench of Justice AFM Abdur Rahman and Justice Md Emdadul Haque Azad also issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks why SQ Chowdhury should not be granted regular bail in the

The court passed the order upon a bail petition filed by SQ Chowdhury. He appeared before the HC bench for bail yesterday.

Md Sheikh Abul Kashem, general secretary of Bangabandhu Parishad of Boda Upazila in Panchagarh, filed the defamation case on October 20 with the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court of the district on charge of making derogatory remarks about the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family.

Lawyer for SQ Chowdhury, advocate Shah Manjurul Hoque told The Daily Star that his client earlier got bail from the High Court in two other defamation cases filed against him on the same charge.

Qazi Faruque gets bail The same HC bench yesterday granted anticipatory bail for six months to Qazi Faruque, ousted chairman of Proshika, a leading NGO of the country, in a criminal case

filed in 2008. Faruque's lawyer Barrister Tanjibul Alam said the court, upon a bail petition filed by his client, also issued a rule why the petitioner should not be granted regular bail in the

Notice for distribution of Refund Warrant & Letter of Allotment of Grameenphone IPO Share

This is to inform that, Refund warrants/Allotment letters of valued IPO applicants of Grameenphone Ltd. are ready for distribution. The valued investors may collect the same by submitting original Bank/Company acknowledgement slip from 10:00am to 5:00pm as per following schedule:

Date	Dhaka Zila Krira Sangstha Jheelpar, Motijheel, Dhaka	AGB Colony Community Centre, Dhaka (Opposite to Motijheel Ideal School)	Paltan Community Centre 42, Nayapaltan Dhaka-1000.
03.11.09 Tuesday	BRAC Bank Limited (All nominated branches)	Bank Asia Limited Principal Br, Bashundhara Br, Corporate Br, Dhanmondi Br, Gulshan Br, MCB Banani Br, MCB Dilkusha Br, Mirpur Br, Mitford Br, Mohakhali Br & North South Road Br.	Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited Local Office, Motijheel Foreign Exchar Banani Br, Bashundhara Br, Dania Br Dhaka EPZ Br, Dhanmondi Br, Elepant Gulshan Br, Imamgonj Br, Islampur Br, Jr Br, Mirpur Br & Kawran Bazar Br.
04.11.09 Wednesday	Exim Bank (All nominated branches)	Bank Asia Limited Scotia Branch, Uttara Br Branches outside Dhaka Dist. Citibank N.A. (All nominated branches)	Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited Mohakali Br, Nababpur Br, Naya Baz Ring Rd Br, Savar Bazar Br, Shantina Uttara Br & Branches outside Dhaka
05.11.09 Thursday	(All nominated branches)	Eastern Bank Limited (All nominated branches)	Mercantile Bank Limited (All nominated branches)
06.11.09 Friday	National Bank Limited Babubazar Br, Bangshal Rd Br, Dhanmondi Br, Dilkusha Br, Elephant Rd Br, Foreign Exchange Br, Gulshan Br, Imamgonj Br, Islampur Br, Jatrabari Br, Malibagh Br, Kawran Bazar Br. & Lake Circus Br.	ONE Bank Limited (All nominated branches)	Investment Corporation Of Banglades (All nominated branches) Standard Chartered Bank (All nominated branches)
07.11.09 Saturday	National Bank Limited Mirpur Br, Mohakhali Br, Mohammadpur Br, Motijheel Br, Northbrook Hall Br, Pragati Sarani Br, Savar Bazar Br, Uttara Br, Z.H Sikder MC Br. & Branches outside Dhaka Dist.	The City Bank Limited Principal Office Br, B.B. Avenue Br, Dhanmondi Br, Dhaka Chamber Br, DSE Nikunja Br, Foreign Exchange. Br, Gulshan Br, Imamgonj Br, Islami Bank Br, Islampur Br & Johnson Road Br.	Premier Bank Limited (All nominated branches)
08.11.09 Sunday	Trust Bank Limited (All nominated branches)	The City Bank Limited Kawran Bazar Br, Mirpur Br, Mouchak Br, Nawabgonj Br, New Market Br, Shyamoli Br, Uttara Br, VIP Road Br, Zinzira Br, & Branches outside Dhaka Dist.	United Commercial Bank Limited (All nominated branches)
09.11.09 Monday	Non-Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) & All Mutual Fund & Portfolio A/C		

N.B. In case of non-allotment of securities, if the applicant's bank accounts as mentioned in their IPO application forms are maintained with the Bankers to the issue and other banks as mentioned bellow, refund amount of those applicants will be directly credited to the respective bank accounts as mentioned in their IPO Application Forms.

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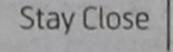
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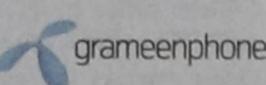
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