

PM seeks Qatari investment in energy sector

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina requested the government and entrepreneurs of Qatar to recruit more manpower from Bangladesh and make investments in potential sectors of the country in a bigger way.

She invited Qatari investment, particularly in banking, agro-based industries, road infrastructure, tourism, power generation, oil, gas and mineral exploration, education and IT sectors.

The prime minister made the call when a seven-member delegation led by visiting Qatari Minister for State and International Cooperation Dr Khaled Bin Mohammad Al Atiyah called on her at Gonobhaban yesterday.

During the meeting, the prime minister and the Qatari minister discussed various issues of development of the two Muslim countries, said Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Abul Kalam Azad.

Hasina told the Qatari minister that the Gulf country could reap benefit by recruiting manpower from Bangladesh as the workers are of international standards having work experiences in construction, civil aviation, power, water, petrochemical and gas, automobile, health and hospitality sectors.



Qatari Minister for State and International Cooperation Dr Khaled Bin Mohammad Al Atiyah calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gonobhaban in the city yesterday.

She said the present government, after assuming office, has been successful in creating a congenial atmosphere for investment and formulated an 'excellent investment-friendly policy' for foreign investors.

In reply, the Qatari minister assured the prime minister of enhancing his government's cooperation in Bangladesh's development sectors, including river dredging, construction of

road infrastructures, community health clinics and power stations.

The prime minister also sought Qatari cooperation in establishing a school in Dhaka for the autistic children.

Laying emphasis on further strengthening the cooperation in trade and business, especially in private sector, she said, "Frequent exchange of visits in the fields of education, art and

culture, and businessmen between the two countries should be expedited for the benefit of the two peoples."

Ambassador of Qatar Abdul Rahman Yousuf A Al-Mulla accompanied the minister.

Ambassador-at-Large M Ziauddin, Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office Molla Waheeduzzaman and Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Abul Kalam Azad were also present.

'ENGLISH IN ACTION' LAUNCHED English skills to open new avenues in outsourcing Says British envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

English in Action (EIA), a joint venture of the Bangladesh and the UK governments to help develop better English communicative skills, was launched at a city hotel yesterday.

The project has been launched with the hope that English, as an international language, will be a tool for better access to employment opportunities in Bangladesh and beyond.

The nine-year 50-million-pound project is designed to change approaches to learning English. The project aims to benefit about 25 million Bangladeshis.

The project also aims to help teachers develop their own professional capabilities so that they can bring new ideas to the classroom and make the classes enjoyable.

In schools, innovative teaching and learning methods, including the use of audio technology such as MP3 players will be provided to support learning.

All these methods will be linked to the local school curriculum, textbooks, supplementary materials and assessment procedures.

The project will also use television and mobile telephones to increase access to learning materials for adults in order to decrease barriers to English learning, BBC Janala is one such effort.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of the project, British High Commissioner Stephen Evans said, "English is becoming the international language. One of the driving factors clearly has been globalisation, the spread of mass methods of communication, more importantly the expansion of the internet."

He mentioned that Bangladesh has a fair chance of capturing the business process of outsourcing market. It is a global industry valued worth \$300 billion. There are many other sectors, including information technology. If Bangladesh wants a fare share of that market it will need to enhance English language skills.

He pointed out that it would eventually help Bangladesh achieve the status of a middle-income country by 2021.

The project, being implemented by the ministry of Mass Education and UKAID, currently works with 800 teachers in 350 schools across the country. The number will be increased from 2011.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr Afsarul Ameen said, "It is one of the most innovative initiatives. Our goal is to achieve the economic growth of Bangladesh by providing communicative English language as a tool for better access to world economy."

By providing communicative English, EIA will help Bangladesh profit better in internal and external markets, he added.

Abu Alam Md Shahid Khan, secretary to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Mahbubun Nahar, project director of EIA, Marc van der Stouwe, team leader, EIA, and Md Sirazul Islam, additional secretary (Development), Ministry of Education, also spoke.

'Ensure transparency in project work'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque yesterday asked the project implementation officers to ensure transparency in their activities, saying that they can help boost the rural economy by properly executing the development and social safety net programmes.

"You must give priority to the construction and maintenance of infrastructure that helps increase agricultural productivity and ensure transparency

and accountability," he told newly appointed officers at the certificate giving ceremony of a training programme at the Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation at Mohakhali in the city.

Speaking as the chief guest, Razzaque said development of rural economy is very crucial, as agriculture contributes 20 percent to the national economy. So, the project implementation officers have to give special attention to the rural economy.

They have to carry out a huge task of implementing the development and

social safety net programmes such as Test Relief, Food for Work, Vulnerable Group Feeding and Employment Generation Programmes and post-disaster activities, the minister said.

"You have to render your duties with sincerity, involving the locals for their welfare," he added.

Zahirul Haque, director general of the Directorate of Relief and Rehabilitation, its Director Asadul Islam, and Additional Secretary of Disaster Management and Relief Division Ahmmad Hossain Khan also spoke.

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Siddika Kabir gets Sheltech award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Siddika Kabir, noted culinary artist and nutrition expert, was honoured with Sheltech Award 2009 yesterday, says a press release.

She was handed over the award at Sheltech Lounge in the city.

Managing Director of Channel i Faridur Reza Sagar, Sheltech Chairman engineer Kutubuddin Ahmed and Managing Director Dr Taufiq M Seraj handed over a cheque for Tk 1 lakh and a crest to Prof Kabir.

Born in 1931, Prof Kabir had a bright academic life. She started her career in teaching profession by joining mathematics department of Eden Girls' College in 1957.

She obtained a higher degree in food nutrition and institutional administration from the United States. Later, she joined the nutrition department of Home Economics College.

In 1966, Prof Kabir started attending different cookery shows on television. She has authored a number of recipe books to her credit and is recognised with different awards.

The noted culinary specialist has been working as the consultant of consumer brands Dano, Nestlé and Radhuni.

Sheltech has been giving awards to the eminent personalities of the country since 1998 in recognition of their outstanding contribution to different sectors.

MONEY LAUNDERING Koko asked to appear before court May 13

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked Arafat Rahman Koko, younger son of BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, to appear before it on May 13 in connection with a money laundering case.

Senior Special Judge ANM Bashir Ullah passed the order after Koko's lawyers told the court that their client was earlier released on parole and has gone abroad for treatment. So, he could not appear before the court on the day.

The court also directed the officers-in-charge of Comilla Sadar and Gulshan police stations to submit reports by May 13 on execution of arrest warrant against Ismail Hossain Saimon, son of former shipping minister late Akbar Hossain, in connection with the same case.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against Koko on March 17 last year under the money laundering law for siphoning off Tk 19.7 crore to Singapore.



Sheltech Chairman Kutubuddin Ahmed, Channel i Managing Director Faridur Reza Sagar and Sheltech Managing Director Dr Taufiq M Seraj hand over a crest to Prof Siddika Kabir, noted culinary artist and nutrition expert, at the Sheltech Award giving ceremony in the city yesterday.

'Do not turn private universities into commercial centres'

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday asked the authorities of the private universities to ensure quality of education instead of running them as 'commercial institutions'.

He made the remarks when a three-member delegation of Gono Biswabidyaloy led by its Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mejbahuddin Ahmed called on him at Bangabhaban in the city.

Dean of Health and Medical Science Faculty Prof Dr Mohammad Shahidullah and Dean of Basic and Social Science Faculty Prof Dr Mahmud Koreshi accompanied the VC.

During the meeting, Zillur

asked the delegation not to turn their institution into commercial venture and also maintain the standards of education.

The delegation members informed the president that the students of the university are taught history of the country's liberation war alongside the science and medical studies.

They also mentioned that some 12 percent of the students are given full scholarship. "Students with satisfactory attendance at the university are getting a maximum waiver of 70 percent of tuition fees," the VC said.

The delegation invited the president to preside over the first convocation of the university.

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