



Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus speaks at a lecture on "Creating a world without poverty – social business bridging the gap" at the inaugural session of a three-day international conference on the NSU campus in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

'Provide quality education to create skilled generation'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday called on the teachers to create an educated and skilled generation by dedicating themselves to teaching students in classes.

"We are trying to resolve your [teachers] various problems. But it is your responsibility to produce a competent generation by providing quality education," the minister said at the National Convention 2010 of Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers' Association on the Government Laboratory School premises in the city. Teachers can play a vital role in build-

ing a modern Bangladesh, he added.

The minister also said the government is working to introduce a separate pay scale for teachers and establish a separate secondary education department for the secondary level teachers.

"I want that the teachers will get maximum salaries and honour both at state level and in society," he added.

Placing a set of demands, General Secretary of the association Md Insan Ali stressed the need for regular training for teachers based on curriculum.

He also demanded that a separate secondary education department be set up to bring dynamism in official activities and remove complications in providing MPOs.

Insan also demanded that the government fill in all vacant posts in the government secondary schools by giving necessary promotions to teachers.

Speaking at the programme, Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Md Nazrul Islam said steps to be taken to launch websites of the government schools containing information about the institutions, teachers and students.

He requested the leaders of the association to contact with him in this regard.

Director General of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education Prof Md Noman-ur-Rashid, its Director Prof Md Zakir Hossain and association President Md Samsul Haque also spoke.

Bangabandhu Jail Memorial Museum inaugurated

PM orders release of 1000 prisoners

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Jail Memorial Museum inside Dhaka Central Jail yesterday afternoon.

She also inaugurated the 'Four National Leaders Jail Memorial Museum' at the 'Mrityunjoy' inside the jail in memory of Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Capt Mansur Ali and AHM Qamaruzzaman. The four leaders were killed inside the jail on November 3, 1975.

Meanwhile, the prime minister directed the jail authorities to free 1,000 prisoners including women and children. She gave the directives at a meeting with the jail authorities inside the jail in the evening.

Hasina unveiled the name-plates of the museums and prayed for eternal peace of the Father of the Nation and the four national leaders.

The museum on Bangabandhu was established encompassing the Dewani Cell where Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was kept detained during the Pakistani regime.

Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Abul Kalam

Azad said the premier ordered the authorities to properly make a list of 1,000 prisoners who are aged, females, disabled, children and suffers from serious diseases.

During her over one and a half hours stay in the jail, Hasina also visited the ward of the female prisoners.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun, State Minister of

Home Shamsul Haque Tuku, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder, and Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Md Ashraful Islam Khan, among others, were present at the meeting.

Earlier on her arrival at the central jail, the prime minister was given a guard of honour by a contingent of the prison guards.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Jail Memorial Museum after inaugurating it inside Dhaka Central Jail in the city yesterday.



Fahim Munaim joins Maasranga TV as CEO

METRO DESK

Syed Fahim Munaim has recently joined Maasranga Television, a concern of Square Group, as the chief executive officer and chief editor, says a press release.

Earlier, he worked with The Daily Star as an executive editor. He had also served as the press secretary to the chief adviser of the last caretaker government.

Son of renowned journalist late Syed Nuruddin, Fahim Munaim brings with him vast experiences in the media field.

He also held important positions in the daily Sangbad, The Morning Sun and UNB.

Maasranga Television has already started its preparatory operations and is likely to go on air by the end of this year.

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ONE FARM ONE HOUSE Project to be implemented in 200 unions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will implement Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar (one house one farm) programme in 200 unions through Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) to accelerate rural development, the state minister for LGRD and cooperatives yesterday said.

Speaking as the chief guest at a seminar in the city, Jahangir Kabir Nanak said the government has decided to adopt the concept of Link Model, especially union coordination committee, in the Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar programme, which mainly focuses on the asset transfer to rural poor households for their benefits and development.

Participatory Rural Development Project, Phase-2 of BRDB, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) jointly organised the seminar on 'Realising union level coordination all over the nation through networking' at the Biam auditorium.

Presided over by Rural Development and Cooperatives Division Secretary Rokeya Sultana, the seminar was addressed by Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Chief Representative of JICA Takao Toda, BRDB Director General Humayun Khalid, PRDP Director Aminur Rahman Khan, and Prof Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman of Dhaka University.

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