

Vocational Education Week begins June 20

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The government, for the first time, is going to observe Technical and Vocational Education Week 2010 beginning June 20 as part of its one of the key strategies to develop technical education.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the week at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

At a press conference yesterday, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said, "We have taken initiatives to develop technical and vocational education which has long been neglected."

He said technical education has been neglected in terms of budgetary allocation and the standards of education.

Highlighting the government's plan on technical education, he said a technical school would be set up in each upazila across the country and the curriculum will be prepared in line with the demand of time and foreign labour market.

"We are taking suggestions from the investors and local and foreign employers to

prepare the curriculum. We are also figuring out what types of labour forces the foreign countries need.

"We want that the students of the country receive such education which they can apply in their professional fields," he said.

Nahid said a technical subject would be introduced for class six, seven and eight in the future so that all students can have an idea about it.

Over 17,000 foreigners are working at upper level jobs in the garments industry, he said, adding that the government wants to create scopes for the students of the country to do the same jobs.

"We have upgraded the textile institutes into universities to this end," he said.

Nahid said technical education is yet to reach a dignified level socially and that is why many people do not want to enrol their children in such courses.

"This mindset needs to be changed", he said and stressed the need for a massive campaign to raise awareness.

The events of the week include rallies, seminars, discussions and meeting with the people involved in this sector.



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BRIBE TO COVER UP MURDER CASE Court asks CID to submit probe report by Aug 8

Case was filed against Shah Alam, Babar and two others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked the Criminal Investigation Department to submit by August 8 the probe report of a bribery case filed against Bashundhara Group chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam, former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar and two others.

The case was filed for taking and giving bribes to cover up the murder case of Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Group.

Metropolitan Magistrate SK Tofail Hasan passed the order as the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case failed to submit the probe report by yesterday.

With this, the court gave the CID nine dates in total to submit the probe report.

Two others accused in the case are director of Prime Bank and East West Property Development Pvt Ltd Abu Sufian and former BNP lawmaker Qazi Saleemul Huq Kamal.

Earlier on May 2, the same court directed the IO to submit

the report.

Babar, who got bail in this case, now in jail custody in another case, was not produced before the court yesterday while a counsel represented Qazi Saleemul Huq Kamal.

Abu Sufian was absent from the court without taking any step.

An official of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka said he did not find any documents that show Shah Alam having bail in the case from any other courts or being on the run.

On May 8, 2008, CID Assistant Superintendent Arman Ali filed the case with

Ramna police station against the accused.

Earlier on May 6, 2008, Anti-corruption Commission pressed charges against former prime minister Khaleda Zia's son Tarique Rahman, Babar, Saleemul Huq, Shah Alam and his two sons Shafiat Sobhan Sanvir and Sadaat Sobhan, Abu Sufian and Tarique's personal secretary Mia Nur Uddin Apu.

The anti-graft body said the eight were involved in the bribery to save Sanvir from the charges of killing Sabbir.

On July 5, 2006, Sabbir's body was found outside a building in Bashundhara residential area.

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