

Job fairs to attract foreign employers stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should go for systematic research on overseas job market and consider organising job fairs to attract foreign employers, recommended a study by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

It also suggested concerted efforts to monitor and improve the recruitment process for migrant workers.

The recommendations come at a time when Bangladesh witnesses a decline in overseas employments. In 2007 and 2008, annual overseas jobs landed by Bangladeshis were over 8 lakh, but it came down to 4.75 lakh in 2009. The declining trend continues now too, says an IOM press release.

The study said a greater collaboration

is needed between the government and registered recruiting agencies in streamlining the recruitment process, monitoring the agencies and reducing migration cost as there are malpractices in the overseas recruitment process.

IOM consultant Azrah Karim Rajput presented the findings of the recent study titled "Towards a Comprehensive Recruitment Monitoring Policy in Bangladesh" in a workshop held in the capital on Sunday.

Representatives from different ministries and government departments, UN and international agencies, NGOs, civil society and migrant groups attended the workshop.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Secretary Dr Zafar Ahmed Khan, Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) Director General

Khorshed Alam Chowdhury were present as special guests, while IOM regional representative Rabab Fatima chaired it.

The study recommended that there is a need for training and awareness-raising activities for the outgoing migrants about the migration process, rules, costs and complaint mechanism.

Government officials in the migration sector should be provided regular training to assist outgoing migrants at home and in their host countries, it added.

There should also be more training for women as there is newer demand for them, it said.

The study, funded by the European Commission, is based on existing literature and a series of interviews with the government officials, NGOs, journalists and migrant workers, says the hand out.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over savings certificates to the children, right, of secretary (in-charge) of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Razia Begum and wife, left, of chairman of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation Siddiqui Rahman. Razia and Siddiqui were killed in a road accident on July 31.

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Seminar on digital library

BSS, Dhaka

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in cooperation with Elsevier, a non-governmental organisation, yesterday organised a seminar

on "University forum on digital libraries" at a city hotel.

Chairman of UGC Prof Dr Nazrul Islam inaugurated the seminar as the chief guest.

Analysis of the global trends in improving research

outputs and university rankings were discussed in the seminar.

UGC members Prof Amena Begum, Prof Atul Hye Shibly and UGC Secretary Md Khaleed were present on the occasion.

Jakarta ministerial meet begins today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indonesia is to host a two-day special ministerial meeting to review efforts to comply with Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) among the countries in Asia Pacific region beginning today in Jakarta.

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni left Dhaka for Jakarta early yesterday to attend the "Special Ministerial Meeting for the Millennium

Development Goals (MDGs) Review in Asia and the Pacific: Run up to 2015."

Besides reviewing the progress of MDGs efforts in each country, officials said the delegates will also seek innovations in channelling the Official Development Assistance (ODA) financing innovation committed by donor countries following the financial crisis in donor countries.

Representatives from World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB),

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will also participate in the ministerial meeting.

According to the officials, the result of review conducted in the meeting will be brought to the United Nations (UN) MDGs meeting scheduled on September 20-22 in New York.

The MDGs are the most broadly supported comprehensive and spe-

cific development goals, the world has ever agreed upon.

Adopted in 2000, set to be achieved by 2015, it includes eight goals and targets that consisted of income, poverty eradication, hunger, maternal and child mortality, disease, inadequate shelter, gender inequality, environmental degradation and the global partnership for development.

Dipu Moni is expected to return to Dhaka on August 5.

WE MOURN



The beloved mother of the Honourable Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rupali Insurance Company Limited breathed her last at 7.45 A.M on Saturday, the 31st July, 2010 (Inna Lillah.....Rajeun).

The members of the Board of Directors as well as the Executives, Officers and Staff of Rupali Insurance Company Limited are deeply shocked at her sad demise.

We all pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of her departed soul and rest in peace and express our profound sympathy for all the bereaved members of the family.



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Businessman robbed of Tk 1.75 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Jubo League leader was shot while he along with locals were chasing snatchers yesterday noon in Segunbagicha area in the city as the muggers made away with Tk 1.75 lakh from a businessman.

The Jubo League leader Parvez Ahmed, 35, received a bullet in the right arm. He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Rezaul Karim of Shahbagh Police Station said three muggers in a motorcycle snatched

Tk 1.75 lakh from Kamal Hossain at gunpoint near Hossain Hotel. He was going to his business firm at Banga Bazar on a rickshaw after withdrawing the money from Standard Chartered Bank's Karnaphuli Garden City branch, the OC added.

When the snatchers were fleeing locals including Parvez from nearby Jubo League office chased the muggers. The muggers fired five bullets and Parvez was hit.

A case has been filed with Shahbagh Police Station against three unidentified snatchers in this connection. None has been arrested.

Meanwhile, muggers snatched Tk 5 lakh from Hasan Tareq, a shoe trader at Senpara Sunday afternoon. He withdrew the amount from Prime Bank and was waiting for a rickshaw along with his brother when he was robbed.

BUILDING COLLAPSE Inditex help for relatives of 64 victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) yesterday handed over cheques to the relatives of 64 victims those who were killed in Spectrum Building collapse in April 2005.

A statement said the Spanish retail giant Inditex donated 57,571.50 Euro to disburse to the victims' families.

Labour and Employment Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain was the chief guest at the programme with BGMEA President Abdus Salam Murshedy in the chair.

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