

# 'Set time frame to implement CHT accord'

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
A time frame for the implementation of Chittagong Hill Tract Peace Accord should be fixed in efforts to resolve the crises of indigenous communities, speakers at a discussion said yesterday.  
Addressing the inaugural session of a two-day fair and cultural function arranged in the capital yesterday to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, the discussants also said it's the government's responsibility to recognise the aborigines.  
Moderating the opening session Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam said, "A time frame should be fixed to implement the CHT accord and the development should be monitored."  
"It's high time to execute the accord," she added.  
Shaheen Anam said the Indigenous People's Day should be

celebrated as a special ceremony in the country.  
Speaking at the session, National Human Rights Commission Member Nirupa Dewan hoped the CHT treaty would be implemented immediately to resolve the vexed issues of adivasis.  
Manusher Jonno Foundation and its associate organisations arranged the fair on the Shishu Academy premises.  
A total of 23 adivasi organisations participated in the event. They displayed products used in their daily life. A number of indigenous art works also went on show.  
Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shamim Imam gave the welcome address.  
Human rights activist Sultana Kamal, who also was present on the occasion, said, "First we have to admit that there are indigenous people in the country and we have to give them constitu-



PHOTO: STAR  
Former adviser to the caretaker government Sultana Kamal visits a stall of a fair of indigenous people at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday. Manusher Jonno Foundation organised the fair on the occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

tional recognition."  
Bangladesh Indigenous People's Forum later in the afternoon held a discussion dubbed "Right to Culture and Self-Identity of Indigenous People" at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC).  
Addressing the programme as chief guest, Law Minister Barrister Shafique said the government is sincere to protect the rights, culture and identity of the indigenous people.  
Among others, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman, Chakma Circle Chief Raja Devasish Roy, Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh Stefan Frowein, Charge d'affaires of Embassy of Denmark to Dhaka Jan Moller Hansen and Acting Country Director of International Labour Organisation Gagan Rajbhandari addressed the programme.

## DHAKA

T O D A Y

- Human chain**  
Bangladesh Chikitsak Sangsad will form human chain. Venue: Shahabag, Time: 12:00pm.
- Meeting**  
Gonotnri Party will organise a meeting. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity, Time: 10:00am.
- Award giving ceremony**  
Press Institute of Bangladesh will organise an award giving ceremony. Venue: PIB auditorium, Time: 10:30am.
- Meeting**  
DMP will organise a meeting. Venue: Rajarbag, Time: 4:00pm.
- Human Chain**  
Bangladesh Muktijoddha Punorbason Sangstha will form a human chain. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.
- Meeting**  
International Business Forum of Bangladesh will organise a meeting. Venue: IBFB office, Time: 3:00pm.
- Meeting**  
Manusher Jonno will organise an arts and crafts exhibition. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Time: 6:00pm.
- Exhibition**  
Society for the Welfare of Autistic Children will organise an arts and crafts exhibition. Venue: SWAC premises, Time: 11:00am.
- Rally**  
Muktijoddha Songhati Parishad will organise a rally. Venue: Shaheed Minar, Time: 4:00pm.
- Report Launch**  
World Bank, Dhaka will launch a report. Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Time: 10:30am.
- Publication ceremony**  
War crimes facts finding committee will organise a publication ceremony. Venue: Liberation War museum, Time: 5:00pm.
- Human chain**  
Bangladesh Chikitsak Sangsad will form human chain. Venue: Shahabag, Time: 12:00pm.
- Cultural Show**  
Glamour World will organise a cultural show. Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Time: 6:00pm.
- Human chain**  
Bangladesh MPO Bonchito Shikha Forum will form a human chain. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.
- Cultural event**  
Nibedon will organise a cultural event. Venue: Chhayonot auditorium, Time: 7:00pm.
- Rally**  
Department of Population Sciences of Dhaka University will organise a rally. Venue: Aparajeyo Bangla, Time: 11:00am.
- Discussion**  
Bangladesh Mohila Parishad will hold a discussion. Venue: Mohila Parishad auditorium, Time: 4:00pm.
- Art Competition**  
The Editor dot Net will arrange an art competition. Venue: Russel Square, Time: 5:00pm.
- Reception**  
National Forum of Organisations working with the Disabled will organise a reception. Venue: LGED auditorium, Time: 4:30pm.
- Rally and cultural programme**  
Bangladesh will organise a rally and a cultural programme. Venue: Aparajeyo Bangla, Time: 11:00am.
- Reception**  
Anser and Gram Protirokha Bahini will organise a reception. Venue: Headquarter, Khilgaon, Time: 11:30am.
- Human chain and rally**  
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will

## Obituary

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
Nurunnahar Begum, wife of assistant editor of Daily Sangbad Dr Maqbulur Rahman, passed away at her Gulshan residence in the city yesterday at the age of 69, says a press release.  
Nurunnahar, also a teacher, left behind her husband and two daughters to mourn her death.  
She was born in Kolkata in 1941.  
She was buried at Banani graveyard after her namaz-e-janaza at the Banani Graveyard Mosque after Esha prayers.

**Death anniversary**  
**METRO DESK**  
Today is the death anniversary of Latifunnesa Khanam, mother of poet and banker Waheed Murad, says a press release.  
A milad and doa mahfil will be held in Umbrella Mosque at Dilu road, Eskaton after Asr prayer in the city and in Panchabaki Jumma Masjid at Swarupkathi, Pirojpur after Zohr prayers today.

## CONTEMPT OF COURT HC asks Asaf-ud-Daula to appear on Aug 19

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a suo moto rule on former secretary and founder editor of Bangladesh Today Mohammad Asaf-ud-Daula for making 'derogatory' comments about this court.  
The court asked him to explain within seven days why punitive action should not be taken against him for contempt of court for making such comments.  
An HC bench also directed him to appear before the court on August 19 in this connection.  
The HC bench of Justice A H M Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain passed the order following a report published in The Daily Samakal on August 7.  
The report stated that Asaf-ud-Daula on August 6 at a roundtable organised by Mukti Andolon at National Press Club raised questions about the neutrality of the court.

He reportedly said lawyers still look for neutral courts (bench) in the higher court to move their cases.  
He urged the judges not to think of themselves as gods, the report said.  
According to the report, Asaf-ud Daula said why it cannot be said when justices take bribes and it is not understandable why it would be a contempt of court if it is said.  
He also raised a question why lawyers use black coloured coats and gowns in the country when there are other colours.  
Supreme Court lawyer Sheikh Ali Ahmed Khokon yesterday placed the news item before the HC bench, saying that Asaf-ud Daula's derogatory remarks have damaged dignity and integrity of the apex court.  
These comments will have an adverse effect on the people when they think of this court and its judges, Khokon said.

## 'Debate to help develop knowledge society'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid said practice of debate is essential to build knowledge based society.  
He was speaking as the chief guest at the grand final and award giving ceremony of a parliamentary-style debate competition organised by ATN Bangla yesterday.  
The speaker said parliamentary-style debate has to be continued to build a nation

of high thinkers. He said it is a milestone that some 40 lawmakers have graced the programme as guest speakers since the beginning of the programme organised by Youth Parliament.  
Shaheed Bir Uttam Lt Anwar Girls' College was the treasury bench while SOS Hermann Gmeiner College in the opposition in the final debate competition titled "This parliament thinks government has to play a bold role to make Dhaka livable for future generation".  
Anwar Girls' College became champion while SOS Hermann Gmeiner College was adjudged runners up.  
Mashrura Mariam Oyshi of Anwar Girls' College secured first place while Maisha Samiha Semonti of Rajshahi New Government Degree College and Ismat Murshid Khan of Rajuk Uttara Model College jointly secured second position. Babri Islam Tuli of Motijheel Ideal School and College and Raihanul Amin of Cambrian College jointly became third best debater.  
State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan Khan distributed prizes among the winners.  
ATN Bangla chief adviser Saiful Bari, adviser of programme section Nawajish Ali Khan and BSB foundation chairman MK Bashar spoke at the programme.  
Chairman of Debate for Democracy Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron moderated the programme. About 200 young debaters from 32 top ranking educational institutions took part in the competition.



PHOTO: COURTESY  
Winners of the debate competition (Shaheed Bir Uttam Lt Anwar Girls' College -- champion and SOS Hermann Gmeiner College -- runners up) pose for photographs with chief guest Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid, sitting third from right, and special guest Abdul Mannan Khan, second from right, after the prize giving ceremony.

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