

Build leadership skills of new generation

Say speakers

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Speakers at a conference here yesterday stressed the need for building leadership skills of the new generation to lead the country properly in the future competitive world.

They observed that there is no alternative to strong leadership in making a successful democracy.

The daylong conference titled "Leadership, civic engagement and new media" was held at Asian University for Women (AUW) in the city.

Centre for Leadership Assistance and Promotion (CLAP) organised the conference in cooperation with The Daily Star, Bangladesh School of Debate and United Nations Youth and Students Association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB).

Vice Provost for International Faculty Exchanges and Programmes of AUW Prof Sangita Rayamajhi was the chief guest at the opening session of the conference with its Convener Moumita Basak making the welcome address.

Speakers said it is high time to prepare the

future leaders to remove all barriers to the society's welfare and development.

They also said the country's youth have a bright future for leadership since they have courage and potentials.

Leadership does not only mean political leadership but is something connected with morality where a leader is always capable of carrying out the thought and norms of society.

During the programme, faculty members of AUW also conducted sessions on different topics like new media and leadership. A teleconference on "Self leadership" was also held with Toronto University Leadership Club.

Students of Dhaka University, Chittagong University (CU), AUW, Premier University and Independent University of Bangladesh participated in the conference.

Prof ABM Masud Mahmood of English Department of CU, Chittagong Bureau In-charge of The Daily Star AKM Raisul Huq Bahar, President of UNYSAB Wasim Newaz and Chairman of Bangladesh School of Debate Saiful Abedin were present as special guests.



Vice Provost for International Faculty Exchanges and Programmes of Asian University for Women (AUW) Prof Sangita Rayamajhi speaks at a conference titled "Leadership, civic engagement and new media" at the university in the port city of Chittagong yesterday.

50 hurt in Habiganj feud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

About 50 persons were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers of Baniachang in the district yesterday.

Thirty-one of the injured were admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital. Three injured, including two women, were sent to Dhaka with critical condition.

Rivals loyal to Zafar member Tajul Islam and Zafar Ali of Kumrudurgapur village locked in the clash over a piece of land, said police and locals.

Village women also joined the over one-hour long clash, which ended after police intervention.

Baniachang Police Station Officer-in-charge Jalal Uddin said the clash is followed by a long-standing dispute over lands between Tajul and Zafar.

Hindu priest killed in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Hindu priest was killed during a clash between the management committee of Shonai Kali Temple and its rival group at Nashibganj Bazar in Pirganj upazila on Thursday evening.

The deceased was identified as Shashi Mohan Barman, 70, priest of the temple.

Officer-in-Charge Abdul Hamid of Pirganj Police Station said Shubhendranath Barman, vice-president of the temple management committee and son of the priest, went to Nashibganj Bazar to collect contributions for upcoming Kali Puja.

A rival group of the committee led by Shontosh and his three accomplices came to the bazar and engaged in an altercation with Shubhendranath.

Shashi arrived at the spot just as the two groups started fighting and at one stage he was hit with a stick, leaving him dead on the spot.

On information, police recovered the body from the spot and sent it to the district sadar hospital yesterday for autopsy.

Shubhendranath filed a murder case with the police station yesterday accusing four people including Shontosh.

Don't torture children

Urge speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The killers of Sheikh Russel wanted to wipe out patriots and honest politicians from the country and so they killed him, said Dr Syed Modasser Ali, health adviser to the prime minister, yesterday.

"Russel was killed so that they could initiate bad politics in the country," he said without mentioning any name.

He told a roundtable on the theme of this year's World Children's Day and National Children's Week 2010 at Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Sheikh Russel Shishu Sangsad organised the roundtable marking 46th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Dr Modasser said, "It will help ensure proper mental growth of the children if we refrain from physical torture on them."

The kids become honest in their life if they are not tortured physically, he said, urging all ensure safety of the domestic help in the respective houses.

Dhaka University VCAAMS Arefin Siddique said, "We have to believe in real sense the saying that children are the future of tomorrow."

Sheikh Russel Shishu Sangsad President Sultana Shafi and Petrobangla Chairman Hossain Mansur also spoke.

New Pabna DC seeks help from politicians

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Pabna district administration yesterday sought assistance from people of all sections to work for the country's development.

The district administration organised the first view-exchange meeting with government officials and ruling party leaders since the September 17 untoward incident that made the district administration activities come to a standstill during the last few weeks.

Newly appointed Pabna District Commissioner (DC) Md Mostafizur Rahman and Pabna Superintendent of Police Jahangir Hossain Matobbar, lawmaker of Pabna-4 constituency and President of Pabna district unit Awami League (AL) Shamsur Rahman Sarif and veteran politician Advocate Amzad Hossain spoke on the occasion.

Shamsul Hoque Tuku, state minister for home and secretary of Pabna district unit AL, stressed on the district administration to work with public representatives with a compromising attitude.

The administrative officials have to honour the public representatives, said Tuku.

He said, "Both public representatives and administrative officials are responsible to the people."

"So the officials should lead the administration in cooperation with the public representatives."

He also stressed that the administration

should carry out their work efficiently to ensure development.

Seeking assistance from politicians, the new DC said they have come as a government employee to the district that is really the political leader's homeland.

He said, "We are the guests of your district and so expect your (political leaders) cordial reception."

"We are ready to carry out the government programmes. But we need the assistance from the political leaders and the public representatives to establish the government's dream."

"In our work there might be some error but you (political leaders) should correct us."

SP Jahangir said cooperation between political leaders and public representatives is essential in every step of a democratic country.

On September 17, ruling party men assaulted the Pabna district administration officials during staff recruitment examination in two centres.

The attack was the outcome of a feud between the then DC AFM Monjur Kadir and local lawmaker Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince.

Later, the government withdrew the DC, SP Jamil Ahmed of Pabna Police and also two ADC's from Pabna administration and appointed the new officials in these posts to alleviate the situation.



Bangabandhu Sanskritik Jote lights candles in front of Shikha Chirantan (Eternal Flame) at Suhrawardy Udyan in the city yesterday demanding immediate trial of the war criminals.

Valuables worth Tk 50 lakh looted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A gang of armed men looted valuables and cash worth about Tk 50 lakh from a factory in the district's Ghior upazila on Thursday night, officials claimed.

Abdul Ahad Masud, administrative officer of Takwa Pure Drinking Water Factory, said about 25 masked men entered the factory beating up the security guards around 12:00am and looted cash and valuables.

Ghior Police Station OC Azizur said the incident was not a robbery, but a theft.

Factory Director Abdus Sobhan Sadik Tipu lodged complaint with the police.

11 PSI firms submit EoI to NBR

UNB, Dhaka

Eleven Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) companies submitted their Expression of Interest (EoI) to the National Board of Revenue (NBR) aiming to get contracts for the next two years.

Thursday was the last date to submit the EoI.

The companies submitting EoIs include Intertake Testing Services (ITS), SGS, Bureau Veritas (BIVAC), OMIC, Cotecna, Baltic Control, TUV Rheinland, Ravi Energie Inc and Engineering Bureau International.

NBR Sources said PSI companies would be appointed based on their experience, past record and reputation both in local and international perspective.

Four companies -- ITS, BIVAC, SGS and OMIC -- have

been doing the jobs of PSI services in Bangladesh now under the five blocks of the global countries.

Cotecna was also appointed to do the PSI activities, but on March 19, 2008, NBR cancelled the certificate of M/S Cotecna Inspection SA for serious irregularities.

NBR said the certificate was cancelled under the Pre-shipment Inspection Rules 2002, for violation of law and rules by the company.

Cotecna was assigned to give Clean Reports of Findings (CRF) for Block B (China, Thailand, Korea (North and South), the Philippines and Cambodia) and Block D (Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea).

Appeal for help

DU CORRESPONDENT


A youth, Zubayer Ahmed Babu, who has been suffering from vital diseases in brain and heart, makes an appeal for help to save his life.

First time his open-heart surgery was done in 2004. His heart valve has two holes with blockage in one side of the artery and the disease he has been suffering from is called TOE

Brain stroke for the second time in 2006 hampered the treatment. Dr Colonel Omar Hasan prescribed his immediate treatment in India. He needs much more money for his brain and heart treatment.

In such a helpless state, the ailing youth made a fervent appeal to the well-off people for coming forward with financial assistance to save his life.

One can send money to saving account- Zubayer Ahmed Babu, 108101, 318402, Dhak Bangle Bank Limited (DBBL), Santinagar Branch, Dhaka.



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