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TEACHERS OF ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

# Retirement age raised to 65 yrs

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday announced that the retirement age of 65 will be applicable for teachers of all the 34 public universities of the country.

The announcement came when a delegation of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) met her at her office and placed their grievances. Fbuta President Prof Dr Khandaker Bazlul Haque led the delegation.

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed the newsmen after the meeting.

Only in four universities - Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Jahangirnagar - out of 34 public universities, the teachers

used to enjoy the retirement age of 65 while in other universities the retirement age is 60.

The prime minister told the delegation that her government attaches top most priority to education sector. She underscored the need for maintaining academic atmosphere in all campuses.

She requested the teachers to give much more attention to research works for larger interest of the nation. "Without fundamental research works, a nation cannot progress much," she said.

The premier said her government is attaching high importance on research activities.

She observed that researchers should

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Autistic children selling toys, they made themselves, in a four-day-long fair organised at Autism Welfare Foundation in Mohammadpur, Dhaka yesterday. The fair was launched to mark World Autism Awareness Day and the seven year anniversary of the foundation.

PHOTO:  
SHAWKAT JAMIL

Govt to ban mobile use by teachers at classroom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to stop teachers from using cellphones in classrooms and examination halls, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday.

"The education ministry will issue a gazette notification in a day or two..." he said.

The minister made the announcement at the Child Parliament Session 2011 titled "Education and Good Governance" organised by Child Parliament in association with Save the Children Australia, Manusher

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ROAD CRASH  
Student's death sparks protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Narayanganj

Traffic movement on Dhaka-Sylhet and Dhaka-Chittagong highways came to a halt for an hour following the death of a university student in a road accident near Kanchpur Bridge in Narayanganj yesterday.

Tayeb Nur  
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BSF kills 1 in Naogaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Chapainawabganj

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader and injured another at Nitpur frontier in Porsha upazila of Naogaon yesterday.

The dead Mohammad Sanaullah, 32, and injured Nazmul Hossain, 45, are residents of Rokonpur village in Gomostapur upazila of Chapainawabganj.

Members of BSF from Agrabad camp opened fire on them around 4:00am

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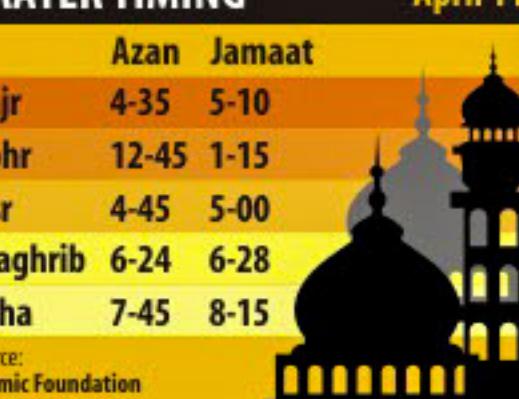
Bangladeshis continue to flee Libya

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The migrant inflow from violence-stricken Libya continues as 36 more Bangladeshis have crossed into Tunisia where 565 others await repatriation.

Of the 565 stranded Bangladeshis, 306 are expected to fly Biman

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PRAYER TIMING

April 11

Azan Jamaat

Fajr 4:35 5:10

Zohr 12:45 1:15

Asr 4:45 5:00

Maghrib 6:24 6:28

Esha 7:45 8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Change constitution thru nat'l consensus

*Roundtable suggests assessing public opinion through BTV*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A national consensus is needed before bringing any amendment to the constitution, said constitution experts and eminent citizens at a roundtable yesterday.

Some of them suggested using the Bangladesh Television to assess public opinions, while some suggested formation of a constitution commission or an expert committee.

The roundtable on Constitutional Amendment: Relative Thoughts and

Citizen's Concern was organised by Shushashoner Jonney Nagarik (Shujan), a platform of civil society members, at the Jatiya Press Club.

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain said there should be national unity on bringing an amendment to the constitution. The national broadcasting media should be used in bringing people's voice about it and creating a national consensus, he added.

"The court's verdict regarding

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