

# UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY 7,000 students to stand in for street children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Volunteers for Bangladesh (VBD), a wing of Jaago Foundation, will celebrate Universal Children's Day (UCD) through a grand event named "UCD 2011" campaign across the country tomorrow.

Clad in yellow T-shirt, around 7,000 VBD volunteers, who are students of different English and Bangla medium schools, colleges, and universities, will hang about the busiest traffic points in 10 districts and sell flowers and other items to people with a view to creating awareness about the UCD.

The volunteers will present a day of respite to around 1,800 disadvantaged street children by swapping places with them. The rootless children, on the other hand, will be taken to various amusement parks in the respective districts where they would spend a carefree day, having fun rides, nutritious foods, and free health check-up.

The volunteers will also distribute brochures about UCD 2011 and Jaago Foundation to raise funds for the children. Jaago Foundation, a youth based organisation devoted to offering a positive and brighter future to the children of slums, detailed the programme at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

"We celebrate many special days including Valentine's Day, New Year's Day but we do not celebrate Children's Day properly. What we want is let people know the day which was declared internationally to inform citizens of child's rights", Korvi Rakshand, founder of the foundation, said.

The children, who sell flowers, popcorns and other items on 365 days at the traffic signals to earn livelihood, go starve if they do not work, he said. "Our idea is let them pass a day as children."

Around 80 percent of the country's population is youth and they have to be provided with proper scope to work, he said.

Korvi said they launched the event in 2009 with 500 volunteers who did exactly what street children do at the traffic signals in Dhaka city while 500 street children were taken to Wonderland Amusement Park.

Last year, the day was celebrated with 1,000 children while 2,000 volunteers put themselves in the shoes of these children, he said.

He said this year around 2,700 volunteers will do the work at 20 traffic points in Dhaka city from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and the street children will be at the Wonderland.

Korvi said the foundation set up an English medium school exclusively for the underprivileged children at free of cost. The school now caters education for 600 students in three branches, he added.

Lauren Lovelace, director of American Centre, and Nazim Farhan Chowdhury, managing director of Adcomm Ltd, also spoke at the conference.

Supported by the US Embassy, the event is sponsored by Airtel, Pizza Hut, KFC, Austan, Fareast Ltd, Wonderland, Green World, Prescription Point, and TTL.



Lauren Lovelace speaks during a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. On her left are Jaago Foundation founder Korvi Rakshand and Nazim Farhan Chowdhury.

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## Vote for Sundarbans to create jobs: Azad

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad yesterday said if the Sundarbans is voted as the seven wonders of the world, it will create more job opportunities in Bangladesh.

"Vote Sundarbans through Short Message System (SMS), so that it can earn not only name and fame; but also economic emancipation of the people," said the minister at the inaugural session of 11-day "Jatiya Sundarbans Manch" on Dhaka University campus.

Bangladesh Wonders Promotion Foundation (BWPF) and Khulna Divisional Association jointly organised the event seeking votes for Sundarbans.

Campaign and voting for Sundarbans will continue from 3:00pm to 5:30pm till November 11.

Chairman of Jatiya Sundarbans Manch and Chief Engineer of Road and Highways Directorate Md Abdul Quddus presided over the programme.

Deputy Chief Forest Conservator Sheikh Mizanur Rahman, Managing Director of Oshan Group Khandaker Ali Azam and noted singer Fakir Alamgir were present on the occasion.

## GLOBAL CLIMATE SUPPORT

# Vulnerable countries to speak up with one voice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The climate vulnerable countries like Bangladesh will speak up with one voice for global support for climate change adaptation at the oncoming Durban climate summit this December, two ministers said at a press conference yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni and State Minister for Environment and Forests Dr Hasan Mahmud addressed the joint press conference at the foreign ministry.

A grouping of 32 countries, most vulnerable to climate change impacts, fashioned as Climate Vulnerable Forum, is set to meet in Dhaka in mid-November to forge a common agenda for Durban negotiation.

Hasan Mahmud said the forum is to forge a united voice to raise the vulnerable countries' concerns for release of green climate fund and fast-start fund for adaptation and technology transfer without condition for mitigation measures at Durban.

The forum meeting also aims at creating public awareness of the vulnerability issues and challenges globally and take those to the international actors and advocates in the climate negotiations, said Dipu Moni.

It is expected to forge an opportunity for the vulnerable countries to take the momentum of Cancun negotiation further for global support to combat climate change, she said.

External migration due to climate-induced displacement among other consequences is going to be inevitable, she said.

Replying to a question, Dr Hasan Mahmud said 66 percent of Tk 1,400 crore of Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund is spent for 62 government projects through various ministries during the past two fiscals.

The development partners have agreed so far to contribute US\$ 125 million to climate change resilience fund as grant, he said.

Climate Vulnerable Forum was founded in the Maldives in 2009 with countries from Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. Bangladesh as incoming chair will host its third ministerial meeting on November 14 to be preceded by a high officials' meeting the previous day in cooperation with the UNDP, Madrid-based NGO Dara, and CDKN of London.

A total of 28 observer countries are invited to attend the meeting.

## Dhaka meet in mid-November to forge a common agenda for Durban negotiation

## SC okays bail to Sheershanews editor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that granted bail to Ekramul Haque, editor of Sheershanews.com, in connection with an extortion case.

Khandaker Mahbub Hossain, Ekramul's counsel, told The Daily Star that there is no legal bar to his client's release from jail following the SC order.

Justice M Imman Ali, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of SC, did not pass order on a government petition against the HC order after holding hearing on it, said Khandakar adding that now the HC order of bail to Ekramul will remain valid.

The government recently filed a petition with the SC seeking a stay of the October 25 HC order that granted bail to Ekramul for four months.

On July 28, Gias Uddin Talukdar, a businessman from Chittagong, filed the case with Kalabagan Police Station against Ekramul on charge of extorting Tk 20 lakh from him.

Police arrested the online news agency editor two days later.

## Dump leftovers of slaughtered animals on Eid properly

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday emphasised the government's effective measures for proper management of waste, blood and leftovers of sacrificial animals to prevent environment pollution during Eid-ul-Azha.

Blood, bones and entrails of sacrificial animals can be transformed into resources like fish food and fertiliser through proper recycling. So, initiative should be taken in this regard, they said.

Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba) and Eastern University jointly organised the seminar at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday, said a press release.

Their other demands include setting up zonal slaughtering house, creating public awareness and formation of special team at every locality for proper management of wastes.

Poba Chairman Abu Naser Khan, Eastern University Vice Chancellor Dr Nurul Islam, among others, spoke at the event.



## Kalim Sharafi's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Kalim Sharafi, a cultural revolutionary and prominent singer.

He was also the founder of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha.

On the occasion, Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha will organise a memorial meeting titled "Tobu Mone Rekho" at the Public Library auditorium at Shahabag in the city at 6:30pm today, says a press release.

Reminiscences, photo exhibition, screening of the video songs of Kalim Sharafi and Saron Sangeet will be features of the programme.

He trod along the cultural way for making people politically conscious, especially during the struggle against British colonial rule, the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971 and movement launched in independent Bangladesh in 1991 against the war criminals.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Resident students take part in the last day session of an earthquake drill at Rokeya Hall, Dhaka University yesterday. The three-day emergency exercise was organised by Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence Directorate in association with three development organisations.

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# Redesigning of Social Islami Bank Ltd logo & Selecting suitable corporate colour

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