



British Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell addresses a discussion in the city office of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday. On his right is Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, and on his left is Gwen Hines, country representative of Department for International Development (DfID). PHOTO: MJF

UK to help improve quality of primary education

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United Kingdom will help improve the quality of education of 16.5 million children, recruit and train 35,000 new teachers and construct 30,000 new classrooms in Bangladesh, UK's Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell announced yesterday.

The support will be provided over a period of 5 years up to 2016.

"I am delighted to announce today Britain's support for the Bangladesh government's third Primary Education Development Programme, which will deliver effective and relevant child-friendly learning to 16.5 million girls and boys in Bangladesh," he said after a meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhith at the secretariat in Dhaka.

He added that this support will improve the quality of education in Bangladesh and bring long-term economic benefits.

Mitchell, who is now on a three-day official visit to Bangladesh, also re-affirmed Britain's support to the health sector programme in Bangladesh that will help over 6 million

women to give birth safely, 2.4 million pregnant women to have access to antenatal care and over 16 million children to be immunised.

He appreciated Bangladesh's progress on the Millennium Development Goals including the achievement of 96% enrolment in primary education and gender parity.

"These are fantastic results. But learning efficiency, quality and achievement in schools remain low. Only 60% of the children who enroll complete primary education," he observed.

Meanwhile, Mitchell at a meeting with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at the latter's office lauded Bangladesh for her leadership in global climate change negotiations and assured Bangladesh of development cooperation expansion from the next year.

Acknowledging the UK as one of the key bilateral development and trade partners, Dipu said the government had taken numerous steps, including operationalisation of the National Human Rights Commission and the Right to Information Commission aiming to strengthen democracy and rule of the law in the country.

UK minister visits MJF office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UK Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell visited the city office of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday as part of his three-day official visit to Bangladesh.

During a discussion there, leaders and members of the Dalit community briefed Andrew Mitchell on the problems they face and how UKaid funding is helping to improve the situation.

MJF representatives also elaborated the programmes being carried out by the organisation in this regard.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, moderated the discussion where Gwen Hines, country representative of the Department for International Development, was present, says a press release.

MJF, a non-government organisation funding 113 organisations working on human rights and governance all over Bangladesh, is supported by UKaid and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dhaka.



Summit Group Chairman Muhammad Aziz Khan hands over a cheque for Tk 25 lakh to Biswa Sahitya Kendra President Abdullah Abu Sayeed at Biswa Sahitya Kendra in the city yesterday for the Kendra's mobile libraries. PHOTO: COURTESY

Road crashes have gone up: PM

Hasina condoles loss of lives in Bandarban

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of president of Thanchi Sadar union unit of the party Ula Ching Marma and 16 others in a road accident at Bandarban on Saturday.

Deputy Office Secretary of Awami League Mrinal Kanti Das in a release said the premier in a message of condolence observed that the number of road accidents has increased in recent times causing death of many people and leaving many others crippled for lifelong.

Hasina asked drivers, owners, transport workers, law enforcing agencies and passengers to become careful and take necessary steps to check such fatal accidents.

She prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the members of the bereaved families.

Cold claims six lives in Kurigram

UNB, Dhaka

Six people died in Kurigram in the last 72 hours ending 6:00am on Sunday due to cold related complications, said hospital and family sources.

The deceased are Buraburir Parvin, 25, Asia Beowa, 65, Aymona Beowa, 62, Nuruzzamn, 40, Fazlul Haque, 55, and Deldar, 46, hailing from different parts of the district.

Meanwhile, people remained stuck inside their homes as rain and dense fog disrupted normal life. Mohammad Majnur Rahman, the upazila agriculture official, said the minimum temperature recorded in the town was 10 degrees Celsius.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdullah Al Kafi Ratan and Hasan Hafizur Rahman Sohel were elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh Jubo Union, the youth front of Communist Party of Bangladesh.

Khan Asaduzzaman Masum was elected organising secretary of a 61-member central committee of the organisation at a two-day long convention on Saturday. A 151-member National Parishad was also formed.

Rallies before power offices Jan 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports will hold rallies in front of all power offices across the country at 11:00am on January 18, including

Power Development Board in the city, says a press release.

The committee announced the programme protesting the police attack on the leaders and activists on December 29 during their march towards energy ministry.

The committee is charting different programmes to realise its seven-point demand, including cancellation of rental power plant agreements and gas export deal with ConocoPhillips, and implementation of Phulbari agreement.



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