

Proper registration

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the employers in our country do not follow it properly."

"The government ought to force the employers to follow the registration process and monitor whether they are doing so," he stressed.

The employers have to build safe, compatible infrastructures in line with the building code as it is the key to ensuring workplace safety and labour rights, said Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal President Anwar Hossain.

Echoing Anwar, Abdul Shahidullah Chowdhury, a trade union leader, suggested forming an institution to monitor such issues as giving compensations and rehabilitation of wounded workers.

Another trade union leader, Abdul Mukit Khan, said, "Before thinking of reparations, we must think of ensuring workplace safety in order to curb occupational fatalities."

The programme's chief guest Syed Ahmed, inspector general at the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, said his organisation needed more manpower to properly inspect factories and infrastructures.

"Currently, we have only 264 staff and are planning to propose the government increase it to 2,500," he added.

Prof MM Akash of Dhaka University, National Human Rights Commission Director (admin and finance) Israt Hossain, BILS Chairman Habibur Rahman Siraj, its Executive Director Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed and Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation Chairman Abdus Salam Khan also spoke.

Rushanara to discuss

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"Her visit is a timely opportunity to discuss our commitments, to build prosperity for both our countries, supporting Bangladesh's economic development, and to identify ways to further strengthen our commercial and trade ties," Blake said.

During her visit the trade envoy will meet members of the British business community in Bangladesh, industry and business leaders, political leaders and senior members of the government.

Labour Party MP Rushanara Ali has been the shadow minister for education and international development and a member of the Parliamentary Treasury Select Committee. She currently serves as a member of the Parliamentary Select Committee for Energy and Climate Change.

The UK has strong business interests in Bangladesh, with over 240 British companies operating in sectors including retail, banking, energy, infrastructure, consultancy and education with main centres of operation in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet. The UK is also the third single largest destination for exports from Bangladesh.

Rushanara reached Dhaka on Saturday and is scheduled to leave Thursday.

Ivy wants Siddhiganj

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came up with several pledges including construction of a bridge on the Shitalakhya river, reducing holding tax and trade license fee, if elected mayor.

Several central leaders of Jubo League, a youth front of AL, and Jatiyatabadi Chakra Dal, a student body of BNP, visited Narayanganj for conducting campaigns for Ivy and Shakhawat respectively.

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A ceremony at a Gulshan hotel in Dhaka on Saturday where Nestlé Bangladesh Ltd was given "JAABS THANK YOU" award by Jahangirnagar Alumni Association of Business Students (JAABS) for the company's support to IBA-JU graduates, celebrating 25 years of IBA-JU. Nestlé Bangladesh Human Resource Director Durdana Kabir received the award from JU Associate Professor Sheikh Mohammed Rafiul Huque, Naqib Khan, director of Corporate Affairs of the company; and Faheem Tanvir Ahmed, president of JAABS, were also present.

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Apollo offers breast cancer detection kit

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Apollo Hospitals Dhaka for the first time in Bangladesh is introducing Gamma probe for early detection of breast cancer. With the instrument identifying suspected cancer cells, patients now can avoid unnecessary armpit surgery, postoperative major morbidities like upper limb swelling, continuous pain, infection etc.

Jamdani designs

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Abdul Jabbar, a weaver, said if they get quality threads and monetary support, they could be able to weave more clothes.

Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Akbari Momtaz, Bangladesh National Museum Director General Faizul Latif Chowdhury and Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts of University of Dhaka Nisar Hossain also spoke.



Female UP members

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Kastontina Hasda, female member of Dewpara UP under Godagari upazila of Rajshahi, said in most cases the chairman and male members kept them in the dark about activities of the UP.

"For example, the chairman has recently set up some tube-wells in my areas. But I know nothing about it. How many tube-wells have been allotted to my area, where would they be set up, and what is the source of the fund?" she said.

Presenting a keynote paper, BLAST official Tajul Islam said at least a third of the safety net programmes like VGD, VGF, widow allowance, elderly allowance, and others should be implemented by female members, but in reality, women's involvement with implementing such activities was very low.

In absence of the chairman, a female member along with two other male members is supposed to perform duties of the chairman, but in reality, the female member hardly gets the chance, he said in the paper.

Lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha, also member of the parliamentary standing committee on the LGRD ministry, said women empowerment must be ensured for strengthening local government bodies that was the prime prerequisite for flourishing democracy.

He opined for direct budgetary allocations for local government bodies so that rural people really get the benefit.

Shirin Akhter, general secretary of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu), said the state and administration should extend all-out cooperation for enforcing law relating to women's rights.

She also urged women to raise their voice together for establishing their rights.

However, Local Government Division's Deputy Secretary Mahabubur Rahman said his ministry had already taken different initiatives for empowering women who were elected representatives of different local government bodies.



On December 14, 2016, a sad event occurred in Jeddore, Bangladesh, where a Chinese citizen was brutally murdered by a local employee.

After learning of the incident, the Overseas Chinese have expressed its extreme shock and attention to this event and pay close attention to the follow-up progress. The Overseas Chinese Association in Bangladesh (OCAB) was informed of the incident and immediately went to the incident site, visited CRIME AND CRIMINALS and DISTRICT SPECIAL BRANCH, for the details of this event.

According to the work-team in OCAB, Bangladesh police attaches great importance to this event. They not only support our work but also cooperate with our work-team. They also sent two policewomen to take care of the families of the deceased. The OCAB will always appreciate for the police cracked the case at the first time. The police in Bangladesh said they would severely punish the murderer in accordance with the law. OCAB said that the profound friendship between China and Bangladesh has been embodied at this time. We will continue to pay attention to the follow-up progress of this incident and awaiting for the arrival of justice.



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Govt working to check terror

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the workshop to make government officials aware of the UN Resolutions that mandate terrorist designation and asset freezing.

Shahidul Haque said Bangladesh had always been pro-active in that area including introducing new legislations to comprehensively deal with the issue. He also laid emphasis on monitoring how money flows in and goes out.

Addressing the session as chief guest, the NBR chairman said terror financing had been a big problem but Bangladesh had made bold strides in strengthening its legal and regulatory regimes on combating terrorism and financing of terrorism.

He said Bangladesh was one of the first countries to act on UN resolutions and confiscate goods defined illegal by the resolutions. He said the customs could play a very strong role in stopping terror financing.

Nojibur Rahman said NBR would work

on five principals -- coordination, cooperation, coherence, commitment, and courage.

Some 35 participants, mostly from Bangladesh customs, including Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, are taking part in the workshop.

The UN Security Council has the mandate to designate individuals and entities as terrorists and impose obligation to the member states to freeze assets and funds and restrict travel of those designated as terrorists for preventing flow of terror financing.

Foreign ministry officials said the workshop was customised for the immigration and customs officials who are responsible for dealing with this task at the immigration and border entry points. It will provide, according to them, "a thorough orientation on the process and guidelines for effective implementation of these UN restrictions or sanctions".

Migrants protected neither

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employment ministry, Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, also expressed frustration over the government's failure to reduce migration costs.

"In the past, we noticed many irregularities regarding the recruitment process and migration costs. The good thing is the scenario is changing," he said.

Md Sharifur Alam, state minister for foreign affairs, said irregular migration was still a problem as some Bangladeshis tried to go to Malaysia and European countries by sea.

Expatriates' Welfare Minister Nurul Islam, however, said the government succeeded to reduce brokers and dishonest

recruiters' influence in the migration sector.

Addressing the programme, Selim Reza, director general of Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET), hoped that at least 20 lakh Bangladeshis would get overseas employment in different labour receiving countries within the next five years.

Twelve non-resident Bangladeshis received the award of commercially important persons (CIPs) at the programme, for their outstanding contribution to the country's economy by bringing in foreign currencies and trading Bangladeshi products abroad in 2015.

Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Begum Shamsun Nahar, among others, also spoke.

Disbursement cumbersome

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countries is meagre, but it comes with a variety of conditions.

He said the bilateral development partners had committed \$190 million since the Bangladesh Climate Change Resilient Fund was established in 2011. However, till date, they released only \$130 million, noted the economist who is also chairman of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation.

The developed countries disburse the climate funds through an international agency, which has its own methods for managing the fund and in the process the agency deducts an interest of 12 to 13 percent, he added.

"They [developed countries] don't want to channel the fund through any domestic organisation" and the process is very cumbersome, he told

The Daily Star on the sideline of the workshop.

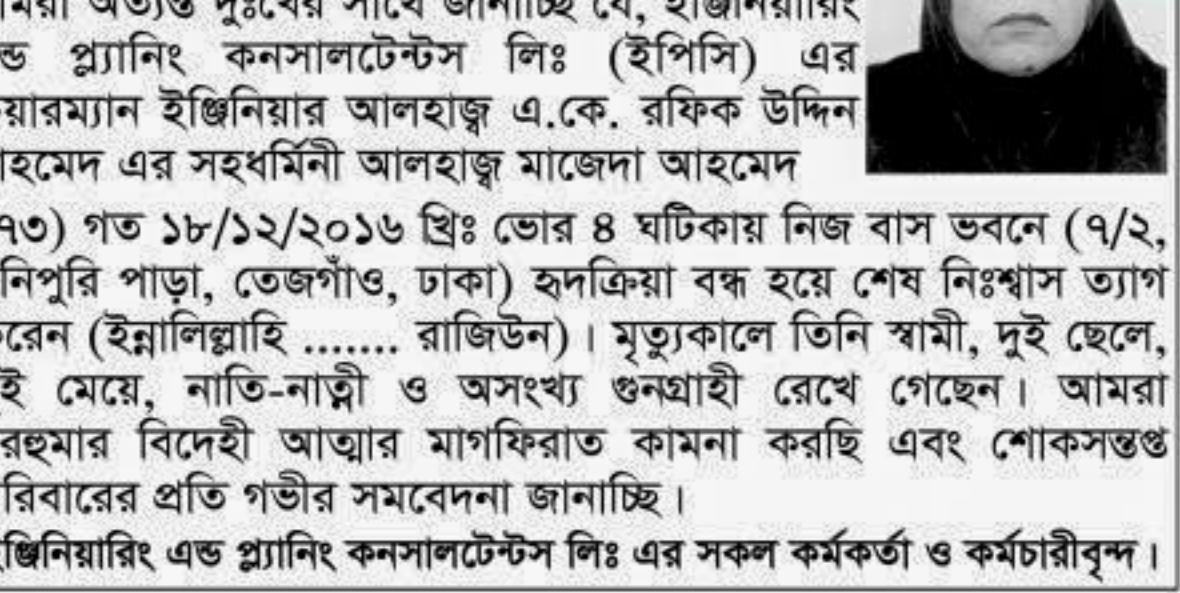
"Shortage of money is hindering many of the activities that address climate change impacts," Dr Kholiquzzaman said.

Addressing as the chief guest, finance minister Muhith said the objective of the SDG, in principle, is to ensure that development works are sustainable and no one is excluded from the programme during the process.

Despite all the setbacks, he hoped that Bangladesh would achieve the SDGs well before the stipulated time of 2030.

UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, Robert D Watkins, said improving quality of development is the mainstay of the SDGs. Apart from economic and social development, there must be environmental development as well, he noted.

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Corrigendum No. 01, Date: 14.12.2016

Following corrigendum has been made to the Tender No. 54.01.0000.015.01.015.16 date: 13.11.2016 regarding "Invitation for tender for lease/rent of optical fiber cores of Bangladesh Railway."

All other terms and conditions of the above tender will remain unchanged.

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Mr. Obaidur Rahman
Chairman



Dr. Nadera Saberin
Vice Chairman

Following the 15th & 16th Annual General Meetings of the Company held in Dhaka recently, Board of Directors of Padma Islami Life Insurance Ltd. unanimously elected Mr. A.F.M. Obaidur Rahman as Chairman and Dr. Nadera Saberin as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2016-17.

Mr. Obaidur Rahman is a successful businessman and former Secretary General of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society. Dr. Nadera Saberin is a Medical Practitioner. Both of them are sponsor directors of the company.



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Amendment of Tender Notice

(Amendment No -1)

Project Title : Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant), Gopalganj

Tender Name : Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning, Qualification and Validation for Generation & Distribution of Purified Water, Water for Injection and Pure Steam etc.

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Notice S.I. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing as	Shall be Amended as
14	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	27 December, 2016, Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)	15 January, 2017 at 05:00 PM (Local Time)
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	29 December, 2016, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time	