



Participants at a roundtable organised by Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) on "Reimagining education for a rapidly changing world" at the Chittagong Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday.

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## Unified education system needed for 21st century

BYLC discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs a unified education system in order to equip the young generation with skills required in the 21st century, speakers told a discussion in Chittagong city yesterday.

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), the country's first leadership institute, organised the roundtable on "Reimagining education for a rapidly changing world" at the Chittagong Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

A total of 17 principals from Bangla and English medium schools and madrasas took part in the discussion. They talked about how the existing curricula can adapt to the changing realities of the present day world. Reflecting on Bangladesh's education system, speakers also discussed new

teaching methods, and challenges and opportunities in the era of technological advancement.

They said the curricula need to be developed to meet the needs of students. At the same time, they laid emphasis on values-based education.

Speaking as the chief guest, Aminul Islam Khan, additional secretary at Secondary and Higher Education Division of education ministry, said educators should focus on effective learning process and enabling environment to make education more rewarding.

Ejaj Ahmad, founder and president of BYLC, moderated the programme.

He said, "Both skills and values are equally important to create ethical, socially responsible, and economically productive citizens. Schools alone cannot accomplish this, unless parents play an active role."

## Khaleda should get

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was still in the bank.

He also criticised the government for appealing to the court for staying her bail.

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain, the chief guest, said people want multi-party democracy in the country. "But the time has come to understand what would be the role of the parties. They cannot do whatever they want according to their whim."

Even if a party wins the majority seats, it does not have the power to do whatever it wants as it is "controlled" by the Constitution. "They cannot touch the basic structures of the Constitution even if they have 300 seats in the parliament."

None of the governments have earned acceptability by "defying" the fundamentals of the 1972 Constitution. And no one would be able to do so in the future, said the Gonoforum president.

The 1972 Constitution says all powers in the Republic belong to the people, not an individual, he said. A person can exercise his or her power granted by the Constitution. If the person crosses that limit while exercising power, the court has the right to term it unconstitutional, said Dr Kamal.

The court can even cancel amendments, he added.

Sohel Rana's mother jailed for corruption

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced Rana Plaza owner Sohel Rana's mother to six years' imprisonment for amassing wealth illegally and concealing her wealth information.

The court also fined Morzina Begum Tk 20,000 and further ordered confiscation of over Tk 6.67 crore and one-third of her property on Savar Bazar road.

Judge KM Imrul Kayes of the Special Judge Court-6 delivered the verdict in her presence.

This is the first time, one of the family members of Sohel Rana, was convicted.

On 12 April in 2015, Anti-Corruption Commission filed a case with Ramna Police Station against Morzina for allegedly amassing wealth illegally and giving false wealth statement.

On August 29, 2016, the ACC pressed charges against her and the court framed charges against her on August 28 last year.

On May 21 last year, another Dhaka court framed charges against 10 people including Morzina, her husband Abdul Khalek and Sohel Rana in a case filed for accumulating wealth illegally.

The anti-graft watchdog started investigating Rana's wealth after the Rana Plaza collapsed on 24 April in 2013, which left 1,136 people killed and about 2,515 others injured.

Morzina, one of the owners of Rana Plaza, was also charged with two other cases -- one for killing and the other for building code violation.

## NEWS IN brief

### Washington mayor declares March 26 'Bangladesh Day'

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Mayor of Washington, DC Muriel Bowser has declared Bangladesh's 48th Independence and National Day as "Bangladesh Day".

A representative of the mayor formally handed over the proclamation to Bangladesh Ambassador to the US Mohammad Ziauddin at an Independence Day reception at the embassy on Wednesday evening, said an embassy press release.

The proclamation says on this day, people of Bangladesh, remember the leadership of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the valour of the freedom fighters that led to the independence of their country.

### Formulate guideline on SC judges' recruitment: SCBA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday demanded that the government formulate a guideline for the recruitment of judges to the Appellate and High Court divisions of the Supreme Court.

"There is no alternative to formulate a guideline... in order to ensure transparency and neutrality," said SCBA President Advocate Zainul Abedin at a press conference organised by the SCBA in its auditorium.

The SCBA is demanding the formulation in line with the Article 95 (2) of the Constitution and the HC judgement for appointing SC judges, he said.

## US to work closely

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Referring to her visit to Bangabandhu Museum in Dhaka, she said Bangabandhu in his celebrated speech on March 7 in 1971 said, "Whether Bengali or non-Bengali, Hindu or Muslim, all are brothers, and it is our responsibility to ensure their safety."

"Let us honour his [Bangabandhu's] wisdom and spirit and strive together for a peaceful, prosperous Bangladesh where all are considered brothers and sisters and guaranteed their rights," Heather said.

Mohammad Ziauddin, Bangladesh ambassador to USA, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has a firm stance on secularism. The political and humanitarian support accorded to Bangladesh by the US in the case of the 7,00,000 Rohingyas fleeing ethnic cleansing reflects the strong bond between the two countries.

Diplomats from foreign missions, US government officials, politicians, intellectuals, businessmen, high civil and military officials, senior journalists and members of the Bangladeshi community attended the reception at Bangabandhu Auditorium in the evening.

## Myanmar agrees

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with the positive steps of Myanmar," he said.

The state minister was responding to queries after attending a seminar on the upcoming 45th Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), to be held in Dhaka in May.

The Bangladesh International Institute of Strategic Studies organised the seminar at Bangabandhu International Convention Center.

## Mention Bangla year

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and dates... in the verdicts is absolutely desired and required in order to show honour to Bangla. It has been noted by this court [Supreme Court] that Bangla year and date are not mentioned in the judgments of the subordinate courts although the English ones are cited," the SC registrar added in the circular.

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