manmade ones, as it did in the past.

facing all the odds and obstacles.

She pledged to take the country forward

The prime minister also unveiled the

cover of a memorial book titled "Durjog

Jhuki Hrashe Bangabandhu" (Bangabandhu

in Disaster Risk Reduction)" while joining

virtually a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic

Council from her official residence

Gono Bhaban while other concerned got

milestone for Bangladesh, Hasina said

her government is taking every measure

to face disasters following the footsteps of

and as a result, livelihoods, push many of

the women into sex work," said Chanchana.

education during the pandemic meant no

urban centres to get education. When the

institutes closed, they went back to their

villages. There, poor or non-existent cell

network and lack of smartphones due to

poverty make them unable to attend online classes," said BIWN member Mita Hajong.

to get access to justice and state services, it

is important to have more representation

of communities in the government's own

mechanism. Nomita Halder, member of

National Human Rights Commission,

Sanjeeb Drong of Bangladesh Indigenous

Forum, and Ujjal Ajim of Kapaeeng also

Aroma Dutta said for indigenous women

education at all for indigenous students.

The speakers also spoke about how online

"Indigenous students often come to

Bangabandhu.

## Two construction workers electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Two construction workers were electrocuted at Narayanganj city's Naluapara area on Monday night.

The deceased were identified as Raju Hossain (22) and Farhad Hossain (18), said Mazaharul Islam, officer of Narayanganj's Mandalpara station of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence.

"On information, we rushed to the spot and found that two workers were electrocuted. They were rushed to hospital where on-duty doctors declared them dead," he added.

The officer said there was no safety measures in the under-construction building.

However, a group of youths identifying themselves as follower of a local Chhatra League leader physically assaulted journalists when newsmen went to Narayanganj General Hospital to cover the incident that night.

Contacted, Narayanganj Sadar Model Police Station's officer-in-charge (OC) said legal action would be taken in the victims' family members filed any compliant.

Building contractor Md Kabir denied to talk to media.

#### HC confirms FROM PAGE 3

Akhtaruzzaman delivered the verdict after accepting the death reference (trial court documents) and dismissing the appeals filed by the convicts, challenging the lower court judgement on them.

The HC confirmed the death sentences of three convicts saying that they made confessional statements to the magistrates and the allegations brought against them were proved beyond reasonable doubt, Ebadur Rahman's lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir told The Daily Star.

He said his client will move an appeal before the Appellate Division against the HC verdict after receiving its certified copy. All three convicts are at Kashmirpur jail.

Deputy Attorney General Bashir Ahmed represented the state during hearing on the death reference and appeals, while lawyers Saved Ahmed Raza and Md Siddique Rahman appeared for Rakib and Ataur.

On November 30 in 2015, Judge Abdur Rashid of Sylhet Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal handed down capital punishment to Rakib, Ebadur and Ataur in the murder case and also fined them Tk 1 lakh each in default of which they will have to serve one year in prison.

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Korean Ambassador to Dhaka Lee Jang-Keun visited Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Thursday, in a bid to forge new partnerships with the leading private university. PHOTO: COLLECTED

# Bangladesh

Keeping the country's development in mind, Hasina said, Áwami League in its election manifesto stated various goaloriented measures.

"We've been taking effective measures to implement those since assuming office and that's why Bangladesh has been in the top three countries in implementing the SDGs." She said Bangladesh was in an advanced

position in implementing the Million Development Goals (MDGs). "We're approaching the SDGs the same way."

Hasina gave credits for the achievements to collective efforts of all that included the people of the country, party leaders and activists alongside civil and military officials and members of law enforcement agencies.

The PM thanked all concerned for accepting the decisions taken by her government and working sincerely for their xecution.

The government has to face the Covid-19 fallouts and keep the country's economy moving, she said, adding, "This has been ossible due to the collective efforts of all." Hasina said Bangladesh is also dealing

with lots of problems, including the

Violence FROM PAGE 3

of indigenous women" was held at the capital's CBCB auditorium and organised by BIWN and Kapaeeng.

In 2020, as many as 62 indigenous women and children were victims of different forms of violence, and in the first six months of 2021, that figure stood at 44.

Half of those women were from the Chittagong Hill Tracts, while the other half were from plain land indigenous communities.

Indigenous women made up a large chunk of indigenous labour force, with many working in the beauty and service industry, and it is this group that have suffered the most during the pandemic, said speakers. The loss of jobs pushed the women back to their villages, where there was no income to be had.

"At home, the loss of communal lands

Three-wheeler

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She further said, "You can sit in the parliament for hours and speak on various unnecessary issues. But you can't design a rickshaw."

spoke at the event.

Speakers told the government that before stopping these vehicles, authorities should give stimulates packages of Tk

### EVICTION ON SIRAJGANJ HIGHWAY 550 illegal structures knocked down

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT, PABNA

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) has kicked off an eviction drive to demolish illegal structures beside the national highway from Baghabari to Hatikumrul area in Sirajganj.

Over 550 illegal structures were demolished during the eviction drive in the last couple of days as part of the first phase. The second phase will start next month, said officials.

Md Ashraful Islam Paramnik, executive engineer of Sirajganj RHD, said the drive was launched from Baghabari point to Shahzadpur Dilruba bus stand area of Shahzadpur upazila on Sunday.

"During the drive, we have demolished over 550 illegal structures at the Parkola Bazar, Baghabari oil depot area, Shahzadpur BSCIC bus stand and Shahzadpur Dilruba bus stand area," he said.

He said over a thousand structures most of them shops, hotels and residences have been built illegally from Baghabari to Hatikumrul point of the 50km national highway over the years.

"As a result, traffic jam occurs frequently on the highway. Besides, construction work of west zone highways is likely to begin soon. So we decided to launch the drive," he added.

Meanwhile, shop keepers and owners of other establishments claimed that they have constructed their structures taking lease from RHD.

## 30 children

"The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs cannot implement drowning prevention activities alone. We need to collaborate with other ministries like education, health, local government and social welfare," she added.

Joining the event as chairperson, CAMPE Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury said, "If the government engages NGOs in their drowning prevention programmes, it would be helpful to ensure maximum coverage with community participation."

"We hope the government will approve the drowning prevention strategy and DPP within a short period of time," she said.

CIPRB Deputy Executive Director Dr Aminur Rahman said, "We have seen that poverty, unawareness, and lack of institutional initiative are the main causes for drowning deaths among children. It occurs within 20 metres from home."

"Most incidents of child drowning occur in ditches and ponds in rural areas. Lack of supervision is a key risk factor for child drowning. Sixty percent accidents occur between 9am to 1pm, when parents are busy with family responsibility," he added.

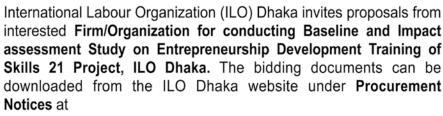
The programme recommended that the government develop a national strategy to prevent child drowning, learning from proven interventions targeting those most prone to risk

The speakers also suggested that a committed long-term investment based on learning from proven intervention facilities, such as community-based childcare centres, were essential to solve the problem.

The government should also promote best practices for childcare centres, focusing on creative incentives for maintaining quality and effective care, which will also help children develop their physical, intellectual and social capacities.

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#### **Request for Proposal (RFP)**



https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS\_367536/lang--en/index.htm

The deadline for submission of proposal is Monday, July 19, 2021, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

Dr Zenith Reza Khan receives research award CITY DESK

Dr Zenith Reza Khan, a Bangladeshi expatriate working as a professor of cyber ethics and information sciences in the United Arab Emirates, has been awarded the Exemplary Research Award from European Union's Erasmus++ funded European Network for Academic Integrity (ENAI)

The award is considered the foundation of education, which helps instil moral values in students during their formative education years. said a press release.

Besides her role as a faculty member at the University of Wollongong in Dubai, she is the president of Centre for Academic Integrity in the UAE, audit board member and head of two working groups for ENAI.

connected from NEC conference room. Unveiling the cover of the book, she said that measures taken by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in reducing disaster risks are exemplary for not only Bangladesh, but for any disaster-prone area in the world. She said the people of Bangladesh could

face any storm, tidal surge, cyclone and natural disaster as Bangabandhu taught Bangladeshis in this regard. Describing the measures taken by Bangabandhu in facing any disaster as a

