Towards a brighter future for our girls

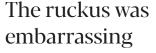
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To uphold girls' rights, ICT State Minister Zunaid Ahmed Palak, along with 10 dignitaries signed a commitment vesterday that included providing necessary actions investments for girls, opening up more pathways to pursue their leadership ambitions, and supporting working overturning oppressive gender norms and systems.

commitment was taken at an event "Redefining Girl titled Talk", organised by Save the Children at a city hotel, on the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child. The theme for this year's IDG is "Our time our rights, our is now future".

Palak assured that the SchoolofFutureestablished in various parliamentary constituencies will be inaugurated soon, he said. Adolescent girls from different communities also

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Says EC Rashida Sultana on Saturday's meeting with DCs, SPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commissioner Election Rashida Sultana yesterday said she was "embarrassed" over a ruckus created following comments of EC Anisur Rahman at the commission's meeting with DCs and SPs held on Saturday.

Another Election Commissioner Md Alamgir refused to comment on the

He said there is no scope of deterioration of relation among the EC and deputy commissioners and superintendents of polices.

According to EC officials, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

No scope for Khaleda to contest next national polls Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said there is no scope for BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to contest the next parliamentary election under the relevant law as she has been convicted and sentenced in two corruption cases.

"If the law permits, she can participate in the election and if the law does not, she cannot take part in polls. However, I think she cannot take part in the next election as per the law."

He said this while replying to queries from newsmen after attending inauguration of a training course organised for the assistant judges at JATI.

The one who inspired generations Nation pays respects to Samarjit Roy Choudhury

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Samarjit Choudhury, who died on Sunday, was cremated yesterday, following an apt farewell given to one of the pioneers of contemporary

art in Bangladesh. Samarjit, who portrayed the eternal Bangla in his paintings through colours, died at the age 85. He had

received Ekushey Padak, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



Staffers at DNCC zone-5 building in Karwan Bazar have been working amid fear as their office has been in a dilapidated state for a long time. There are cracks on multiple places of this establishment, and parts of the ceiling fell off recently in two rooms.

Food court in Bahadur Shah Park!



HELEMUL ALAM

Surrounded by greenery on all sides, Bahadur Shah Park stands

The place was known as Victoria Park, named after Queen British Empire. Later in 1957, the park was renamed after the last Mughal emperor, Mirza Abu Zafar Sirajuddin Muhammad Bahadur Shah Zafar, popularly known as Bahadur Shah II.

In 1857, during the Sepoy Mutiny against colonial rulers, English soldiers publicly executed the captured mutineers by hanging them from different trees of the place.

park entrances. The tallest one is situated at the eastern side, in memory of the martyred sepoys.

by keeping its glory intact, Dhaka South City Corporation is mulling to construct a food court at the place.

A metal structure has already been set up in the middle of the park, but it could not be completed due to huge protests from concerned citizens.

Every day, thousands of people visit the park for exercising and leisure activities.

Upendra Nath Biswas, proud with its rich history and councillor of ward-36, said this is a business centre in the name of enriched architectural features at a historical heritage, setting up a food court, it will ruin its main a food court here will harm its spirit. sanctity.

"We are totally against it, as Victoria, former Queen of the a food court in the middle of the park will destroy the park's aesthetic and reduce its space," he added.

Md Elias Hossain, an advocate of Bangladesh Supreme Court, said they conducted some yearly programmes at the park marking significant events of the nation's history. This food court will hamper such programmes, he

The advocate also highlighted There are two memorials at the how construction of a food court will mean one less playground for the area's children.

Aktharuzzaman Khan, general As baffling as it may sound, secretary of Jatiya Ganotantric rather than preserving the place Front, who, along with many others, is protesting the move, said contractors first took initiative to set up the structure for the food court in the second week of September.

it up again with the help of local permanent structure. administration, he said.

Akhtaruzzaman said locals are protesting the move by holding human chains and rallies.

He said if the park turns into

Adil Mohammad Khan, former general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said, "Leasing out open spaces of the capital for commercial use has become a common tendency of city corporation, as the same thing can be seen in Suhrawardy Udyan. Contacted, Ward-42 Councillor

Mohammad Selim said a food court is being constructed taking the permission of DSCC. The project-in-charge will take care of the park, set up CCTV

cameras, set up more lights and conduct cleaning activities. "We are failing to protect the park for which the city corporation

has given the responsibility to a

contractor," he said. The councillor didn't disclose the name of the contractor. He, however, said the name of the company is DAR Holding Limited.

Contacted, Chief Estate Officer of DSCC Md Rasel Sabrin, said Initially, students broke the they have given permission for structure and the contractor set a makeshift food court, not any

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4,659 migrant workers went to Malaysia last month

JAMIL MAHMUD

As many as 4,659 migrant workers went to Malaysia for employment in September, after fresh workers started to go to the Southeast Asian country in August following nearly four years of suspension.

According to the data of the Bureau of Manpower, **Employment and Training** (BMET) uploaded to its website yesterday, the latest monthly employment in Malaysia saw a jump from August, when 573 workers were hired by the Southeast Asian country.

Malaysia started to take fresh Bangladeshi workers from early August, in line with a new MoU signed between the two countries in December last year.

The MoU lifts the embargo imposed Malaysia in September 2018 on allegations of "syndication", malpractices in the recruitment process and high recruitment costs.

But concerns over worker exploitation, timely wage payment, and high migration cost remain.

Shariful Hasan, head of Brac Migration Programme, said the government needs to look at whether Malaysia-bound fresh workers are paying extra to secure a job, and whether they are getting their promised job, wage and other entitlements.

There are allegations that fresh migrant workers are paying between Tk 3.5 lakh and 4 lakh for a job in Malaysia, Shariful told this newspaper over phone.

"Due to high migration costs, workers often face exploitation," he added. Malaysia is one of the

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Working amid risk and fear

DNCC zone-5 office at Karwan Bazar in dilapidated state

DIPAN NANDY

Dhaka North City Corporation's zone-5 office in Kawran Bazar has been declared unsafe a long time ago. On September 25, a part of the ceiling of the regional executive

officer's room collapsed. The next day, a large part of the ceiling's plaster fell off from his assistant's room. But apart from these two rooms, the other rooms of the building are still holding.

Officials and employees said they are providing services amid fear, unable to find an alternative place to work.

Around 200 officers and employees work in this building. Every day thousands of people come to this building to take various

Visiting the site recently, this correspondent found the ceiling tiles in the REO's room and his assistant's room have fallen while rods are protruding. REO Mutakabbir Ahmed now sits in the executive

engineer's room. Senior officials said they have been working in the building since the 1980s. They don't even know when

it was built. It used to be the regional office 6 of the undivided Dhaka City Corporation.

In September 2013, Buet declared this building risky.

Overcoming obstacles

Visually impaired people recognised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around the age of 15, Azmeri Nishat lost hope in life right after she lost her vision, due to a doctor providing her wrong treatment. But the courageous girl overcame all obstacles and continued her studies.

"Since I had sight till I was 15, I started thinking that my life would stop right there, and I would not be able to do anything. After learning Braille system, I resumed my studies under the system and took computer training from another institute,' said Nishat, who won the first prize in "Screen Reader Software" category of a talent competition for the visually impaired.

Nishat, who is now pursuing her bachelor's degree at Prime University, said she wants to work to ensure proper education and rehabilitation of children with autism and visually impaired



Like her, 16 people with visual impairment were recognised at the competition organised by Institute of Hazrat Muhammad (SAW), marking Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

Hridoy Haque Tanim, who placed second in the "Hamd and Naat e Rasool" category, told the newspaper that he wants to become a social worker and work for the betterment of the country's people.

Among others, Mohammad Huzaifa, Khademul Islam and Mahmuda Akhter were recognised the Quran competition. Sumaiya Akhtar and Mehelong Marma were awarded in the Hamad and Naat e Rasool (PBUH) competition.

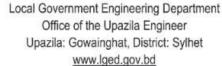
Shah Md Mahamudul Hasan, Farzana Islam and Ferdowsi Akhtar won the Bangla essay writing competition, while Fatematuzjohra, Obaidur Rahman, Mokhlesur Rahman and Abu Farez won the English essay competition.

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People from all strata of life paid tributes to Samarjit Roy Choudhury, one of the pioneers of contemporary art in Bangladesh, at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday.

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