

Education confce to begin in port city Friday

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Frobel Academy and Frobel Play School in Chattogram will organise an educational conference on Friday and Saturday.

The event titled "Envisioning Education for the 21st Century: A Pathway to Innovation and Inclusion" will be held at the port city's Navy Convention Centre.

To this end, a press conference was held at Frobel Academy yesterday.

Educators from Dhaka, Chattogram and India will participate in the conference, joined by over 800 teachers, said Sabeen Aameir, CEO and director of Frobel Academy.

Huwra (Tehseen) Zohair, principal and director of Frobel Academy and Frobel Play School, also spoke.



Speakers at a press conference at Frobel Academy in Chattogram yesterday. The academy and Frobel Play School will organise a conference for the educators of public and private educational institutions in the country on Friday and Saturday.

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335 illegal brick kilns shut down in Rangpur div

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The government yesterday submitted a report to the High Court, saying that operations of 335 illegal brick kilns out of total 502 in three districts of Rangpur division have been closed in compliance with its directives.

The government has stopped the operations 114 illegal brick kilns out of total 172 in Rangpur; 87 out of total 155 in Gaibandha and 134 out of total 175 in Dinajpur, according to the compliance report.

Assistant Attorney General Kalipada Mridha placed the report on behalf of Rangpur's divisional commissioner before the HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Razik Al-Jalil during hearing on a writ petition as per its previous directive.

The bench ordered the government to close the remaining brick kilns.

Automobile repair

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BRTA is going to bring these workshops under the regulation around one and a half year after the rules of Road Transport Act-2018, came into force in December 2022.

BRTA, under the section 156 of the rules, on April 29 formed a committee at every division to give recommendations on how to provide licences to the workshops, an official said.

SPEED LIMIT

Speaking at the programme, Nur Mohammad said they have enacted the Speed Limit Guideline considering many things including the roadside environment to reduce road crashes.

Mahbub-E-Rabbani, director (road safety) of BRTA, said the United Nations has endorsed the setting of a 30km per hour maximum speed limit wherever pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users mix with vehicles.

"So, we have to comply with the matter too," he added.

57 upazilas go

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Prominent jurist Shahdeen Malik highlighted public skepticism about these numbers, saying, "The electoral system doesn't exist now by any means. There is no democratic accountability. The local government has become a tool for the central government to control the grassroots."

Shujan's findings indicate that in the last three phases, 87.43 percent of elected chairmen are Awami League leaders who participated as independents. In 334 out of 382 upazilas, the chairman was from the AL.

Among the 1,874 candidates, 56 percent are graduates, 67 percent businessmen, 11 percent

farmers, and 5.98 percent lawyers. Forty percent of candidates have an annual income between Tk 2 lakh and Tk 5 lakh, while 37 percent between Tk 5 lakh and Tk 25 lakh.

A total of 76 candidates (4.06 percent) have annual incomes exceeding Tk 1 crore, and 611 (32.6 percent) have wealth over Tk 1 crore.

The top five wealthiest candidates are Ferdous Islam of Narsingdi's Shibpur upazila, SM Jahangir Alam Manik of Noakhali's Senbag, Md Mirajul Islam of Pirojpur's Bhandaria, Rehana Begum of Cumilla's Homna, and Sudhir Chowdhury of Dhaka's Dhamrai.

The final phase of the election will be held on June 9.

TRADE FACILITATOR advertisement from the Embassy of Sweden in Dhaka, seeking a qualified professional for trade and business facilitation.

Baira blames

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"Meanwhile, we are collaborating with the government to either facilitate their travel or a refund," he added.

Lawmakers Nizam Uddin Hazari, Benjir Ahmed, Masud Uddin Chowdhury and Baira President Mohammad Abul Bashar also attended the conference.

Benjir is also the president of the parliamentary body on home ministry.

Nizam denied the existence of any syndicate within recruiting agencies. He said this in response to a question on how he managed to send 8,300 workers to Malaysia in the last two years while only 300 in the years before.

He claimed he wasn't directly involved in sending workers or processing visas

but rather facilitated the process.

He said a certain group is attempting to discredit them through various means.

Contacted, State Minister Shofiqur Islam Chowdhury said the ministry was not responsible for the e-visas issued by the Malaysian government.

"I think there is no point in blaming anyone for the current crisis. Legal action will be taken as per the investigation. No one will be exempt," he said.

Replying to other claims from Baira that the number of workers who could not go to Malaysia will not be more than 5,000 to 6,000, the minister said, "We have formed a probe body which will investigate the overall irregularities related to the crisis."

We should push

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what steps should the city take to transition towards more sustainable energy solutions?

Asked by: Nawwar Fatima Procheta (Mirpur Kalshi, Dhaka)

Ainun Nishat: Total energy production in Bangladesh per capita is still low. Therefore, mitigation should not be a target for Bangladesh. However, we should push for renewable energy by utilising the technologies that are in practice, like solar energy, and bringing in the new technologies that are emerging. One is wind energy, and technology has improved - the wind we have should be able to provide sufficient energy. Hydrogen technology is also coming up, and energy saving should be aimed at. Question: How can we restore the polluted Buriganga, especially considering the reduced river transportation

due to the construction of the Padma Bridge? What strategies can be implemented to clean up the Buriganga and mitigate pollution effectively?

Asked By: SMM Musabbir Uddin (Segunbagicha, Dhaka)

Ainun Nishat: It is possible to restore the water quality of Buriganga and all the rivers next to major cities. We have the necessary laws and permission in our constitution. The government must take strong measures to control pollution by enforcing the 1995 Act or the 1997 Regulation. The government has sufficient instruments to control river pollution. Many of the major rivers in the industrial belts of major cities, like London, were highly polluted. Now, the Thames is clean. If they can do it, we should be able to clean the Buriganga and our river systems as well.

PRAYER TIMING JUNE 5 table with columns for Azan, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, Esha and JAMAAT times.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Leather & Footwear Expo, featuring 'NONWOVEN' materials and machinery.

Centre for Advanced Research in Sciences (CARS) University of Dhaka, Invitation for Tender (National) for laboratory equipment.

BUILDING SALE FOR RENT advertisement for a 30,000-sq-ft building with 5 floors.

Price Sensitive Information from Bank Asia PLC regarding regulatory capital and interest rate adjustments.

USAID Bangladesh America Maitree Project Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) advertisement.

Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh Tender Notice for construction work in Harirampur, Manikganj.

Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh e-Amendment/Corrigendum Tender Notice for PWD Division, Barguna.

Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh Corrigendum for SDBM Project Request for Expressions of Interest.