

Basic industrialisation key to creating jobs

Seminar told

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The country needs basic industrialisation to develop sustainable employment scenario, said economist Prof. Muzaffer Ahmad yesterday at a seminar in Dhaka.

Prof. Muzaffer said the development in utility services sector such as real estate will not be able to ensure sustainable jobs.

Speaking at the seminar on employment plan Prof. Muzaffer also said education systems must be upgraded to create more jobs.

Juba Karmasangsthan Society, an NGO working for the development of youths, organised the seminar on the sidelines of a two-day job fair that concluded yesterday at Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka.

Prof. Abul Barakat, general secretary of Bangladesh Economic Association, said growth in utility sector does not represent the real economy.

He said criminalisation has crept into economy. Of the 14 crore people in the country, 9.10 crore are poor, 4.50 crore belong to middle class

and 60 lakh belong to upper class. Of these 60 lakh rich people, there are 10 lakh people have criminalised the country's politics and economy.

Monwar Mostafa, a researcher of Unnayan Onneshon, an NGO, presented the main article in the seminar on the unemployment scenario of the country.

Among others, BNP lawmaker Moazzem Hossain Alal, Prof. Mizanur Rahman of Dhaka University, and AKM Fahim Mashrur, chief executive officer of Bdjobs.com, spoke at the seminar.