

Street Drama vows to prevent GBV & Child Marriage



Local Youth and cultural activist performed a cultural event to create mass awareness addressing prevent gender based violence and child marriage in Babugonj sub district, Barisal. The programme was organised by National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCF) as part of the Girl Child Advocacy Forum (GAA) Project on 15 May, 2018 afternoon at the Rajguru Primary School grounds with financial assistance from the Plan International. The performers staged drama title `Want Justice' which showcased the negative aspects of the social problems such as child marriage and domestic violence.

Nasima Akter Joly, General Secretary of National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCF) was chief guest while Mr Srwar, Chairman, Rahamatpur Union Parishad has presided over the function. Meher Afroz Mita, General secretary, NGCAF Barisal District Unit, Md Ishaq, President, NGCAF Babugonj Upozila Unit, Women Right Activist Khaleda Wohab, President, Unleashed Women Network (BNN) Barisal District unit were present at the function.



At the inaugural speech, Nasima Akter Joly, General Secretary of National Girl Child Advocacy Forum (NGCF) has urged to the audience to take combat action against child marriage.



By this cultural function, communities people has sensitized on gender based violence spicily those punishment mentioned on Child Marriage Resistant Act 2017, she hoped. She

has expressed, mass awareness is very impactful rather than legislative punishment. In concluding remarks, Mr Srwar, Chairman, Rahamatpur Union Parishad has responsible himself to end every single child marriage with necessary actions. He requested to all inform him about any child marriage event in this union.

Before the cultural function, local youth activist has campaigning door to door with leaflet and invite them to attend this event. Children, socio-cultural / Youth organizations, as well as local public representatives, Women and youth leaders also attended the function. Engaging local youth, the performance ended with a call to people to ending child marriage and ensuring girls justice full rights everywhere. At the end of the event, NGCAF Secretary General and other guests visited the field area of the GAA project and exchanged views with the stakeholders and local leaders.

