

(Unofficial Translation)

**Prime Minister
The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

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Message

I am delighted to know that like many other countries Bangladesh is observing 9th World Day Against Child Labour (WDAKL) on 12th June 2010.

In the meantime, the Government of Bangladesh had ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and ILO Convention No. 182 on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour for the best interest of all children.

Besides, the Government has restricted the employment of any child below the age of 14 years and employment of children and adolescents below the age of 18 years for any hazardous work.

The Government currently also spends around 2.5 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on Social Safety Net Programmes supporting the hard core poor which would not only reduce hunger and poverty in general, but would also eliminate the worst forms of child labour.

Side by side, these programmes are implementing along with improving access to quality education and primary health care which the Government spends around 2.0 percent of GDP.

I would like to take this opportunity to call for all concerned government institutions and officials, national and international organizations, workers' and employers' organizations, and Bangladeshi people from all walks of life to take care our children.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangobandhu

May Bangladesh live long!

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Sheikh Hasina