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Press release

Speakers Call for Urgent Action to Further Social Justice on 50th year of Bangladesh Constitution

Banglar Pathshala and the Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust held a conference on the “Constitution and the Search for Social Justice” today at RC Majumder Auditorium of Dhaka University.

Justice Krishna Debnath, former Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Justice Naima Haider, of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court, and Dr. Antanu chaired three sessions. Speakers included lawyers, social scientists, journalists, development workers, disability rights and women's rights activists.

Speakers called for strengthening public debate and understanding of constitutional rights and duties, and noted the progress achieved over 50 years as well as concern over amendments and laws that have unreasonably restricted rights. Some speakers called for more progressive interpretation of rights, and review of colonial and contemporary laws to be consistent with fundamental rights, and urgent action in relation to laws and practices based on religion, caste, gender, ethnicity and place of birth., as well as disability or nationality.

Speakers included Dr. Atiar Rahman, Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Nobonita Chowdhury, Taslima Yasmin, Sara Hossain, Dr. Qazi Zahed Iqbal, among others.

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