

## ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, BANGLADESH

### Bangladesh National Coalitions' Events in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in Batam People's Forum and Parallel to Singapore WB-IMF Annual General Meeting, September, 2006

Bangladesh national coalition of civil society organisations, involving NGOs, social movements, trade unions, women's groups, grassroots organisations, networks, and research and advocacy organisations, which have been resisting the IFI policies and neo-liberal development paradigm, have planned a host of activities in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in Batam, Indonesia at the International People's Forum, and in Singapore parallel to the World Bank and the IMF Annual General Meeting.

The like-minded organisations, having been actively engaged in this area at their individual organisation levels in accordance with mandates of respective organisations, felt the need for a national coalition for collective activities, and have initiated the *Orthonoitik Naybichar Sanghota Parishad* [Alliance for Economic Justice, Bangladesh-AEJB in English]. The membership to the national coalition is open to all organisations and activists, who subscribe to the WSF Charter of Principles.

#### Programme in Dhaka, Bangladesh

During 2-16 September 2006, a host of activities will be undertaken in the country to expose the disastrous consequences of the IFI policies and neo-liberal development paradigm on the live and livelihood of the majority of the population.

- (a) Press Conference at 2 p.m. on 19 August 6, 2006 at Dhaka Reporters Unity to disseminate its declaration and publicizing of programmes.
- (b) Three Public Awareness Raising Seminars at the VIP Lounge of the National Press Club, Topkhana

Date and Time	Topic
4 Sept. 2006 Monday; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Liberalisation: Agriculture, Trade and Public Services
6 Sept. 2006 Wednesday; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Investment, Resources and Interests of the Public
9 Sept. 2006 Saturday; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Policy making and Framework: Conditionalities and Sovereignty

- (c) National Solidarity Rally and Demonstration at Shaheed Minar on 16 September, 2006.

#### Programme –in Batam and in Singapore

Sl.	Title and Description	Venue
1.	<b>Economic Reforms and People's Resistance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Oral testimony of the affected people</i> - closure of Adamjee jute mill, minimum wage in RMG sector, fertilizer crisis, power crisis, oil-gas disasters, shrimp cultivation, water logging, forest grabbing, privatisation of financial services, education and health</li> <li>• <i>Documentary</i> - on the above issues</li> <li>• <i>Discussion</i> - Implications of Liberalization, Privatization and FDI: Towards a New Synthesis</li> </ul>	Batam
2.	<b>Claiming Rights over Development Strategies: Whither the BWIs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role, functions, operational modalities and accountability of Bank-Fund and implications on governance of recipient countries</li> <li>• Speakers from different countries and groups will also be invited.</li> </ul>	Batam
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogue on DC and IMFC Agenda</li> </ul>	Singapore

	[Title to be decided, once agenda is released] • Screening of the Documentary	
4.	• Daily Bulletin • Press Releases	Singapore

#### **Members of AEJB**

Action Aid Bangladesh, APIT, Angikar Bangladesh, BNNRC, BDPC, BNPS, Bangla Praxis, CDP, CFSD, Incidin Bangladesh, JJS, Jubo Union, Karmajibi Nari, Nagorik Uddog, National Committee on Protecting Natural Resources, Oil and Gas, PET, Prodip, SAAPE Bangladesh Chapter, SBSF, Sofol Trust, SUPRO, TGWF, UBINIG, Unnayan Onneshan, and VOICE.

The membership is open to organisations subscribing to the principles of WSF.

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