

Lawyers demand repeal of amendments to Civil Procedure Code

UNB, Dhaka

The National Bar Association of Bangladesh has criticised the government for amending the Civil Procedure Code (CPC) and Bar Council Act.

The reaction of the lawyers came at an extended meeting of the association held yesterday with its president advocate Ahmed Ali in the chair.

They said amendment to the Civil Procedure Code would belittle the independence of legal profes-

sion and affect the justice seekers. The lawyers warned that they along with 30,000 pleaders across the country would launch a tough movement if the amendments to the Civil Procedure Code were not withdrawn by October 1.

A 12-member convening committee with Barrister Moinul Hossain as its convenor was formed in the meeting.

The committee will submit a memorandum to the government demanding repeal of the amended acts.

Myanmar army team arrives

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A 12-member military delegation of the Myanmar armed forces arrived in the city yesterday on a six-day goodwill visit.

The team was headed by Commander No 2 of Bureau of Special Operation of the Ministry of Defence of Myanmar Lt. General Augn Hwe at Kurmitola.

Principle Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Major General A M Mahmuduzzaman received the delegation members at Kurmitola BAF Tarmac. Ambassador of Myanmar U Ohn Thwin was also present.

members will pay a courtesy call to President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Iajuddin Ahmed.

They will also meet Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba and Defence Secretary K M Ehsanul Haq.

They will also visit a number of defence installations and training institutes in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet and the team leader of the delegation Lt Col Aung Hwe will place wreaths at Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment, said a press release.

During their stay, the delegation



Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon forms a human chain at Shahbagh crossing in the city yesterday demanding government steps to check pollution of coastal environment by ship-breaking industry.

Two construction workers die in rooftop fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two construction workers died and another suffered injuries after falling from the fifth floor of an under-construction building at Gulshan in the city yesterday.

Mohammad Nirob, 25, and Zakir Hossain, 22, fell to the ground as the platform on which they were working broke down at about 9.30am.

"The platform broke down suddenly and they fell," said Mohammad Alam who sustained injury in the incident.

They were working at the outer portion of a building at Niketon in Gulshan Section-1, he added.

Doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) declared Nirob and Zakir dead after they were rushed to the hospital at 10.30am. Injured Alam is undergoing

treatment at the DMCH. A case was filed with Gulshan police station in this regard.

JP leader dies in road accident

UNB, Keraniganj

Jatiya Party (Ershad) Keraniganj thana President Haji Saiful Islam died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after he was injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Aricha Highway on Thursday.

Saiful, 38, along with his five friends was going to Aricha in a private car to catch fish. They were injured as the car hit a roadside tree.

They were admitted to the hospital where doctors declared Saiful dead at 11:30pm.

Attack on puja mandaps condemned

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Puja Udjapon Parishad yesterday condemned alleged attacks on different puja mandaps and threats to members of the Hindu community.

At a representative meeting at Dhakeswari National Temple, the parishad leaders condemned the brutal killing of Dr SK Mukherjee, former president of Jhenidah unit of the parishad.

Presided over by parishad president Anil Chandra Nath, the meeting was critical of the arrest and harassment of the members of the community in the name of nabbing criminals in greater Khulna, said a press release.

It also protested recent incidents at Mohalchhari in Khagrachhari and the occupation of Probartok Sangha's land allegedly by the forest department in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

The meeting demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Mukherjee, stopping of harassment of minority members and ensuring security for smooth celebration of upcoming Durga Puja.

Maintain peace during Puja

Noman asks police

BSS, Chittagong

Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman yesterday assured leaders of the Hindu community that the government would provide all-out cooperation towards celebrating the forthcoming Durga Puja with due festivity and religious fervour.

He asked the district administration and police to take effective measures to maintain peace during the puja festival.

"The government will deploy adequate law enforcers and provide necessary services so that the Hindu community can celebrate their greatest religious festival in complete peace", he said while talking to the leaders of Chittagong Central and City Puja Udjapon Parishad at the circuit house here.

Noman told the Hindu community leaders that the government would hand over its grant money for Durga Puja before the festival. Hindu leaders Tinkori

Chakraborti, Binod Bihary Chowdhury, Advocate Rana Das Gupta, Ranjit Kumar Chowdhury, Jyoti Prakash Dutta, Mridul Dey, Sadonmoy Bhattacharia, Jiten Kanti Guha, Dr Babul Chowdhury, Sajal Nath, Bhola Nath Biswas and Gonesh Dey were present at the meeting.

The minister called upon the Hindu leaders to remain alert against any conspiracy to destroy the country's long tradition of communal harmony and social amity. He also asked them to ignore all provocative propaganda of the vested quarters.

The Hindu leaders expressed their satisfaction over the government's commitment for necessary supports towards celebrating the Durga Puja.

They also informed the minister about their preparation to celebrate the festival.

Two jailed for possessing illegal arms

UNB, Mymensingh

A man and his son were sentenced to different terms in jail for possessing illegal arms here on Thursday.

Alam Sheikh, 45, of Konnya Mondal village in Gaforgaon upazila was awarded 20 years imprisonment while his son Suman, 19, seven years.

The court also fined Alam Tk 5,000, in default, he will have to suffer 2 years more RI.

Suman was fined Tk 2,000, in default, he will have to suffer one year more RI.

According to the prosecution in brief, members of joint forces raided their house on December 1, 2002 and arrested Alam and Suman along with two pipe guns, two rounds of bullet and two other weapons.

After examining records and documents, the judge found them guilty of possessing illegal arms and handed down the verdict.



Thundershowers likely

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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 25.4 degree at Syedpur, Jessore and Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:58pm today and rises at 5:46am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.8	25.8	73	71
Chittagong	32.5	26.3	75	73
Rajshahi	33.5	27.1	75	82
Khulna	32.6	26.7	89	88
Barisal	32.8	26.0	76	92
Sylhet	32.0	25.4	92	86
Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.0	82	86



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Recipients of M Noorul Quader Children Literature Award pose for photographs at the award giving ceremony organised by M Noorul Quader Foundation at Shishu Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. The recipients are Amirul Islam, Syed Al Faruk and Rafiqur Rshid.



Appeal for help

Father of Fahad Hossain Rulin, who has been suffering from kidney ailments for long, seeks financial assistance for the treatment of his son, says a press release.

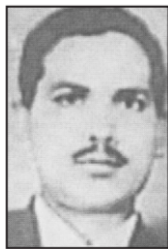
Rulin, a student of class six at Dania AK High School, needs immediate kidney transplantation as both of his kidneys were damaged.

But his father could not afford the expensive treatment. He appeals to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save his son.

Contributions can be deposited with the following account: SM Firoz Hossain, Savings A/c No. 2047300, Sonali Bank, Baitul Mukarram branch, Dhaka.

Interested persons can also contact Haji Shafiqur Rahman (Phone: 018-252894)

Obituary



Kazi Mosharrif Hossain, a renowned medical practitioner, died of brain haemorrhage at King Fahad Hospital of Saudi Arabia on September 18 at the age of 61, says a press release.

He was the vice president of BNP's Saudi unit and president of Al-Gasim Provincial Committee of Buraidoho Saudi Arab Chapter.

He left behind four sons, one daughter and a host of admirers to mourn his death.