



Gulistan area during yesterday's hartal, called by BNP protesting the recent price-hike of fuel. — Star photo

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Razzak, ADB chief exchange views

Finance, cooperation for construction of proposed Ganges barrage sought

Visiting President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mitsuo Sato held a meeting with the Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak at a hotel in the city yesterday and discussed matters relating to mutual interest, reports BSS.

They discussed on various development aspects of the water management and water resources of Bangladesh. Water Resources Minister briefed the ADB chief about the necessity of the construction of the Ganges Barrage in Bangladesh.

With the construction of the Ganges Barrage the flow of the saline water from the bay would be stopped and the ecological balance and the Sundarban would be protected. Abdur Razzak pointed out and sought the ADB's finance and cooperation for construction and feasibility study of the proposed Ganges Barrage.

In response, the ADB chief showed keen interest to the barrage and appreciated the initiatives of the construction of the Ganges Barrage in Bangladesh. He assured the minister that ADB would send a mission to

conduct primary study of the Ganges Barrage.

Razzak also appreciated the 15 projects of water sectors of which nine were completed and three are on-going projects. Three more other projects are being undertaken.

Among others, Water Resources Secretary Dr ATM Shamsul Huda, ERD Secretary Dr Maslur Rahman and alternate executive director of ADB M Faizur Razzaque were present.

Razzak also said the barrage is vital from environmental and ecological point of view. He also informed ADB chief about the adverse effect of saline water encroaching into different tributaries in the south-western part of the country from the bay, affecting nearly four crore people including irrigation, environment and the largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans.

He said, Ganges Barrage is essential for the multipurpose use, especially for the optimal use of Ganges water after signing the long-term Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India.

President, PM greet Hindu community on Janmasti

President Justice Shabuddin Ahmed yesterday conveyed his heart-felt greetings to the members of Hindu community on the eve of Janmasti, the birth anniversary of Lord Sree Krishna, reports BSS.

In a message the President said, Lord Sree Krishna's struggle against injustice and love for the human being will remain as a source of inspiration for the economic development in the region.

He also focused on the political stability of the country and development projects taken by the present government.

The Foreign Minister also gave a brief account of government initiatives to improve relations with the neighbouring countries in different fields.

Abdus Azad seized the opportunity to apprise Sato of the SAARC spirit as well as the planned sub-regional cooperation to promote socio-economic development of more than one billion people in the region.

The ADB President expressed his satisfaction over the development activities of the government.

Nat'l Body on Edn Policy: Date for submitting report deferred

By Staff Correspondent

The date for submitting the report of National Committee on Education Policy to the Prime Minister has been deferred and the new date is yet to be fixed, according to official sources.

Prof Shamsul Huq, Chairman of the Committee, talking to The Daily Star admitted that the report was scheduled to be submitted on Aug 26, but it has been rescheduled and the new date is expected to be fixed shortly.

The report, spreading over 26 chapters, has been finalised and will be submitted to the PM in printed form, sources added.

The government formed a 58-member National Committee on Education Policy on January 15 under the chairmanship of Prof Shamsul Huq, a former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University and an advisor of the caretaker government.

Janmasti festival begins in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 24: A big procession was brought out from J M Sen Hall here today, as part of the four-day Janmasti festival marking the birth anniversary of Lord Sree Krishna. reports BSS.

In another message, chairman of Jatiya Party HM Ershad, MP, extended his greetings to the members of the Hindu community on the occasion of the Janmasti festival.

Greek Foreign Ministry SG meets FM

Visiting secretary general of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs Alexander Philon called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to mutual interest with special reference to European Union issues.

Philon handed over a letter of Greek Foreign Minister Theodoros Pangalos addressed to Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad.

Thousands of devotees of all walks of life participated in the procession which paraded important city roads. The processionists carried banners and portraits of Sree Krishna and sang devotional songs.

In the afternoon, a colourful cultural function was held where eminent artists of Television and Betar participated.

Later, a discussion was held at J M Sen Hall with Sreemati Swami Jyotishwarananda Giri Moharaj in the chair.

Panchanan Biswas MP, Dibrugarh Saha MP, principal Ranjit Kumar Chakrabarti, Prof Ranjit Dey, Prof Arindra Bikash Rudra, Sree Bindu Vilash Chowdhury and Venerable Sudhannanda Mohathero took part in the discussion.

The speakers called for following the ideals of Sree Krishna who devoted his whole life for the causes of peace, compassion and humanity.

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BFUJ, DUJ condemn attack on journalists during yesterday's hartal hours

Leaders of Bangladesh Federation of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have condemned the police action in front of the Jatiya Press Club in which photo-journalist Habibur Rahman of the Dainik Bangla was critically injured when a tear gas shell hit him in the head during yesterday's hartal hours, reports BSS.

In a joint statement, BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and secretary general Abul Kalam Azad and DUJ acting president Shuba Rahman and general secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan also strongly criticised the attack on journalists and auto-rickshaws of different newspapers by the pro-hartal activists in different parts of the city.

The statement said that the incident took place in front of the Jatiya Press Club when the police suddenly lobbed tear gas shells without any provocation. It also demanded stern action against those police personnel responsible for the incident.

Condemning the attack on journalists and the auto rickshaws of newspapers by pro-hartal activists, the journalists' leaders demanded tolerance from all so that the media people can perform their professional duties properly without any intimidations. They also called upon both the government and the opposition to avoid any confrontation in the name of political programmes in the interest of democracy.

DRU

Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) has expressed deep concern over the rupture of security of the journalists in the city during opposition-sponsored hartal yesterday.

In a statement, DRU president Shafiqul Kabir and general secretary Mostafa Firoz deplored the lobbing of tear-gas canister by police on photo journalist of Dainik Bangla Habibur Rahman and assault on Pavel Rahman by 'terrorists'.

They also condemned the "day-long rampage by outraged terrorists" at the Jatiya Press Club and attacks on journalists during the hartal hours.

The DRU leaders requested police and press club authorities to take measures to ensure security of reporters and photo journalists.

They also demanded legal action against the persons responsible for unruly behaviour in the press club premises.

BPJA, BPJF

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association (BPJA) and Bangladesh Photo Journalists Forum (BPJF) yesterday expressed their deep resentment at the police attack on Dainik Bangla photographer Habibur Rahman.

In separate press statements, leaders of the Association and the Forum called upon the government to take all out measures to ensure full treatment of the injured photographer.

Photo Journalists' Association President and Acting General Secretary Md Salah Uddin and Asaduzzaman Asad respectively urged the government to ensure that the police does not repress any journalist in the future.

They said that such police atrocity was nothing new and demanded exemplary punishment of the policemen involved in the attack.

Photo Journalists Forum Office Secretary Saiful Islam observed that such attack hampered a smooth democratic trend.



Minister of State for Information Prof Abu Sayeed visited the Dainik Bangla photo-journalist, who was injured during yesterday's hartal, at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

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BNP women activists damaging a rickshaw during hartal hours in city's Topkhana Road yesterday. — Star photo

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