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'Formation of ICC to serve as a model for int'l justice'

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury said yesterday the establishment of a permanent International Criminal Court (ICC) last month was an 'important development in international relations and expressed the hope that it would serve as a model for international justice by bringing criminals to book, reports BSS.

others, took part in the discussion chaired by Justice K M Sobhan, Zaved Hasan Mahmood of ASK and a research fellow of Nottingham university presented the keynote paper on the occasion.

Lauding the international community for their relentless efforts in setting up the court, Chowdhury said Bangladesh which always stood for justice and fairplay will extend necessary support and cooperation in bringing criminals to book. He called for efforts to create awareness among the educated persons about the court.

After six years of efforts ICC came into being on July 17, in Rome at UN sponsored diplomatic conference.

Morshed represented Bangladesh at the five-week conference which was attended by 159 countries. The Rome statute of the ICC was approved by 120 votes (including Bangladesh) in favour, seven against (including USA, India, China, Qatar, Yemen, Libya) and 21 abstentions (including Singapore and Sri Lanka), sources at ASK said. It said so far 32 countries have ratified ICC, which will become operative after 60 countries ratify it.

Chowdhury said, "Although we, in principle, favour the ICC, our ratification might be delayed because of financial constraints." He, however, cautioned all to remain alert so that money power cannot influence the running of the court.

The state minister was the chief guest at a seminar titled 'The International Criminal Court and Bangladesh: Issues and Challenges,' organised by Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) held at BRAC centre, the seminar dwelt on the objectives of ICC and the role of Bangladesh in its establishment and implementation.

Federal German Ambassador to Bangladesh UWE Schramm, UNHCR Representative for Bangladesh Wilbert JEM Van Hovell to Westerflter, Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs AHK Morshed Bar-at-Law and former Ambassador Waliur Rahman, among

British-Bangla film festival opens in city

A week-long British-Bangla film festival was inaugurated in the city yesterday with an attractive selection of British and Bangla films to complement each other during their screening till August 28, reports BSS.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed inaugurated the festival with his firm hope that the film-makers with vision and creative outlook in Bangladesh would fund their scope from this festival to portray the life and realities of this country in their future productions.

The British Council in Bangladesh is organising the festival with support from the Ministry of Information, Department of Mass Communication, Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies and Bangladesh Film Directors' Association.

The inaugural session was also addressed, among others, by the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Walker, Director of the British Council Tom Cowin, Member-Secretary of Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies Golam Rabbani and General Secretary of Bangladesh Film Directors' Association Mohammad Hanif.

Prof Abu Sayeed said film production in this part of the sub-continent began with the release of 'Mukh O Mukhosh' in 1956. "We have started this venture against many hurdles both in social and state-life," he said.

After the War of Liberation, Prof Abu Sayeed said, a group of young and creative film makers came forward to make films based on life and realities of Bangladesh in 1972 and they successfully produced a good number of films till mid-1975.

He said these young film producers in fact set a trend in film making in Bangladesh during that period but that trend was snapped after 1975 and went back to the old Pakistani style of film making.

Prof Abu Sayeed proudly mentioned the films like 'Dhirey Bohey Meghna', 'Suprobhat', 'Guddi', 'Emiler Goenda Bahini' and many others made by the young film-makers who foresaw a new trend in the independent Bangladesh through their alternative style of film-making.

"We want to see our talented film-makers who wanted to create a new trend in Bangladesh would carry forward their vision and thoughts by reflecting them on life and realities in this country in future," he said.

Director of the British Council in Dhaka Tok Cowin said that the British film industry was enjoying a particularly creative and successful time over the past few years.

"I am delighted to be able to bring such an attractive selection of British films to the festival to complement the exciting range of Bangla films that are also on offer," he said.

The inaugural session was followed by the screening of 'The English Patient', a nine Oscar winner last year, which was telling a gripping story against the background of World War Two.

Other films to be screened during the festival are 'A Night to Remember', 'Mrs Brown', 'Guddi', 'Kokhono Aseni', 'Mukhtir Gaan', 'Emiler Goenda Bahini', 'Chhuti Ghanta', 'Padma Nadir Majhee', 'The Fever Pitch', 'Rokeya', 'Ekatortor Jishu', 'Shallow Grave', 'Brassed Off', 'Charots of Fire' and 'Local Hero'.

Of the British films to be screened during the festival, Mrs Brown explores the strange and moving relationship between Queen Victoria and her friend and servant John Brown. 'A Night to Remember', tells the story of the last days of the 'Titanic' and 'The Fever Pitch' is on the love between a man and a woman and a football team.



Vehicle movement was hindered due to unusual traffic jam in the city's Purana Paltan Road yesterday. - Star photo

Sluggishness in discharging duties DB police reject 1,400 complaints since July 23

Sharp criticism against the police forces recently seemed to have created some consciousness among the law enforcers in the application of laws, but a sluggishness was also seen in discharging their duties, reports UNB.

In most cases, police now refuse to accept complaints, saying they have nothing to do or the law does not cover those, said complainants who have been refused by the police.

Detective Branch of police rejected some 1,400 complaints since July 23 when IUB student Shamim Reza Rubel died in their custody.

Most of these complaints were about cheating and disputes relating to money and land. A DB official said they were unable to help the complainants in such cases in absence of any specific law that could be applied by them (police).

Police often advise the aggrieved parties to seek legal remedy through court. A complainant said he was refused by the thana police to register a case as he could not furnish names of the accused.

The image of police forces nosedived amid severe criticism by the public and media recently. In such a situation, the police administration took some initiatives to change the attitude of police forces in a bid to restore their credibility and acceptability.

As part of the programme, the authorities have decided to arrange training courses for different ranks of police personnel.

A three-day course on 'human rights' begins today at Rajbargh Police Training School to impart primary knowledge to the police officials about protecting the human rights while applying the laws.

Some 40 participants - from sub-inspector upwards - will attend the course. Similar courses will be held in future for all police officials in batches.

Eminent personalities from various professions like lawyers, journalists and human rights activists will conduct the courses as resource persons.

What's on today . . .

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of a folio with 16 paintings of Quamrul Hassan titled 'Women in the Paintings of Quamrul Hassan' will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has published the folio to promote fine arts activities. Venue: Academy's Gallery Building. Time: 4 pm.

Installation ceremony: The 13th installation ceremony of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi, Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbania. Time: 7:30 pm.

Club meet: The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Club meet: The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office also forecasted moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions during the period. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius at Sitakunda. The sun sets today at 6:25 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:37 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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