

Nepalese team keen to boost trade ties

By Staff Correspondent

A six-member trade delegation from Nepal visited Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) office in the city yesterday.

The Nepalese team sought cooperation from Bangladesh to become a member of World Trade Organisation (WTO) during a discussion with the high officials of the EPB.

Led by Govinda P. Rejmi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, the Nepalese team also discussed the ways to expand trade relations between the two countries, said a press release.

EPB vice-chairman led the Bangladesh side at the discussion.

Martyrs of the Liberation War

The mass killings in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 21: If blood was the price for independence, the people of Kishoreganj district paid it very dearly, reports BSS.

"They turned the district's idyllic villages into scorched and pillaged ghost hamlets," says Ashiqur Rahman, a freedom fighter. "Villages after villages burnt, looting, rape, murder, and torture reached its apogee in the district," he says.

There are a number of killing fields in Kishoreganj district. The Textile Mill Ghat of the Narasunda river, now a dying canal, is however the most infamous site of murders.

In a single night, the invaders gunned down at least 103 innocent villagers at the ghat including 21 people of Sagara village. Eighty-five-year-old

Indrajit Pandit, his sons Nandendra Chandra Pandit, Kshish Chandra Pandit and Shalish Kumar Pandit, his son Ashoke Kumar Pandit, Taposh Kanti Pandit, Harisharan Pandit, Nirod Ranjan Pandit, Nabin Chandra Moktar and two of his college-going sons and a son-in-law of the Moktar family were gunned down like the others for no fault of their own.

"Death did not come quietly for them, it came after hours of harrowing ordeal in the Pakistani army's makeshift concentration camp."

Late in the night of September 23, 1971, a horde of 250 Pakistani soldiers along with *razakars*, Al-Badar and Al-Sams members raided the village.

In a door-to-door raid,

which was actually a systematic plunder of the village, they forced the unarmed villagers to their camp and inflicted a torture on them for hours.

As the day broke, they released all of the villagers except 42 "suspects" that included octogenarian Indrajit Pandit who had to endure more than another 18 hours of blinding torture before death released him.

By midnight, the number of captives had increased to 103. The victims, then almost dying from bleeding wounds, hunger and thirst, were taken to the ghat, lined up in knee-deep water and shot to death with automatic rifles.

Hundreds of people, mostly innocent villagers of the district, not their death at Narasunda river in a five-month pe-

riod from May to September in 1971. The bodies of many including Ahmad Mollah of Binat village, Eakub Ali of Boulai village, grocer Bocharbabu of Nagua, Abdur Rashid Miah of Kudalia village were carried away by the river currents.

Such massacres took place in Baratala, Mokedpur, Kalganj Rail Bridge, Hanumantala, Dhoida Rail Bridge, Bhairab Bridge and Siddheshwari Kalibari ghat killing fields.

Locals say that about 350 people were shot to death at Katibarchar Baratala, now known as Shaheed Nagar, a few hundred on Dhoida Rail Bridge, whose bodies were dumped in the river beneath. Scores of people including the chairman of Saria Union Saifuddin, Golap Saha, Mahtabuddin Master and Abdul Hakim of Kamalarchar were butchered at Siddheshwari ghat, a large number of people including Nabi Hossain were killed on Sailmara Bridge.

"There is almost no end to the list, if you want to compile all the places where people were killed like wild games," Rahman says.

Rahman, who turned out at a training camp in Tripura state in neighbouring India and returned to his home district with arms and an unshakable commitment to free his motherland, recalls many incidents.

"In a paddy field I saw the dismembered corpses of some young girls. They (Pakistani army) had raped them, gouged out their eyes, cut their breasts and other limbs into pieces and stripped their body parts," he said.

About 300 people from Mithamon and Kathkhal unions who were trying to flee to India by boat were captured by *razakars* in Itna Haor and sprayed with bullets in the killing field near Bhaira Government Primary School in Joysindhi union after seven days of inhuman torture at concentration camps.

After 28 years of independence, the people of Kishoreganj demand only one thing, justice for the genocide, atrocities and other war crimes committed by the Pakistani occupation troops and their local collaborators.

"I despair at the fact that the collaborators are living free in the country today. Bring them to justice as war criminals," Rahman pleads as he echoes the sentiments of all others.

Some locals who have lost their dear and near ones in the killing fields, also want memorials built on the spots.

"It would at least give us an opportunity to pay tribute to those known and unknown Shaheeds, who gave their life for the independence that we enjoy today," says Rakib Uddin Tarun, a college student.

JS body reviews activities of Planning Academy

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Planning Ministry held its meeting yesterday at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with the committee chairman H N Ashiqur Rahman in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the activities and organisational structure of the Board of Governors of Planning and Development Academy and its performances.

The meeting also discussed training target and cooperation courses with foreign institutions of the academy. The meeting emphasised the need for appointment of trainers having experiences at the grassroots level.

Science and Technology Minister Lt General (Retd) Mohammad Nooruddin Khan, Prof Md Ali Ashraf, Prof Jannatul Ferdous, Md Nurul Amin Talukder, GM Fazlul Haq and Abu Lais Md Mubin Chowdhury took part in the discussion.

State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir attended the meeting on special invitation, said a press release.

TCC reviews child labour prevention activities

A meeting of the reorganised Tripartite Counselling Council (TCC) yesterday reviewed the child labour prevention activities across the country and expressed satisfaction over the elimination of child labour from the garment sector, reports UNB.

Presided over by Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan, the meeting emphasised the process of child labour elimination from other sectors by phases.

The meeting asked the concerned authorities to take necessary measures for quick disposal of pending cases in Labour Courts.

Secretary of the Ministry M Ahsan Ali Sarkar, President of Bangladesh Employers' Association M A Kashem and representatives of labourers, owners and government were present in the meeting.

Concern over delay in executing CHT projects

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma has expressed concern at the gap created in executing the development projects in the CHT areas, reports UNB.

It is an impediment to the balanced development of the hilly areas, he said while presiding over a review meeting on the on-going development activities undertaken in the CHT areas by the government.

The minister stressed on removing all types of hesitation and misunderstanding for the interest of the country, particularly the CHT areas.

Chairman of CHT Regional Council Jyotindra Bodhipriyo Larma (Santu Larma), chairman Rangamati Parishad Ching Q Roaza, chairman of Khagrachhari Parishad Jotintra Larma Tripura, chairman of Bandarban Parishad Thawin Saw Prue Master, CHT secretary (acting) Md Sakawat Hossain, joint-secretaries Md Abdul Awal Chowdhury and A Z M Shaiful Islam attended the meeting.

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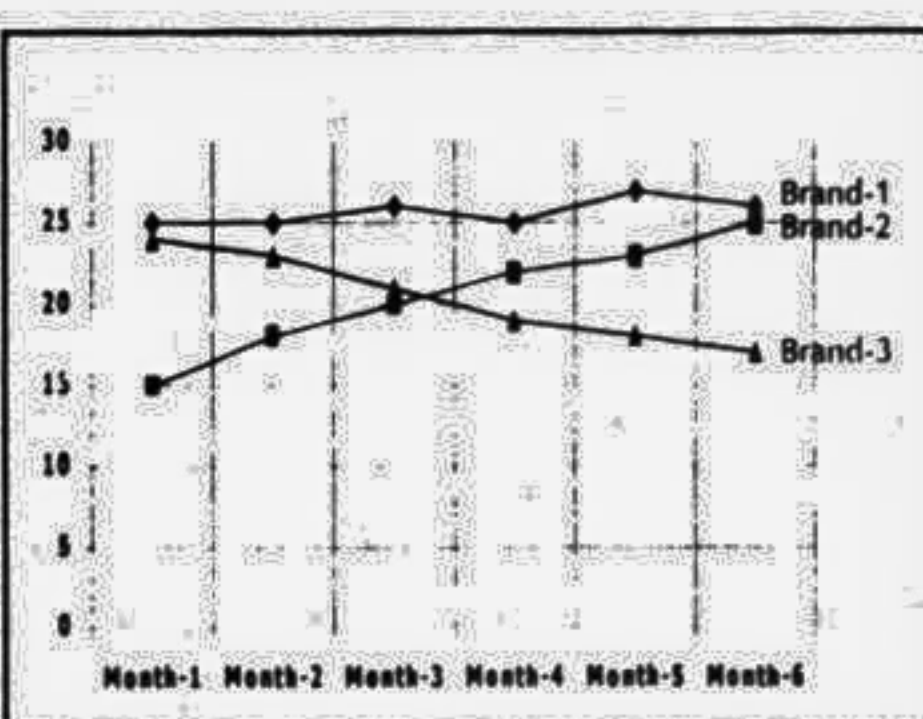
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