

Model judgeship in Ctg proposed

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: A judicial conference held here today unanimously supported a proposal for turning Chittagong judgeship into a model judgeship with a view to speedy disposal of cases, an official handout said, reports BSS.

The conference held at the Ejlash of district and sessions Judge Siddiqueur Rahman Mia under his chairmanship was attended by all judges, additional district judges, district magistrates, additional police superintendents, district bar association president and the secretary and government pleaders.

Speakers at the conference expressed the opinion that creation of a model judgeship at Chittagong court would create a very congenial atmosphere for speedy disposal of cases. Complainants, police, lawyers, magistrate and judges will act promptly in their own sphere to help settle cases at the shortest possible time, they said, adding police will have to complete inquiry, submit chargesheet and present the witnesses in time and then judges and magistrates can dispose of cases speedily.

Speakers at the conference included additional district judge, District Bar Association President Nurus Safa Talukdar, first class magistrate and the additional SP.

Hasina, Khaleda condole death of Advocate S R Pal

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her deep shock and grief at the death of noted Lawyer S R Pal, reports BSS.

In a message of condolence the prime minister said Advocate Pal was respected by all for his professional excellence.

"Being a very gentleman and having the power of sharp analysis, S R Pal contributed a lot to establishing rule of law in the country, she added.

She said the country has lost a learned lawyer at the death of S R Pal.

Sheikh Hasina prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Khaleda

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday condole the death of eminent lawyer S R Pal. In a message of condolence, she paid tributes to the memories of S R Pal and recalled his enormous contribution to the legal profession, reports BSS.

She conveyed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

In another message BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan also expressed his deep shock at the death of S R Pal and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Public Safety Bill won't harm opposition: Nasim tells JS

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the Public Safety Bill is aimed at helping courts, strengthening of administration and foiling conspiracy against public interest, reports BSS.

Participating in the discussion on a motion of thanks on the Presidential address in JS, the home minister alleged the apprehension of using the Bill for repression on opposition.

He assured the House that the new law would be enforced for the specific purpose of maintaining law and order as well as to safeguard life and property of the people. In this context, he referred to a similar law, passed during the rule of BNP.

Mohammad Nasim said specific crimes have been named in the law for helping courts to take culprits to task. He said the government has been given the right by the constitution to ensure security of life and property of the people.

The home minister regretted that the culprits after their arrest by the police take recourse to loopholes of the frustration of the law enforcing agencies and the people. He said that the

members of the law enforcing agencies arrest the criminals risking their lives and when they find that the culprits are set free easily, they naturally suffer from frustration and lose interest in the work, he pointed out.

Mohammad Nasim said that while the government has been making all out efforts to establish a peaceful atmosphere in the country, the opposition has been trying to create obstacles against these steps. He said the main objective of the opposition is to save the killers of Bangladesh.

He strongly criticised the opposition for rejecting the prime minister's offer of dialogue and said that in the face of sincere efforts of the government to resolve political problems, the opposition leader, Begum Khaleda Zia, threatened to enforce hartals.

Rejecting the opposition demand for resignation of the government, the home minister said the people have given their verdict to Awami League to rule the country for five years. We cannot disregard the verdict of the people, he said and dismissed any possibility of resignation of the government before its term is completed on July 12, 2001.

Referring to the anti-terrorism drive by the law enforcing agencies in the southern belt of the country, he said that the situation has now improved and people who were captive in the hands of the terrorists in the past can now sign relief.

Mohammad Nasim assured the house that the culprits of Kazi Aref murder and Udichi murder cases will be punished. He said the murderers of the joint secretary and culprits involved in the Dhaka University incident would also be taken to task.

He referred to the incident in which BNP leaders misbehaved with journalists and quoted newspaper reports saying that two of the entourage members of the leader of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia was found drunk during her recent visit to Kushtha.

The home minister urged all to join hands with the government in its endeavour to strengthen democracy further in the interest of the nation and development in the new century.



The students of Queens University on the 2nd day of fast-unto-death programme yesterday to press home their 21-point demand. — Star photo

QU students continue their fast-unto-death programme

By DU Correspondent

The students of Queens University continued their fast-unto-death programme for the second consecutive day yesterday, to press their 21-point demand which include stopping conspiracy to oust the vice-chancellor of the university and appointment of VC through presidential recommendation.

The students styled under the banner of "Queens University Chhatra Sangram Parishad" has been agitating on the campus for the last few days also to protest against what they alleged were "irregularities and corruption" by the QU authorities.

Some students including Shaheedul Islam Tipu, Tanzir Ahmed, Ruhul Kuddus Babu, Kabir, Apu, Prince and Ajzal Syed Munna became ill yesterday on the second day of the fast-unto-death programme. They were admitted to different hospital and private clinics.

The students threatened to continue their programme until realisation of their demands.

Urs

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 29: The holy annual Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Moulana Shah Sufi Syed Kazi Mahmud (RA) will be held at Kazipara Mazar Sharif premises in Brahmanbaria district on February 2, reports BSS.

A three-day programme has been chalked out on the occasion. The programme will begin on January 31 and conclude on February 2.

Buddhists urged to work unitedly for nation building

Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr S A Malek has called upon the Buddhist community to work unitedly under the able leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to build a happy, prosperous and self-reliant nation as dreamt of by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

"Being inspired by the messages of peace, equality, non-violence and brotherhood preached by Gautam Buddha, the Buddhist community should come forward to help the government to build a self-reliant Bangladesh," he said in a speech to a function organised to mark the funeral of Purnananda Mahashabir, a renowned pundit and author of a number of books at Bhandargaon of Patna on Friday.

Presided over by Chairman of Bangladesh Buddhist Samity Luniti Jyotipal Mahathero, the function was addressed, among others, by Gazi Mohammad Shajahan Jewel, MP, central Awami League leader M M Yusuf, Khalilur Rahman and comrade Dilip Barua.

Dr Malek said the role of the Buddhist monks is glorious in preaching Buddha's messages of peace and equality in the turbulent and violence-wracked world.

FEMA expresses concern over political deadlock

The National Committee of the Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has expressed serious concern at the deteriorating political situation in the country which it holds is marked by escalating mistrust and confrontation between the government and the major opposition political parties, says a press release.

According to the FEMA leadership, the present political impasse has put democracy to test once again. They maintain that some political programmes including frequent hartals and resistance efforts by the ruling party are seriously disrupting the economic and social life causing untold sufferings and loss of income for the nation as a whole. Because of lack of understanding between the government and the opposition, even the Parliament, which is the vital institution in any democratic set up, has not been able to play its designated role. "The resulting situation is indeed unfortunate", they said.

FEMA leaders have appealed to both the government and the opposition to come forward to find ways and means for resolving the political deadlock and initiate dialogue in his direction immediately. Such initiative should be made without further loss of time.

"Democracy is a government by negotiation and compromise", the press release said adding "constitutional and democratic path must be pursued at all costs".



JCD brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding release of arrested party leaders and activists. — Star photo

Country enjoys dignified position in the comity of nations

Discussion on President's speech in JS continues

The government's development programmes were highlighted at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday when the treasury bench members thanked the president for his address given to the House, reports BSS.

They said present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina over the last three years and seven months had in fact tried to remove the stigma of the last 21 years when country's image was fading into oblivion due to rampant corruption and misrule.

They said Bangladesh now

stands in a dignified position in the global arena due to good governance being pursued by the present government which has already launched an epoch-making drive against poverty throughout the country.

Initiating the discussion on address of the President, State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives, Advocate Rahamat Ali said he had in fact placed a realistic document on what was actually done since 1996 in the country to improve the lot of the commonman.

"We are implementing hundreds of development programmes in all key sectors to make Bangladesh a happy and prosperous country," he said, adding local government bodies are being strengthened to ensure people's power in a democratic system.

He said empowerment of women in the local government bodies was the fulfillment of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's commitment. Agriculture, industry, gas and power sector, trade and commerce, diplomacy and internal security are the other main areas where the government has already started achieving success due to its sincere governance and efficient management, he said.

Advocate Ali bitterly criticised the opposition for their continuous absence in Parliament, saying they were in fact

depriving the nation by their non-participation in the discussion on President's address.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah called on the opposition not to dream like those in Pakistan or Ecuador, where democracy was being trampled by unwanted forces.

He said the people of Bangladesh would no more allow any undemocratic upheaval as they had already tasted the essence of democracy under the sincere and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina since 1996.

Referring to former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia's demand for ouster of the present government, he sought to know how a once democratically elected prime minister could ask another democratically elected prime minister to step down.

Kazi Sirajul Islam of Awami League from Faridpur said the regimes from 1975 to 1996 had polluted the country's history by their politics of corruption, looting, killing, coup, conspiracy and misrule leading the whole nation to an uncertainty.

He said Dhaka University premises was stained by blood during that period and there was a total erosion of moral values at the time.

Combing Operation: 1031 held

A total of 1031 persons were arrested and six illegal weapons, 14 rounds of bullet and two explosives were seized during the 282nd day of the countrywide combing operation by police, Bangladesh Rifles and Ansar force, reports BSS.

The combined force arrested 432 persons on different charges from across the country including four metropolitan areas and seized the arms, ammunitions and explosives. They also arrested 596 wanted accused and two alleged terrorists during the operation.

A total of 190 persons including 37 warrantees were arrested from Dhaka Metropolitan area and one illegal weapon and four bullets and two explosives were seized. A total of 19 persons including three warrantees were taken into custody from Chittagong Metropolitan area during the raids.

A total of 12 persons including four wanted accused were arrested from Khulna Metropolitan area while four persons from Rajshahi Metropolitan area.

A total of 157 persons including 114 wanted accused were arrested from Dhaka range while 140 persons including 108 wanted persons were arrested from Chittagong range.

Two hundred and thirty seven persons including 164 warrantees were arrested from Rajshahi range with two weapons while 185 persons including 124 wanted persons and two alleged terrorists were arrested from Khulna range with three weapons and 10 bullets.

A total of 54 persons including 26 warrantees were arrested from Barisal range while 33 persons including 15 wanted persons from Sylhet range.

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Notice Inviting Tender: 1. Tender No: 335/SDI/1999-2000. 2. Name of work: Construction of Central Police Officers' Club (temporary staff college) at BRP at Mirpur, Dhaka during the year 1999-2000. (Sub-Head: Sanitary and water supply arrangement) during the year 1999-2000. 3. Estimated cost: Tk. 6,94,469.00. 4. Earnest money: Tk. 13,892.00. 5. Time allowed for completion of the work: 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order. 6. Class of contractor: Enlisted as special class-I, class-I plumbing contractor under PWD & Class-II plumbing contractors under PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka. 7. Place of selling and receiving tender: Office of the all Executive Engineers under PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Gazipur PWD Division/Manikganj PWD Division & this Division. 8. Last date of selling tender: 09-02-2000 during the office hours. 9. Date and time of receiving tender: 10-02-2000 up to 12:00 Noon. 10. Date and time of opening tender: 10-02-2000 at 12:15 PM. 11. No tender will be sold to a contractor/firm who has no "VAT" registration certificate & TIN certificate. Attested copy of "VAT" registration certificate & TIN certificate must be submitted along with the tender. 12. In case more than one contractor stood by quoting same rates, the lowest contractor will be selected by the lottery on 17-02-2000 at 11:00 AM in the chamber of the Executive Engineer, Mirpur PWD Division, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. 13. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender received without assigning any reason thereof. Executive Engineer Mirpur PWD Division Dhaka. DFP-1420-24/1 G-157

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