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Hasina for peaceful solution to problems facing Muslim world

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for peaceful solution to all problems facing the Muslim world.

Sheikh Hasina was talking to visiting Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sulaiman Majid al-Shaheen who called on her at Ganabhaban, official residence of the Prime Minister.

Hasina also reiterated Bangladesh's firm commitment to global peace.

Sulaiman handed over a letter to Sheikh Hasina from Acting Prime Minister of Kuwait Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah.

In his letter, the Kuwaiti acting prime minister congratulated Sheikh Hasina on Bangladesh's election as a member of the UN Security Council. Sabah expressed the hope that Bangladesh would play positive and effective role in international forums.

The visiting Kuwaiti Minister lauded Dhaka's role in the UN peace-keeping missions.

The Kuwaiti minister described the existing bilateral relations as excellent and expressed the hope that it would be further strengthened in the days ahead.

Arrival of ships at Ctg port down by 30 pc

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 6: Arrival of ships at Chittagong port decreased by about 30 per cent in the last one month due to fall in import of goods, port sources said.

As a result, on an average 10 berths out of 31 at the port remain empty, sources added.

There was a severe congestion of ships both at the jetties and outer anchorage a few months ago.

Presently, 20 to 22 vessels remain anchored at the port's berths and 3 to 5 ships at the outer anchorage.

During the period of congestion, the ships waiting at the outer anchorage were found in a race to get berthing, port sources said.

They said in recent months import of foodgrains including wheat, rapeseed, fertiliser and other general cargo marked a decline.

Chittagong port annually handles over 1200 vessels as most of the import and export cargo of the country are routed through this port.

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7 6.30 pm
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Prayer Timings

May 7		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	1-00	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-30	6-33
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Teachers must be competent & committed

The Daily Star- CAMPE roundtable on education in city told

By Staff Correspondent

Educationists, politicians and NGO activists yesterday observed that lack of competent and committed teachers was one of the major impediments to complete removal of illiteracy and providing students with quality education.

Incentives like 'food for education' and stipend for girl students significantly contributed to the considerable success so far achieved in this sector, they said and suggested continuation of such incentives.

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