

## Annan commends Dhaka's role in UNSC

NEW YORK, Sept 9: UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has commended Bangladesh's profile in UN Security Council for making 'pro-active' and 'open' move, reports BSS.

The secretary general's appreciation came during his meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the UN headquarters on Friday.

Briefing newsmen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to UN Anwarul Karim Chowdhury said, while appreciating Bangladesh for its active and massive participation in UN peacekeeping missions Kofi Annan said that Bangladesh had deployed its troops in various difficult situations even when many countries hesitated to do so.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr S A Samad, Foreign Secretary C M Shafi Sami and Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Jawadul Karim were also present.

The UN Secretary General referred to the recent UN visit by Bangladesh Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman and his subsequent meeting with General Rahman over peace-keeping mission.

This was for the first time that the C-in-C of any country visited the UN Headquarters to talk about peacekeeping mission.

Reciprocating the sentiment of the UN secretary general, the Prime Minister said Bangladesh would continue to provide more troops in peacekeeping missions. Bangladesh would work with other countries for implementation of Brahimi Commission on peace-keeping process.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan at the United Nations headquarters in New York on Friday during the UN Millennium Summit.

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## Int'l confce on oversight functions begins today

An international conference on 'Improving Oversight Functions: Challenges in the New Millennium' begins today in the city to identify the areas need reforms and make recommendations to improve accountability and transparency in the public expenditure during that period, he told the newsmen.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the conference, the first ever in Bangladesh, at Sonargaon Hotel at 10.30 am. Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria will be present as the special guest.

Prizes will be distributed among the winners of the children-juvenile painting and essay competition.

An exhibition of a selection of the prize-winning entries will also be held.

## Discussion on tunnel under Karnaphuli Sept 12

A roundtable discussion on 'construction of tunnel under the river Karnaphuli and its national perspective' will be held at VIP lounge of the Jatiya Press Club on September 12 at 3 pm, reports BSS.

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain and Civil Aviation and Tourism, Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharrif Hossain will attend the discussion as guests of honour.

Members of Parliament, Secretaries, additional and joint secretaries of the government and social leaders are expected to take part in the discussion, organised by Chittagong Journalists Forum-Dhaka (CJFD).

The three-day even being held under the joint auspices of Comptroller and the Auditor General of Bangladesh and the UNDP is the result of a study on Country Financial Accountability Assessment (CFAA) of Bangladesh, a joint project undertaken by the World Bank and the UNDP.

Addressing a press conference in the city yesterday, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria said the government had given due importance to this high-profile international conference in the light of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's sincere commitment towards accountability and transparency of her administration as per her party's manifesto.

The press conference was also attended by the Comptroller and Auditor General Sayed Yousuf Hussein and UNDP resident representative Jorgen Lissner.

The main objective of the conference is to seek views of the participants from home and abroad to strengthen the oversight functions in Bangladesh and also expedite the on-going financial management reforms initiated by the government with the assistance of British DFID and the UNDP.

Representatives from the Supreme Audit Institutions of Australia, Bhutan, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United States and the World Bank are expected to attend the conference.

Kibria said the Audit and Account report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh in the past got no importance as there was no government with accountability and transparency between 1975

WAPC to hold its conference in Dhaka in Feb

World Association of Press Councils (WAPC) will hold its international conference in Dhaka in February next, reports BSS.

It was announced yesterday by the Executive Council of the global body on the concluding day of a seminar, which began on September 7 at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, a message received in the city from Turkey said.

Bangladesh Press Council (BPC) is expected to host the conference in the first week of February.

A total of 150 delegates from 22 countries attended the three-day seminar, jointly organised by the Kibris Turkish Press Council and the WAPC.

A six-member BPC team comprising Editor of Daily Sangbad Bazlur Rahman, Editor of The Independent Mahbubul Alam, Editor of The Bangladesh Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Chairman of Board of Editors of Daily Prokhat Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Prof Ali Ashraf, MP, and Advocate Ozair Farooq attended the seminar.

The team members presented papers on different topics in the seminar.

In a communiqué endorsed unanimously, the delegates expressed 'grave concern over the growing trend of misrepresentation of facts, events and developments by the media in its international coverage.'

It said the free press does not mean the press free from the government only, the press has also to be free from all internal and external influences.

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A circular for the recruitment of Medical Representatives, Field Supervisors & Area Managers has been published through this paper on 7th September, 2000 having a printing mistake in last date of submitting the application, which should be read in the following corrected way.

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## We believe in change of power by ballot

Hasina tells expatriates at reception in New York

NEW YORK, Sept 9: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told expatriate Bangladeshis that her party believes in change of power by ballot and would again form government if the people give her mandate in the next elections, reports BSS.

"I believe in strength of the people... Our good governance and development work in last four years has increased public support and popularity. I seek your cooperation in next election," she said at a reception accorded to her by the Bangladeshi community in America, held at Marriot Hotel in Brooklyn here Friday night.

Responding to a volley of questions from the members of Bangladesh community about the state of affairs back at home, Hasina ruled out any impact on the voters of the electoral coalition of the four opposition parties.

"There is nothing new in it.

All garage has the same roots. They have single ideology and policy," she said about the alliance of opposition BNP, JP, Jamaat and IOJ.

Hasina said since she formed her government, BNP and its allies had been threatening to oust it through a movement. They also wanted to make parliament collapse through their boycott of it. But unitedly they have neither unseated the government nor have they resigned from parliament because of their own interest in the financial benefits it offers.

She said the opposition, having failed in their movement, was no patronising the country.

Recalling the post-independence chaos created by anti-liberation elements, she said vested political groups are now trying to create the same

situation.

In this context, she mentioned that while overall law and order situation had improved following curbing of terrorism in the southern region, the opposition were unleashing terrorism different parts of the country.

About the High Court verdict upholding conviction of former president Ershad, the prime minister said the corruption case against him had been initiated by the past BNP regime and he was also convicted during its rule.

The High Court upheld the lower court verdict against Ershad's appeal and sentenced him to five years imprisonment and fined Tk 5.5 crore in the Janata Tower case.

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