

Implement Mujib-Indira Treaty on enclaves

Delhi urged to allow free movement of Bangladeshis

UNB Dhaka
Bangladesh has requested India to consider construction of fly over or underpass to ensure free movement of Bangladesh nationals at Dahagram and Angorpota enclaves through the Tin Bigha corridor connecting the mainland.

Replying to Haji Mohammad Selim (Awami League-Dhaka), Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad admitted in Parliament yesterday that controlled movement allowing Bangladesh citizens to use the corridor every

alternate hour during daytime is "not consistent" with the Mujib-Indira Land Boundary Treaty.

He said Bangladesh demanded full implementation of the treaty of 1974, allowing 24-hour movement through the Tin Bigha corridor. The Indian government has shown positive indication to the Bangladesh's plea, he added.

"This problem can be resolved through free and continuous movement of Bangladesh citizens through the Tin Bigha corridor," Azad told the House.

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Prayers for knowledge...
A priest performs the ritual at a *mandop* at Swamibagh in the city yesterday, celebrating Saraswati Puja.

Agargaon slum: Drug dealers preparing for showdown

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After Saturday's clash, a tense situation is now prevailing at the 'BNP slum' at Agargaon in the city as armed fractions of drug traders are preparing for confrontation, sources said.

The four armed gangs clashed several times in the past over control of the slum for drug trade in and around the area.

Eight people were killed as drug

traders clashed with police during several operations there in the last two years.

The slum under Mohammadpur thana area is the biggest one in the city. It is the "main problem" in the city and it is not possible to control the area unless the slum is demolished, police say.

Sources claimed that drugs worth around Tk 20 lakh are sold every day in about 50 spots in the

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JCD rivalry: 9 sued under PSA in Chittagong

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Former general secretary of the city JCD Mohammad Ali last night filed a case with Panchlaish thana under Public Safety Act (PSA) against his rivals concerning trouble at Sunday's rally of the organisation at Muradpur.

JCD president Nasir Uddin Pintu was assaulted at the rally.

Pintu was later declared persona non grata in Chittagong by the agitating faction, insiders said.

JCD activists M A Hamid, Shahed, Shakawat, Hasan Ullah, Belayet Hossain Bhulu, Kamrul Islam, Rafiqul Alam, Moazzem Huq Tuhin and Asif were implicated in the case, police said. None was arrested so far.

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Family affair...

Two small link roads in the city's Rayer Bazar area named after Sadek Khan, Commissioner of Ward 47, and his uncle Hashem Khan.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Having spent about two crore taka from the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) funds for construction and repair of two small link roads in Rayer Bazar area, Commissioner of Ward-47 Sadek Khan has arbitrarily named the roads after him and his late uncle, Hashem Khan.

A large sign boards put up on one road reads "In the name of Allah, Dhaka City Corporation, Ward No. 47, Sadek Khan Road". Another signboard reads, "Hashem Khan Road. From Sher-e-Bangla Road to flood protection embankment".

The Chief Executive Officer of the Dhaka City

Nephew and uncle do it!

Corporation told The Daily Star that his office did not give permission to anyone in the area to name a road after the ward commissioner. He said it was an offence to name a road without permission from the DCC. In case of changing the name of a road, he said, one has to obtain permission from the ministry concerned.

The roads were built by filling up the low-lying area inside the flood protection embankment near Rayer Bazar about two years ago. Over

the last two years, an unspecified sum of money was spent for the maintenance of the road, particularly after the rainy seasons. This year the earthen road has been widened.

When Sadek Khan was contacted, he said it was the demand of the people of the area to name the roads after him and his uncle. He said it was the people who put up the signboards.

Last year, the same ward commissioner

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Agitation for textbooks continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agitating students demonstrated in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting non-availability of textbooks and demanding trial of the persons responsible for this.

They held a rally there and set fire to an effigy of Salman F Rahman, Vice Chairman of Beximco Group.

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Mild quake rocks Karnataka

AP, New Delhi

Three days after a massive earthquake devastated western India, several parts of a southern state were rocked yesterday by mild tremor, causing minor damage and triggering widespread panic.

The magnitude 4.3 quake hit parts of Karnataka state including its capital, Bangalore, at 8.08 am (0238 gm), the Bangalore Meteorological Center said. It said its epicenter was about 35 kilometers (21 miles) south

a Bangalore, which is known for its computer and software industry.

Residents said panic-stricken people rushed into the open as windows rattled and rumbling noises were heard. Police and fire brigade control were flooded with calls from people. Residents said they felt the quake for 30 seconds, but the Meteorological Center put the duration of the quake at two seconds.

United News of India news agency said some buildings includ-

ing schools developed minor cracks. Authorities closed schools and colleges in Bangalore after rumors spread that an earthquake would occur again in mid-morning.

The area is 1,375 kilometres (850 miles) southeast of Bhuj, the town near the epicenter of Friday's 7.9 magnitude quake in Gujarat state that killed thousands. A magnitude 4 earthquake is capable of causing moderate damage.

Report from Ahmedabad says:

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