

Hasina condemns rape of maid by Jubo Dal leaders

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her strong resentment and condemnation over the gangrape incident of a maid by the leaders of Jubo Dal at Kazirchar in Dohar upazila.

In a statement, she alleged that armed cadres of BNP and its front organisations under the protection of an influential BNP leader

BCL protests attack on Hasina's motorcade

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of opposition Awami League, staged demonstration on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting Monday's attack on the motorcade of Sheikh Hasina in Naogaon.

BCL leaders at a rally on the campus demanded state security for the opposition leader and said certain quarters are hatching conspiracy to kill Sheikh Hasina. The present government is a part of it, they added.

Threatening an all-out movement, the BCL leaders said the government is trying to eliminate the opposition. It has also adopted a policy of repression by arresting BCL leaders and workers across the country, they said.

Earlier, the BCL brought out a procession on the campus chanting slogans against the government.

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and his brothers and children have been committing various crimes in the upazila as like as across the country.

Dohar has now become a den of armed terrorists. Hasina said adding that none are safe in the hands of the armed terrorists of BNP and its front organisations.

"In continuation of their antisocial activities, the JCD and Jubo Dal activists gangraped maid at Kazirchar on March 1, but the culprits are still at large," she added.

Equal rights for women demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally in the city yesterday demanded equal rights for women in all spheres of national life.

They said women in our society are frequently repressed by their male partners despite constitutional recognition of equal rights for women.

The speakers were addressing the rally at the Central Shaheed Minar organised by Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) as part of its programme to observe the International Women's Day with a slogan 'Men and women are equal: pledge of the women's day'.

BSEHR secretary general Sigma Huda, executive director Masuda Gaos and Mahbub Alam Kamal, training director of the society addressed the rally which was followed by a cultural programme.

Earlier, BSEHR formed a human chain in front of the Latya Press Club.



Bangladesh Mohila Awami League formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding trial of those responsible for the death of Fahima. The girl took her life by hanging herself from the ceiling at her house at Tollarbagh in Mirpur thana of the city on Sunday night after three local youths raped her.

BTMA, DOF urged to remain above corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

New Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Anwar Faruq on Tuesday urged the members of Bangladesh Timber Merchants' Association (BTMA) and the officials of the Department of Forest (DOF) to remain above corruption for the development of forest resources in the country.

Anwar Faruq made the appeal when the BTMA Chairman Md. Rashedul Haq and Mahbub Alam Kamal, training director of the society addressed the rally which was followed by a cultural programme.

The new CCF said that he expected a sincere co-operation between the two organisations.

Ever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd, manufacturer of Lifebuoy, is the sponsor of the hospital and it will

Floating hospital opens March 13

UNB, Dhaka

A floating hospital set up on a self-propelled shallow barge will be commissioned on March 13 to provide health services to the riverbank population.

The opening ceremony of Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital will be held at Feather Text Limited at Siddhinganj of Narayanganj district, said a press release.

This year the floating hospital plans to focus on the char and riverbank population of two upazilas in Kurigram district and one upazila in Jamalpur.

Ever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd, manufacturer of Lifebuoy, is the sponsor of the hospital and it will

bear operational expenses for three years. Friendship, an NGO, is also associated with the project.

The hospital has been set up on a double-decker barge with a length of 38.5 metre and width of 5.05 metre.

It includes an observation ward, one gynaec and obstetrics room, a minor surgical operation room, a pathological lab, dental and ante natal check-up rooms and a dispensary.

A trained medical team comprising two doctors, two female nurses, a male nurse, one technician and a medical clerk will run the hospital.

Indo-Bangla cooperation in health sector stressed

UNB, Dhaka

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka ML Tripathi called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain at his office here yesterday.

They discussed matters relating to strengthening cooperation in health sector for the mutual benefit of the people of two countries, said an official release.

The Indian High Commissioner told the health minister of long term and short term courses for the medical professionals in India and expressed willingness to cooperate in this regard.

They hoped that both the countries could work together in the area of common field in health sector like preventing HIV, dengue and malaria diseases.

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Develop skilled human resources for economic emancipation

President tells USTC convocation ceremony

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

President AOM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called upon the universities to develop skilled human resources for the economic emancipation and social progress of the country with the advancement in technology.

He also called upon the physicians to raise awareness about the fatal diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C and arsenic contamination.

The President made this call while inaugurating the second convocation of the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) on the university campus here in the morning.

natural resources, he added.

President Badruddoza, also the chancellor of the university, also laid emphasis on the development of IT sector to catch up with the rest of the world and said that through the development of software alone, many countries including neighbouring India were making remarkable progress in the economy.

Referring to health sector, the president said that although there are health centres in rural areas, many villagers were being deprived of treatment facilities due to shortage of physicians.

He urged the medical students to go to remote rural areas to extend their services for these people.

The president also called for creating a healthy and congenital atmosphere in the universities.

Speaking at the ceremony, convocation speaker Prof MS Ilyas Dhami termed the generation of technology an 'absolute need' for the developing countries and said

that a developing country should not be swayed by the prevalent notion that the generation of technology is not economically sound, if not impossible.

There was a vast scope for technology generation by such countries themselves and highly qualified people were more than anything else to this end for changing the methods and the milieu of Bangladesh, Prof Ilyas Dhami opined.

The founder Vice-chancellor of USTC and National Professor Nurul Islam in his address explained the activities and contribution of the university.

He said that apart from local students, students from nine countries were also studying in the six faculties of the two campuses (four in Chittagong and two in Dhaka) of USTC. The foreign students comprise one third of the total students, he said.

Later, President Badruddoza conferred degrees on 142 students at the convocation ceremony.

'Long march towards Bibiana unnecessary'

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hossain yesterday described the long march towards Bibiana as "unnecessary" and said it was aimed at "misguiding" people's sentiment.

"They are not thinking rationally. They are not considering economic aspects. Rather, the small groups are trying to misguide people by propaganda," he told UNB.

He also called for the secular forces in both India and Bangladesh to put up a resistance against these evil forces of communalism.

They urged the Bangladesh government, political parties and members of the civil society to resist the fanatical and communal forces of the country.

Signatories to the statement included Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Prof. Musharraf Hossain, Prof. Ajay Roy, Prof. Anisuzzaman, Prof. Dr. Quazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed, Prof. Hayat Mamud, Tabarak Hossain, Mafidul Haque, Chitra Bhattyacharya, Hena Das, Prof. Zaheda Ahmed, Ayesha Khanam, Shafi Ahmed and Syed Manzoorul Islam.

They are not thinking rationally. They are not considering economic aspects. Rather, the small groups are trying to misguide people by propaganda," he told UNB.

He said the government repeatedly said it is yet to take any decision about gas export by pipeline. "But these people have started a long march against gas export."

The state minister said two national committees -- one to determine reserve and another to find out alternative uses of the natural resource -- have been formed and any decision will be taken following their reports.

If they suggest export, the government might go for it. But everything will be done in a transparent way, all decisions will be

taken through discussions in parliament," he added.

Mosharraf said the government trusts the committees comprising experts from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Geology departments of universities, BIDS and CPD.

When the committees are working to find out best alternatives, they (long march organisers) didn't come up with any specific proposal. He said if they want to sit with him, he would like to listen to their suggestions, if there is any.

Asked whether the government is under pressure to export gas, Mosharraf replied in the negative.

But, he said, there are pressures for making payment in foreign currency to the international oil companies and utilising gas they explored as per production sharing contracts signed with them.

Asked about the logic of having so many PSCs, the state minister blamed the past Awami League government for pushing them to an awkward situation.



Norwegian ambassador Gerd Wahlstrom paid a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

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