

Resist Israeli aggression, save Arafat

AL urges world Muslims

UNB, Dhaka
Awami League leaders yesterday urged world Muslims to stand against Israeli aggression and save the besieged PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Demanding Israeli pullout from the occupied territories and cessation of attacks on the unarmed Palestinians, the AL leaders said if anything wrong happened to the legendary leader, Arafat, the people of Bangladesh would not tolerate it.

They made the call during demonstrations in the city against Israeli aggression against Palestine. A rally was held at the Bangabandhu Avenue in the afternoon followed by procession.

During the procession the AL leaders and workers chanted slogans against Israeli aggression, saying "Muslims of the world, stand united and resist Israel", "Muslims of the world, save Arafat, save Palestine".

Addressing the rally, AL president member Abdus Samad Azad said the people of Bangladesh were now very much worried about Arafat and "we express our solidarity with their idealistic struggle".

Abdur Razzak said it is a matter of regret that the Muslims are not united now. "In the past we stood by the Vietnamese, now we urge all the Muslim countries to stand together beside Palestine."

Motia Chowdhury said Arafat is

not fighting for his own interest, he is fighting for a free Palestine for its people. "None can resist Palestine. No matter whoever stand beside Israel, we will stand beside Arafat unto death," she said.

Chairing the rally, Mayor and Dhaka City AL president Mohammad Hanif said their party would protest and resist wherever repression occurs. "We don't know whether Arafat is alive. But, people of Bangladesh will not spare anyone if anything happens to him."

Earlier, police took away two rickshaws carrying loudspeakers for the rally and guided the AL leaders not to march out of Gulistan area. The procession paraded Zero Point, Gulistan, Fulbaria, Golapshah Mazar and ended at the party office.



The Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting Israeli attacks on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. PHOTO: STAR

Iftikhar made envoy to China

UNB, Dhaka

Iftikharul Karim, Bangladesh Ambassador in Seoul, has been appointed ambassador to China.

Karim, joined Foreign Service in 1971, served as a diplomat in Bangladesh embassies and missions in Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland and the USA.

He had participated in many bilateral and multilateral conferences as member of Bangladesh delegations including the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, UN Framework Convention Conference on Climate Change in Kyoto and Pakistan-India-Bangladesh Business Summit in Dhaka.

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'Formulate nat'l strategy to promote rainwater harvesting'

BSS, Dhaka

Experts of local and international agencies and institutions underscored the need for formulating a national strategy to promote Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) as an alternate source of drinking water in the arsenic affected areas of the country.

They recommended a partnership programme of the government, NGOs and private sector for

7500 more telephone lines in Ctg soon

BSS, Ctg

Sufferings of the new telephone connection seekers in the port city will partially come to an end as Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board (BTB) has decided to install 7500 more digital lines here, a board official said yesterday.

"The new connections will help reduce inconvenience to the people in general and improve telecommunication facilities," BTB Director Telecom-1 in Chittagong region Abu Naser Shamsuddoha told BSS.

He said the applicants for new connections will get new telephone lines under Agrabad and EPZ exchanges in October-November this year under the ongoing expansion project. The port city has eight exchanges.

A total of 7000 new connections would be given under Agrabad exchange and the remaining 500 would be under EPZ exchange against 20,000 pending applications, he said.

BTB has 60,000 telephones including 1400 analogue connections in Chittagong, the official said.

promoting RWH saying people should be given the message without further delay that rainwater is arsenic free and can be used for drinking purpose.

The government should provide regulatory framework, quality control mechanism and facilitate social mobilisation and promotional activities for harvesting rainwater, they said at a day-long workshop organised by Unit for Policy Implementation (UPI) of Local Government Division (LGD) at DPHE auditorium here on Sunday.

Delivery mechanism for promoting rainwater harvesting should a partnership programme between the government and other organisations, they said adding the government should provide subsidy for the hardcore poor people to mitigate the crisis.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, State Minister and Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Hoq Zia and Advocate Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu, secretary of the LGD and resource persons on RWH attended the workshop.

They said rainwater harvesting

UNFPA activities in health sector discussed

UNFPA representative to Bangladesh Suneeta Mukherjee called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain at his office yesterday, says a press release.

They discussed matters relating to UNFPA activities in health sector.

The health minister expressed the hope that UNFPA activities would be strengthened in future to help check population boom and promote health services in Bangladesh.



The Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon took to the street in the city yesterday protesting Israeli attacks on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. PHOTO: STAR

Canadian team meets education minister

BSS, Dhaka

A Canadian delegation led by Secretary of State for Asia and the Pacific David Kilgour yesterday called on Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk at his office here.

During the meeting, they discussed different issues relating to educational system of the two countries.

The education minister informed the delegation about various steps taken for development of the quality of education and expansion of women education across the country.

The Canadian delegation assured assistance in education sector especially in technical education.

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Preston and Education Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam was present in the meeting.

Earlier, visiting Education Minister of the Maldives Mohamed Latheef called on the Education Minister at his office here. They discussed matters relating to cooperation of education.

Latheef invited Dr Faruk to a forthcoming roundtable in the Maldives on April 14.

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