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Call to protect rights of Adibasis

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a national seminar yesterday called for enacting a law to protect the interest of the Adibasis of north-west Bangladesh.

They urged the government to enact an effective law to protect the land, culture and political and social rights of the Adibasis.

The daylong seminar on "Adibasi Land Issues in North-West Bangladesh" was jointly organised by Research and Development Collective (RDC) and Oxfam GB.

The speakers also called upon the government to look into the problems of Adibasis with sympathy and solve those.

They put forward a number of suggestions including the development of language, culture and education of the Adibasi people and formation of a land commission to protect their land.

Prof Zahadul Karim, Department of Anthropology, Rajshahi University, presided over the concluding session of the seminar held at BIAM auditorium in the city.

It was addressed, among others, by Prof. Ahsan Ali, Department of Anthropology, Dhaka University, Sanjib Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adibasi Forum, and Luis Tudu, a prominent Adibasi personality.



Newly elected leaders of the Dhaka Bar Council called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at the party office in the city yesterday and greeted her with flowers.

Dhaka reaffirms support to Palestinian struggle

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has reaffirmed its support to the Palestinian struggle for realising their inalienable rights and establishing an independent and sovereign state of Palestine.

Information Minister Tariqul

1371 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested a total of 1371 people, including four listed criminals and seized five firearms and 12 bullets during the countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Of the arrested, 734 people were wanted by police and 626 others were accused in connection with different cases under investigation.

Five people were arrested with firearms and two cases under arms act were filed against them.

The listed criminals who were arrested during the drive are Sumon alias Kata Sumon of Magura, Mohammad Giasuddin of Kustia, Nurul Amin Kagoji of Sakthira and Chenar Uddin of Rangpur.

Islam reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to the Palestinian cause when Palestinian Ambassador Mohammad Shahta Zarab met him at his office in the city yesterday.

Shahta Zarab explained to the minister the latest situation in Palestine and expressed gratitude to the Bangladesh government and its people for their support to the Palestinian cause.

He particularly thanked Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for her statement in the Jatiya Sangsad strongly supporting the cause of Palestinians and praised local media for extensive news coverage on the Palestinian issue.

The Information Minister expressed grave concern at the Israeli aggression against the Palestinians.

Expressing solidarity with the Palestinians, Tariqul urged the international community to press for an end to the siege of Arafat's headquarters and mass killing of Palestinians, and implementation of the UN resolutions on Palestine.

Information Secretary Mirza Tasadduq Hussain Beg was also present at the meeting.

Smuggled goods seized

Bangladesh Navy ships during their fortnight-long anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and fishery protection patrol in the coastal areas recovered smuggled goods worth about Tk 44.63 lakh, says a press release.

The contrabands seized by the BN ships operating from both Chittagong and Khulna Naval areas included mixed fish, sundari timber, fire wood and fishing net.

The Navy personnel also impounded 15 mechanised boats and arrested 2 fishermen.

'Hansen has violated diplomatic norms'

BSS, Dhaka

Several top former diplomats of the country yesterday expressed their disapproval of the manner in which a senior official of Danish Foreign Ministry had raised some issues of bilateral relations here recently.

Describing the holding of a press conference in Dhaka recently by Peter Lysholt Hansen, an Under-Secretary of the Danish Foreign Ministry, as "undiplomatic", the former diplomats, who also served as the country's foreign secretary at different times, however, said that the matter should be properly investigated in the interest of its early resolution.

Abul Ahsan, a former foreign secretary and the first secretary general of the SAARC secretariat in Kathmandu, when asked to comment on the contents and the press conference by Hansen, said by his action he (Hansen) had violated the "discreet and confidentiality" of diplomatic norms.

"I do not agree the way he (Hansen) has raised the issues," Ahsan said, adding, had the Danish Under-Secretary wanted, he could have discussed the matter either with the Prime Minister or the Foreign Minister.

Another former top foreign ministry official, Mofleh R Osmani, disapproved of the holding of the press conference by the Danish Under-Secretary, saying such action was "beyond diplomatic norms, and so unacceptable."

Osmani, now Chairman of Bangladesh International Institute of Strategic Studies (BISS), expressed his inability to go into the details as he was not well-

conversant with the whole matter.

The press conference by Danish Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was a "violation of diplomatic and protocol practice and norms," former foreign secretary, Shafi Sami, said.

Sami, who was also Bangladesh envoy to a number of countries, said "this is the first time that such a thing has happened in the history of Bangladesh and, perhaps, in the world at large."

He further said it is indeed "unprecedented" for a visiting high functionary of a foreign government to publicly accuse and that, too, at a press conference, a minister of the host government of corruption or intention of corruption.

Sami, who briefly served as the chairman of (BISS), said the statement made by the Danish official at the press conference caused "immeasurable damage to the image of the government and the nation." He said: "This cannot be and should not be taken lightly and efforts should be made to repair the damage."

Ershad returns tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad will return home tomorrow.

The JP leader, who underwent medical checkup at King Faisal Hospital in Saudi Arabia, will arrive at the airport by a British Airways flight from London where he went after the checkup, said a press release.

Internship at CPD

The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a civil society think-tank, intends to recruit a number of Interns under its Youth Leadership Programme.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Noted Cancer Specialist and the Chairperson of the Oncology Club Prof. A B M Fazlul Karim will be out of the country from 14 April, 2002. His absence has become unavoidable due to family health reasons. In addition to that, he will attend the World Cancer Congress in Oslo (30 June to 6 July 2002) as a guest speaker. However, he will remain on line with his chamber in Dhaka and as such will always be available for consultation through e-mail.

During this period, a competent oncologist will attend to the patients of Professor Karim in his chamber and shall instantly consult him via e-mail whenever needed to provide best possible service to all patients. Professor A B M Fazlul Karim wishes every one all the best and looks forward to providing on-line help to anyone seeking his advice.

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CAREER IN SINGAPORE

Director for South East Asia

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