



BNP, PML for working together for peace

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Visiting Pakistan Muslim League (PML) delegation led by its Secretary General Selim Saifullah Khan called on LGRD Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the city yesterday and discussed bilateral issues of common concern.

They called for working together with the political leaders of South Asian countries for development and establishing peace in the region.

They also underscored the need

to make the Saarc more effective for the welfare of the peoples in the South Asian countries.

The leaders of both the parties exchanged views on party activities and problems and shared experiences in ensuring development.

Both the sides were of the view that there is no alternative to working together in the age of globalisation.

PML leader Saifullah Khan expressed satisfaction over the progress and prosperity achieved by the people of Bangladesh.

He hoped that the people of

Bangladesh would achieve further development under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan also wished peace, progress and prosperity to the people of Pakistan.

BNP leaders Tarique Rahman, MM Rezaul Karim, Food Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Mofiqul Hasan Tripty and Syed Emran Saleh Prince were present at the meeting.

The PML delegation members included Senator Mir Nasir Mengal, Asad Khan Juneza, Begum Yeakut Jamil and Taieb Siddiqui.

The delegation arrived in the city early yesterday on a four-day goodwill visit at the invitation of BNP.

Earlier, the delegation placed wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar. They also laid wreaths and offered prayers at the mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman, said a press release.

20 books launched at book fair

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The Amar Ekushey Book Fair 2004 has turned into a fair of publication ceremony, with the enthusiasm of book lovers ebbing away.

Fewer crowds visited the fair yesterday while at least 20 books were launched by renowned personalities, the organisers said.

Seventy-one new books came to the shelves on the 19th day of the fair and the sales were good, the publishers said.

Poet Shamsur Rahman, Awami League lawmaker Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, BNP lawmaker Nurul Huda, Editor of the Jugantor Golam Sarwar, Vice-Chancellor of North South University Prof. Hafiz GA Siddique and Managing Director of Sonali Bank Rabiul Hossain and Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly unveiled the covers of new books at different stalls.

Different publishers demanded that the time of fair be extended for at least five more days.

Ship with 11,000 MT diesel arrives at Ctg

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A vessel carrying around 11,000 Tonnes of diesel arrived at Chittagong Port yesterday as the stock of diesel ran low threatening a crisis of the fuel oil in the country.

The consignment supplied by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and carried by the vessel -- Roberto Rizzo-- raised the stock to meet the requirements for more than a week, sources said.

Another vessel, Al-Kuwaitah, carrying 14,000 tonnes of diesel is expected to arrive at Chittagong Port by March 4.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation sources mentioned the stock of diesel at Eastern Refinery Limited, Main Installations (MIs) in Chittagong and different depots including the ones at Godnail and Fatullah in Dhaka was around 55,000 tonnes before the arrival of the consignment from Kuwait.

The present stock of diesel is

likely to meet the requirements for more than seven days as the average daily requirement is around tonnes.

The scheduled arrival of 20,000 tonnes of diesel supplied by Indian Oil Corporation by February 29 remains uncertain due to non-availability vessel, BPC sources said.

