

US keen to work with India on fundamentalism in Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

After harmonising positions on Nepal, the US is keen to work with India on Bangladesh where it sees a 'general deterioration' in security and rise of fundamentalist elements.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice conveyed Washington's interest during talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during her first visit to India on Wednesday, a senior US embassy official in New Delhi said.

"There was an expression of interest in working together in Bangladesh," the official was quoted as saying.

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OPEN CRITICISM OF GOVT ACTIVITIES

Move to stop talks between JS body chiefs, ministries

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The government high-ups have moved to stop holding open dialogues between the parliamentary body chiefs and the ministry high officials, apparently to save the ministers and secretaries from public criticism by the standing committee chiefs.

Sources said the speaker has asked the officials not to hold open dialogue with the committee chairmen and secretaries until further directive as the government high-ups were embarrassed by the committee chiefs' accusations against the ministries.

The move to stop such dialogue has virtually stalled a UNDP-

sponsored project aiming at strengthening the parliamentary committee system, under which a series of discussions were planned between the committee chiefs and ministry officials.

The Institute of Parliamentary Studies (IPS), which was formed to implement the project, organised an

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Marma girls in traditional dress during a cultural festival of indigenous people at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday.

Move to request withdrawal of two European envoys denied

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A high official at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) categorically denied any plans of the government to ask two European countries to withdraw their envoys in Dhaka and reacted sharply over a report published in a number of dailies yesterday.

Several dailies yesterday reported that some top policymakers of the government discussed asking two European countries to withdraw their ambassadors from Bangladesh for their alleged interference in domestic politics.

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Loan recovery stuck in legal maze

19 govt, 50 pvt bodies hold 39pc of Sonali Bank's default loans

STAR REPORT

High Court injunctions have hamstrung Sonali Bank's efforts to recover about 39 percent of its total default loan lying with 19 government and 50 private organisations.

As of December last, the country's largest bank has Tk 4,757 crore classified loans. Of this, the 19 gov-

ernment and 50 private entities are blocking Tk 1,852 crore. The private bodies owe the bank Tk 1,534 crore and the government ones Tk 318 crore.

Although Sonali Bank filed cases against most of these defaulting bodies with the Artha Rin Adalat (money loan court) and won the

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Bangabandhu's birthday observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 86th birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed yesterday with outpourings of tribute to the leader for his outstanding contributions to freeing the country from Pakistani occupation.

The main opposition Awami League (AL), its front organisations and different socio-cultural organisations observed the day with renewed determination to materialise

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PM rejects demand for caretaker reforms

UNB, Chandpur

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday dismissed the opposition plea for recasting the caretaker government system and said the election would be held as per provision of the constitution.

"The people of Bangladesh will abide by the constitution and go to the polls accordingly," she told a public meeting at Chandpur Stadium.

Criticising the main opposition for their self-contradictory stance, the prime minister said they want to

sidetrack the caretaker system on the pretext of reform in the system as they have no chance of winning the next general elections.

Khaleda said while the government has been carrying out massive development activities across the country, the opposition party is demanding changes in the caretaker government system as they have no issue in hand.

Stressing the need for continuity of the government, the prime minister said the BNP-led coalition will

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AL won't go to polls without interim govt reforms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League (AL) leaders yesterday said that the party will not take part in any election until necessary reforms in the caretaker government system and the Election Commission are made.

They said election before making the reforms would amount to a mockery and AL would resist such elections.

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Ex-director still exercises power

Transfers 8 staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A former director of now-defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac) yesterday transferred eight Bac officials, using a non-existing designation of a director of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Lt Col Abdul Hannan Mridha issued an office order on the trans-

fer, introducing him as an ACC director (administration and establishment), although the commission does not have any such post.

Meantime, ACC Commissioner Maniruzzaman Miah has said the transfer order is a move to make him functionless.

"I asked for 12 staff for my work

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এখন কেয়া সুপার বিউটি সোপ

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শুধুমাত্র আপনাদের জন্য

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