

STRANDED PAKISTANIS
JS body for
rehabilitating
them at Savar

BDNEWS, Dhaka

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended rehabilitation of the stranded Pakistanis (known as Biharis), now living on 541 plots in Mirpur, at Savar, and steps for their employment.

The parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Housing and Public Works made the recommendations at a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The committee suggested rehabilitating the Biharis on 14.5 acres of land at Barigram in Savar. If it is not possible, the authorities should arrange some other place for them, the House body said.

Committee Chairman Shajahan

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Embarrassed govt sits on row-stricken ACC

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The deadlock at the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) due to controversies and internal conflict has embarrassed the government but the policymakers are not taking any steps to solve the problems to avoid further controversy.

The government cannot interfere in the commission matters as the

ACC Act has made it an independent body free from any interference, the policymakers believe.

"No problem would have arisen if they had gone by the (ACC) act," Law Minister Moudud Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday at his office. The law minister ruled out the allegation that there are flaws in the ACC Act.

Several policymakers also

observed that there is no problem with the ACC Act. "Problems lie with the men in the commission," a top government policymaker told The Daily Star yesterday on condition of anonymity.

"The government understands the problems but cannot do anything," he said. "The (government) cannot remove any of three ACC

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UK praises improvement of law, order

UNB, Dhaka

The British government has highly appreciated the improvement of the law and order situation in Bangladesh, describing it as a tremendous success of the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

The appreciation was conveyed by British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury when he called on the prime minister at her office yesterday.

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British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury speaks to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia during a courtesy call at her office yesterday.



PHOTO: PID

Three killed in 'crossfire'

STAR REPORT

Three alleged members of two outlawed parties were killed in Kushtia and Jhenidah in 'encounters' between the police and the outlaws early yesterday.

The dead were identified as Anisur Rahman Anis and Babul of Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) and Shahidul Islam Shahid of Purbo Banglar Communist Party's Janajuddha faction.

With these, the death count in 'crossfire' or 'encounter' with the

police and Rapid Action Battalion in the last one year reached 253.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports: A joint team of police and ansar arrested Anis and Babul at Dahkula village of sadar upazila on Sunday night.

Following their statement, the joint force took them to Dahkula to retrieve hidden firearms at about 4:00am. Police said when they reached the village, a band of outlaws opened fire on them resulting in an hour-long gunfight.

Babul and Anis died on the spot

in 'crossfire' while trying to escape from the police van, the police said.

Later, police retrieved a shutter gun and 50 bullets from the spot.

The police said both Babul and Anis were listed criminals.

Our Magura correspondent reports: Harinakundu police of Jhenidah district arrested Shahid raiding a den of Janajuddha cadres at Teltupi village on Sunday night.

After interrogating Shahid, the police took him to a brick-field at the same village at around 1:30am

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Saber critical of govt statement on FBI probe

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina's Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury yesterday criticised the government for its statement on FBI's enquiry into the assassination of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria.

"The government is now making misrepresentations and resorting to falsehoods in the international

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8 militants killed in battle with Saudi forces

AFP, Riyadh

A fierce firefight between Saudi security forces and suspected Islamic militants raged on in the north of the kingdom for a second

straight day yesterday, leaving as many as eight militants dead and at least 15 security personnel wounded, media reports said.

Saudi commanders said the

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Bear mauls 8 in Feni

BDNEWS, Feni

Eight people were injured when a bear went on the rampage at the Bilonia bordering area of Parshuram upazila in the district.

Earlier, the bear had crossed into Bangladesh from an Indian forest.

The villagers and police said, a huge bear entered Bangladesh on Monday morning through Nizkalikapur border of Bilonia.

The bear went on the rampage in the village after attacking Tayeb Ali

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Prayer Timing		
April 5		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation