



Party leaders see Awami League President Sheikh Hasina off at Zia International Airport in the city as she embarks on an 11-day Europe tour yesterday.

150th anniversary of Saontal rebellion June 30

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Recalling the heroic struggle of the indigenous Saontal community against the repression and oppression of the zamindars and British rulers from 1855 to 1857, the 150th anniversary of the Saontal Revolution will be observed across the country on June 30.

A daylong programme including seminar, rally and cultural functions will be held on the day, said the organisers at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Saontal Revolution is one of the major revolts against the British rulers by the subaltern groups spreading across the then Bangla, Bihar and Orissa.

To observe the day, a 150-member committee has been formed with Poet Shamsur Rahman and Prof Mesbah Kamal as president and member secretary.

At the press conference, the ethnic minority group demanded

immediate constitutional identity, compulsory primary education in their own language, equal opportunity in job sector, and implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts peace treaty, among others.

Prof Kamal said the ethnic minority has been facing discrimination in their every single step in the society and they are being treated as migrant people in their ownland.

Poet Shamsur Rahman said a vested quarter is trying to wipe out the ethnic minority by killing and suppressing them.

They have not yet got their right in the country's democratic system, he said, adding, "We have organised ourselves to work for them to meet their rights."

Communist Party of Bangladesh President Monjurul Hossain Khan, Workers Party leader Haidar Akbar Khan Rono, Prof Dalem Chandra Barman, Sanjib Drong, Rabindra Saren, Kerina Mrumru were present in the conference.



Poet Shamsur Rahman speaks at a press conference on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Saontal Revolution at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

NILUFAR MURDER CASE

SC stays HC order

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for two weeks a High Court order acquitting Kazi Mahub Uddin Ahmed, who was awarded life-term by a trial court, in the much-talked-about Nilufar Rashid murder case.

After hearing a petition filed by the government, a bench of the Appellate Division comprising Chief Justice Syed JR Mudassar Husain and two other judges passed the order.

On June 15, a High Court bench comprising Justice AK Badrul Huq and Justice Fazlur Rahman acquitted Kazi Mahub Uddin Ahmed in this case.

Nilufar Rashid, daughter of late justice Harun-ur Rashid Khan, was killed at the residence of her husband Kazi Mahub Uddin Ahmed at Basabo in the city on December 2, 1992.

The trial court, on September 27, 2003, convicted Kazi Mahub with life-term imprisonment in this case.

Kazi Mahub obtained bail from the High Court on November 19, 2003.

On February 20, 2004, the Supreme Court cancelled Mahub's bail and ordered him to surrender before the trial court within two weeks.

But, he was absconding without surrendering before the court. The Supreme Court dismissed his appeal on October 30, 2004.

On April 19 this year, he surrendered to the lower court.

Attorney General AI Mohammad Ali, Additional Attorney General Abdur Rezzak Khan and Deputy Attorney General Abdur Rouf Miah moved the petition for the state while Advocate Mahubur Rahman for Kazi Mahub.

Rezaul Karim made envoy to Egypt

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The government has appointed M. M. Rezaul Karim as ambassador of Bangladesh to the Arab Republic of Egypt, an official notification said yesterday.

Ambassador M. M. Rezaul Karim, a retired career diplomat and a former secretary to the government, is an advisor to BNP chairperson.

He was High Commissioner to the UK and Sri Lanka and ambassador to China, Soviet Union, Iran and Iraq as well as concurrently accredited as ambassador to Finland, Lebanon, North Korea, Mongolia and the Maldives.

He attended a number of UN and international conferences, including UN General Assembly sessions, Commonwealth heads of government meetings, Non-aligned summits, OIC meetings and Saarc summits.

Rezaul Karim obtained BA (Hons.) degree in Economics from Dhaka University, Master's degree in Public Administration from Karachi University and another MA degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

He was born in Kushtia in 1935.

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