



Delhi-based Irish Ambassador to Bangladesh Kieran Dowling calls on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

Ireland to import more RMG

Hopes Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday hoped that Ireland would import medicines, leather and jute products and more readymade garments from Bangladesh.

Khaleda expressed the hope when newly appointed Delhi-based Irish Ambassador to Bangladesh Kieran Dowling met her at the PM's office.

Ireland imported readymade garments (RMG) worth 57.97 million US dollar in fiscal 2004-2005, according to officials.

The Irish envoy assured that he would put his best efforts during his tenure to deepen the present good relations between the two countries.

He said both Bangladesh and Ireland have been participating in UN peacekeeping missions and in many places like Liberia peacekeepers of the both countries are working together.

Achievements in education, UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), health, women empowerment, children welfare, increased farm output, poverty reduction, and important role of Saarc in development of regional cooperation also came up for discussion.

Both the Bangladesh Prime Minister and the Irish envoy laid emphasis on exchange of visit by chamber delegations between the two countries to bolster trade relations.

Welcoming the Ambassador to Bangladesh, Khaleda assured him of all-out support in discharging his duties.

Irish envoy meets Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Irish Ambassador to Bangladesh Kieran Dowling yesterday made a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city.

They discussed matters of bilateral interests. They also exchanged views on how to further strengthen cooperation between Bangladesh and Ireland.

The Irish Ambassador is stationed in New Delhi.

Awami League leaders Kazi Zafarullah MP, Syed Abul Hossain MP and Saber Hossain Chowdhury were present.



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Family members of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and members of civil society line up along a road at Shahbagh in the city yesterday to demand trial of the perpetrators of the gruesome murder.

WASA DRIVE AGAINST BILL DEFAULTERS CONTINUES

Mobile court realises Tk 27 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) in a drive yesterday realised Tk 27 lakh from bill defaulters in the city.

The court led by Wasa Magistrate Kazi Wasiuddin went to realise an arrears of Tk 36.31 lakh from a garments factory on Mirpur Road in Elephant Road area. The owner of the factory gave a cheque for Tk 25 lakh to the court instantly.

The court then went to another

holding at Elephant Road to realise an arrears of Tk 6 lakh. The owner of the holding gave a cheque for Tk 2 lakh to save the connection.

The mobile court also snapped three connections, one for not paying an arrears of Tk 13 lakh at Dhanmondi, another for an arrears of Tk 12 lakh at Green Road and the last one for not paying an arrears of Tk 17 lakh.

The drive will continue particularly on Tuesday and Wednesday till the beginning of the holy month of

Ramadan, Wasa sources said.

The Wasa authorities at a meeting recently decided to disconnect the lines of bill defaulters in a bid to realise the arrears, and started the snapping drive on August 23.

Different government, private organisations and household owners owe a total of Tk 200 crore to Wasa.

Of the total amount, Tk 180 crore is due to private business organisations and household owners. The rest Tk 20 crore is due to government organisations.



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Former chief justice and chief adviser of the last caretaker government, Justice Latifur Rahman speaks at a regional seminar on 'Islam: Religion of Peace, Progress and Harmony; Bangladesh: Model of a Moderate Muslim Nation' at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Two killed in city incidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Mohammad Arif, 22 helper of a Dhaka-Kompanyganj bound bus, was killed in a road accident at Syedabad. Arif was run over by another bus as he was thrown out of his bus when the driver presses the brake suddenly.

He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead at noon.

Meanwhile, a construction worker fell from the fourth floor of an under-construction mosque and died at Sadarghat in the city.

Mohammad Jamal, 36, was rushed to the DMCH where the doctors declared him dead.

GRENADE AND BOMB ATTACKS

'Failure to bring culprits to book has tarnished country's image'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred people formed a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding a fair investigation into the killing of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and punishment to the killers.

The peaceful demonstration was held as part of the 'Blue for Peace' programme initiated by Kibria's family.

The failure of the government to bring the attackers to book has tarnished the image of the country abroad, said Asma Kibria, wife of Kibria.

Demanding trial of the perpetrators of all bomb and grenade

attacks in the country, she said such attacks are taking place again and again as the culprits go unpunished.

She also said the people want to live in a peaceful and secured environment, calling for effective steps to stop bomb attacks.

Awami League Joint Secretary Obaidul Quader, AL leader Rashed Moharraf and Kibria's family members joined the demonstration.

Kibria, also an Awami League leader, was killed in a grenade attack at Habiganj on January 27.

The next Blue for Peace programme will be held in Science Laboratory area in the city on September 29.

Family Planning employees stage token hunger strike in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Family Planning Combined Employees' Association yesterday staged a token hunger strike on Chittagong Press Club premises demanding transfer of its 25000 employees under revenue sector.

The Association also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister through the divisional commissioner and sought her intervention in this regard.

A brief rally was also held during the programme chaired by Parishad's Chittagong Division President 'Mohammed Shah Alam, Central President Ruhul Karim Khan was present, as chief guest.

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