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Argentina elects first woman president

AFP, Buenos Aires

Argentina's First Lady Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner was set to become her country's first elected woman president, partial results showed, as her closest rival conceded defeat on Monday.

"We have won by a large margin," the 54-year-old senator told cheering supporters in a speech broadcast live on television hours after polls closed as officials worked into the night counting.

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Task force formed to bring back siphoned off money

REJAU KARIM BYRON

The government formed a high-powered task force last week with Bangladesh Bank (BB) governor as its head, which will work to bring back money siphoned off by corrupt people in the past few years.

The 10-member committee will coordinate efforts by different government wings to get back the money, sources said.

"The task force is formed with members from the Chief Adviser's Office, foreign and home ministries, Finance Division, the National Board of Revenue (NBR), the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), attorney general's office and a senior police official," a central bank official said.

An executive director of the BB would act as member secretary of the task force, he added.

The government formed the

task force as it has been facing problems due to lack of orchestrated efforts in bringing the money, sources said.

The BB has already sent letters to ministries and offices concerned asking them to send names of representatives in the task force.

The government believes that in the past few years, corrupt people had siphoned off huge amount of money earned illegally to Malaysia, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and some Middle East countries.

"A couple of months ago the government had initiated work to sign a deal with the Malaysian government for bringing back the smuggled out money," a source said.

The source said BB had sent a draft of the deal to the finance ministry for approval and subsequently the draft was sent to the

law ministry for scrutiny.

"Law ministry sent back the draft asking clarification from the finance ministry on who will sign the deal, BB or the government," the source said adding that the government had been facing such complexities in its efforts to get back the siphoned off money.

During his recent visit to London, Army Chief Gen Moeen U Ahmed told the local press that the caretaker government has already brought back \$129 million that had been siphoned off and another \$72 million is being brought back. He was also positive about getting back \$240 million more.

Sources said the government is also working on a World Bank (WB) proposal made a few months back in which the WB offered cooperation to the government in getting back siphoned off money.

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Iajuddin leaves for US today

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed leaves for New York today on a weeklong official visit to the United States.

"He will arrive in New York on October 31 via Dubai by a regular flight of the Emirates Airlines," said a Bangabhaban announcement.

During his seven-day visit to the USA, the president would attend functions in Ohio and New Orleans.

On November 1, he will visit

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German envoy for 'balanced' anti-graft drive

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

German Ambassador in Dhaka Frank Meyke yesterday said ongoing anti-corruption drive should be conducted in a balanced way to ensure economic growth and public interest as well as fight against corruption.

"It needs a right balance -- fight against corruption and protect economy and public interest. The anti-corruption drive should not

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ACC moves to revive 967 frozen cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) initiated a move to revive and adjudicate the frozen graft cases filed by now defunct Bureau of Anti-corruption.

The ACC tasked its law department with the revival of the cases and with taking necessary steps for adjudicating those immediately. There are 967 criminal cases waiting for revisions and 526 petitions are waiting to be heard.

Most of the ministers of HM Ershad's, Khaleda Zia's, and Sheikh Hasina's cabinets were charged with corruption in those cases since 1990 by the now defunct bureau. A total of 300 cases were filed against VIPs including influential political leaders, former bureaucrats and businessmen.

After the ACC had been constituted in November 2005, fresh cases were filed against the same ministers including AL Chief Sheikh Hasina and BNP

Chairperson Khaleda Zia, many of whom are currently serving different jail terms following trials in courts, while many others are still detained as they are currently being tried.

"There are writ petitions challenging the cases filed during the time of the Bureau of Anti-corruption. The pending state of the cases is causing problems for the commission to move forward with its current tasks, while many accused individuals are also staying off the hook because of the delay in adjudicating those. The commission has decided to contest the appeals," said ACC Secretary Muklesur Rahman during a routine news briefing at the commission's headquarters yesterday.

The High Court stayed about 100 cases filed by the erstwhile bureau against the VIPs, and previous governments never appealed for overturning the stay orders. Charge sheets were submitted in

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Part of century old building in city collapses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A large part of a hundred-year-old building at Armanitola in old Dhaka collapsed yesterday morning.

However, nobody was injured in the incident.

According to eyewitnesses, bricks and plasters began to drop from the middle part of the two-storey

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Verdict in arms case against Babar today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The judgement of an arms case against detained former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar will be delivered today.

A verdict in a case against Babar will be pronounced for the first time since he was arrested at his Gulshan residence on May 28.

Metropolitan Special Tribunal-9 Judge Sayed Jahed Mansur will deliver the verdict in presence of

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Dr Wazed likely to see Hasina in jail today

BSS, Dhaka

Dr Wazed Mia is likely to see his wife former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, now detained in the makeshift sub-jail on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban complex, today.

DIG (Prisons) Major Shamsul Haidar Siddiqui told the news agency that Dr Wazed has obtained permission from the authorities to meet Sheikh Hasina.

Dr Wazed earlier obtained permission to see his wife but could not meet her due to his ailment.

Hasina was arrested on July 16 this year.

Prayer Timing		
October 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-32	5-35
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



A large part of a century-old abandoned building at Armanitola in the capital fell apart yesterday morning. The building once used to house a girls school.

Try war criminals through special commission

Freedom fighters ask govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Gono Parishad yesterday urged the caretaker government and the armed forces to form a special commission for bringing the war criminals of the Liberation War to justice.

Meanwhile, condemnations from various organisations continued to pour in yesterday from across the country over Shah Abdul Hannan and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed's derogatory remarks made about the Liberation War of the nation.

The Parishad leaders at a press conference urged the government to declare Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and others, who have been making statements against the Liberation War, seditious and put them on trial.

The Parishad said that it would organise a convention of freedom

fighters in the capital on December 3 to press home their demand of bringing the anti-liberation war forces to trial.

Muktiyoddha Gono Parishad leaders said it is high time to bring the war criminals to justice and resolve the issue once and for all.

"The special commission may be comprised of three retired chief justices, three freedom fighters who were general officers of the armed forces and have retired, three freedom fighters and three eminent international lawyers," Maj Gen (ret'd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, Bir Protik, member of the advisory committee of Muktiyoddha Gono Parishad, told the press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the city.

Gen Ibrahim said, "If the present government does not form the special commission, we will

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Govt notices fertiliser crisis, yet to know reason

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has noticed fertiliser crisis at 35 locations of 16 districts, but the investigation teams are yet to unearth the reasons behind the crisis, Agriculture Adviser CS Karim said yesterday.

The government does not have any urea shortage, but the eight investigation teams investigating the situation could not find out the actual reason behind the scant supply of the fertiliser, said Karim at a briefing on fertiliser situation held at the conference room of Press Information Department.

The government does not have any plan to increase the prices of fertilisers, said the adviser adding that the government would start issuing fertiliser cards to farmers before the next Boro season.

A high-level secretary committee a few months ago suggested that the government should raise fertiliser prices.

When asked if the government was considering raising fertiliser prices as a deterrent measure against smuggling, Karim said, "The government has no plan to increase fertiliser prices in the

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Militants agree to truce in Pakistan

Up to 60 pro-Taliban rebels die in 3-day fighting

AFP, Mingora

Pro-Taliban militants battling Pakistani troops in a northwestern tourist region agreed to a ceasefire Monday after three days of fighting that left up to 60 rebels dead, officials said.

The rebels, followers of a radical cleric who is pushing for Taliban-style Islamic law in the scenic Swat Valley, broadcast news of the truce in a statement over their private

radio station and mosque loudspeakers.

"Security forces in the area also stopped firing and there is a ceasefire from our side also," local administration chief Arshad Majid told AFP adding that it came into effect at 8:00 am (0300 GMT).

North West Frontier Province Home Secretary Badsha Gul Wazir said there were "reports around 60 miscreants were killed in three days

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সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন বিষয়ে বিভ্রান্ত হবেন না

সামগ্রিক কয়েকটি জাতীয় দৈনিক এবং বেসরকারী টেলিভিশন চ্যানেলে সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন ইঞ্জেকশনের উপর কিছু প্রতিবেদন প্রকাশিত ও প্রচারিত হয়েছে।

প্রতিবেদনগুলোতে সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন নিয়ে যে চালাও মন্তব্য করা হয়েছে সে বিষয়ে বিশেষজ্ঞ মহলের দৃষ্টি আকৃষ্ট হয়েছে। "সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন থেকে সাবধান"- এ জাতীয় মন্তব্যে সেফট্রিয়াক্সোনের মত একটি জীবন রক্ষাকারী এ্যান্টিবায়োটিকের ব্যাপারে চিকিৎসক এবং সাধারণ মানুষের মধ্যে বিভ্রান্তি সৃষ্টি হয়েছে। সারা বিশ্বে মারাত্মক ধরনের প্রাণহানী ইনফেকশনের চিকিৎসায় সেফট্রিয়াক্সোনের কোন বিকল্প নেই। এ ধরনের একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ব্যাপারে এমন চালাও মন্তব্য করা উচিত নয়, কারণ এর ফলে চিকিৎসক এবং রোগী উভয়েই জীবন রক্ষার প্রয়োজনে এটি প্রয়োগ করতে শঙ্কা বোধ করবে।

পরিচালিত প্রতিবেদনে মূলত সাম্প্রতিক সময়ে বিএসএমএমইউ এর ফার্মাকোলজী বিভাগে পরিচালিত একটি গবেষণাকে উদ্ধৃত করা হয়েছে। গবেষণাটি করা হয়েছিল দেশের শীর্ষস্থানীয় ১৭টি কোম্পানীর উৎপাদিত সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন ইঞ্জেকশন নিয়ে।

গত ২১ অক্টোবর একটি জাতীয় দৈনিক পত্রিকায় এই গবেষণার ফলাফলের উপর একটি বিস্তারিত প্রতিবেদন প্রকাশিত হয়। সেখানে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তথ্যের একটি তালিকাও দেয়া হয় যাদের উৎপাদিত সেফট্রিয়াক্সোনের ভগ্নাংশ মান ও ওজনে গরমিল পাওয়া গেছে। সেই প্রতিবেদনে সন্মারসহ আরও ৬ টি কোম্পানীর সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন সম্বন্ধে কোন অভিযোগ পাওয়া যায়নি।

অপর একটি জাতীয় দৈনিক ২৪ অক্টোবর "সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন থেকে সাবধান" এই শিরোনামে ওই একটি গবেষণার উপর একটি প্রতিবেদন প্রকাশ করে যেখানে কোন গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তথ্য কোম্পানীর নাম ছিল না। কিন্তু অত্যন্ত দুঃখজনকভাবে সেখানে সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন জেনেরিক এর প্রতীক বা উদাহরণ হিসেবে সন্মারের সেফট্রোন এর লোগো ব্যবহার করা হয়েছে। এই প্রচারণা সেফট্রোন এর মত একটি বহুল ব্যবহৃত এবং সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্র্যান্ডের জন্য অত্যন্ত হতাশাজনক, যদিও মূল গবেষণায় সেফট্রোনের মান পুরোপুরি সন্তোষজনক প্রমাণিত হয়েছিল।

সন্মার ফার্মাসিউটিক্যালস ১৯৯৫ সালে বাংলাদেশে সেফট্রোন নামে সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন ইঞ্জেকশন বাজারে নিয়ে আসে। তখন থেকেই এ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভগ্নাংশ মান ও কার্যকারিতার জন্য দেশে ও বিশ্বে চিকিৎসকদের আস্থা অর্জন করে। উল্লেখ্য, ১৯৯৬ সাল থেকে সন্মার এ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ আন্তর্জাতিক ৯টি বাজারে রপ্তানী করছে।

গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন জাতীয় এ্যান্টিবায়োটিক তৈরির জন্যই সন্মার সম্পূর্ণ স্বতন্ত্র এবং অভ্যুদয়িক একটি উৎপাদন ইউনিট নির্মাণ করেছে। এতে সর্বধুনিক ও স্বয়ংক্রিয় পদ্ধতিতে ঔষধ উৎপাদন এবং পরিপূর্ণ মান নিয়ন্ত্রণের ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে। সেফট্রোন সহ এই প্রায় ৫০ থেকে উৎপাদিত অন্যান্য সেফালোস্পোরিন ট্যাবলেট, ক্যাপসুল, জাই সিরাপ ও ইঞ্জেকশন বর্তমানে বিশ্বের বহু দেশে নিয়মিত রপ্তানী হচ্ছে।

বিভিন্ন সময়ে স্থানীয় ও আন্তর্জাতিক পর্যায়ে স্বাস্থ্যসেবা ও মান নিয়ন্ত্রক কর্তৃপক্ষের পরিদর্শক সন্মারের উৎপাদন ব্যবস্থাকে সম্পূর্ণ আন্তর্জাতিক মানের বলে স্বীকৃতি দিয়েছেন।

এ পরিধিভিত্তিক সন্মার সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ সকলকে সেফট্রিয়াক্সোন বিষয়ক চালাও মন্তব্যে বিভ্রান্ত না হবার জন্য অনুরোধ জানাচ্ছে এবং একই সঙ্গে সবাইকে আবোরে আশ্রয় করছে যে, সেফট্রোন গুণগত মানসম্পন্ন সম্পূর্ণ নিরাপদ একটি ঔষধ।

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