

EU diplomats meet B Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-member delegation of European Union (EU) met Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury in the city on Monday.

Jonatan Heariksson, EU attaché, and First Secretary Charles Whiteley exchanged views with Badruddoza Chowdhury on different issues including his proposed 'government of national consensus', sources said.

They also exchanged views on election road map.

Maj (retired) Abdul Mannan, secretary general of Bikalpa Dhara, presidium member Brig Gen (retired) Giasuddin Chowdhury Bir Bikram, Maj Gen (retired) MA Halim were present at the meeting.

Rickshawpuller killed in Rajshahi train accident

RU CORRESPONDENT

A rickshawpuller was killed in a train accident near Rajshahi rail station on Monday.

The identity of the victim could not be known immediately.

Local sources said a Rohonpur-Eshordi-bound IR express train crushed him under its wheels while he was crossing the rail track.

On information, police recovered the body and sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) for autopsy.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION INFORMATION DAY



Ambassador of the European Commission (EC) Stefan Frowein speaks at a seminar marking the EC Information Day at Spectra Convention Centre in the city yesterday. On his right are Jean Romnicanu, charge d'Affaires, French Embassy, and Charles Whiteley, first secretary of the EC, and on his left are Netherlands Ambassador BM Ten Tusscher and First Counsellor of the EC Francoise Collet.

Dhaka seeks international support for addressing climate change

UNB, New York

Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ismat Jahan has urged the international community to sup-

port Bangladesh in addressing climate change.

She made the call on Monday while addressing the Economic and Financial Committee of the United Nations General Assembly in New

York on the agenda titled 'protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind'.

Ambassador Ismat Jahan said the phenomenon of climate change was no longer a conjecture, and many countries, including Bangladesh, were encountering weather patterns such as devastating floods, cyclones, droughts and storm surges.

"The climate change is impeding the efforts of the least developed countries in achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals."

She expressed the concern that an irreversible climatic shift would displace millions of people worldwide. "A one meter sea-level rise will submerge about one-third of the total area of Bangladesh, which will uproot 25-30 million people. These people will become refugees of climate change."

She called upon all countries to recognise their responsibilities towards the refugees of climate change and stressed that the post-Kyoto regime should grant the legal rights required to provide for their recovery and rehabilitation.

She also expressed concern over the lack of urgency in tackling greenhouse gas emissions during most of the past two decades. She underscored that an effective response to climate change challenges required striking a balance between mitigation and adaptation.

Ismat Jahan urged all major greenhouse gas emitters to significantly reduce the emissions to stabilise the atmosphere.

She said the clean development mechanism was not reaching to all developing countries equally.

Gaibandha road crash kills one

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A man was killed and seven others injured in a road accident at Kamdia on Gobindganj-Ghoraghat road in Gaibandha yesterday.

Police said the accident happened when two tempos collided head-on near Kamdia Bazar, killing one Amirul Islam, 26, on the spot.

Among the injured, two were rushed to local health complex while others were released after receiving first aid.

However, both the drivers managed to escape.

'Role of women neglected for traditional outlook, social customs'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Half of the population are women and both men and women are contributing to the country's development, Women and Children Affairs Adviser Geetara Safiya Chowdhury said on Monday.

However, in many cases the role of women is being neglected because of traditional outlook and social customs, she added.

Geetara was addressing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony between Department of Women Affairs and Department of Social Services on Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women (MSP-VAW) under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) at Biam Foundation in the city as the chief guest.

In order to improve the living standard and stop violence against women, the government initiated MSP-VAW with the cooperation of the Danish government to provide assistance to the safe custody homes across the country.

The adviser expressed hope that this joint initiative will help capacity building at the safe custody homes to ensure better living for the victimised women and children.

especially to the least developed countries (LDCs).

The existing climate related framework had failed to secure resources required to finance the adaptation deficit, she said, adding that the resource pool - such as the LDC Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund - remained perennially inadequate.

She underscored the importance of reversing these shortcomings to ensure adequate fund for adaptation needs of the least developed countries and called for effective operationalisation of the Special Climate Change Fund under the Kyoto Protocol.

Ambassador Ismat Jahan invited the developed countries to make commitment on the transfer of environment-friendly technologies at preferential term to LDCs.

Fatikchhari UZ edn officer held for taking bribe

CU CORRESPONDENT

Officials of Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) arrested the upazila education officer of Fatikchhari upazila in the district on Monday on charges of taking bribe from a primary school teacher.

The arrestee was identified as Mohammad Nuruzzaman.

Sources said Nuruzzaman threatened Rahima Akter, an assistant teacher of Datmara Primary School under the upazila, of transferring her to a remote area if she doesn't give him Tk 10,000 as bribe.

Rahima went to his office with Tk 5,000 with a view to convincing him yesterday morning. Nuruzzaman asked her to come to his residence, adjacent to his office where he received the money.

On information, an ACC team led by its Director Major Julfikar Ali Majumder with the help of the Rab men raided Nuruzzaman's residence and detained him.

They also confiscated Tk 49,500, including the bribe money from a cupboard at Nuruzzaman's residence, said the sources.

Major Julfikar said they conducted the drive after receiving several allegations of irregularities by Nuruzzaman.

A case was filed with Fatikchhari Police Station and Nuruzzaman was handed over to the PS, he said.

Natore DC sued

UNB, Natore

An employee of the local Diabetic Association sued the deputy commissioner of Natore and three others on Monday for allegedly suspending him.

Abdur Rashid, physio assistant of district Diabetic Association, filed the case with the district court against the deputy commissioner and the association convener SM Ehsan Kabir, association member secretary Rezaul Karim Khan, and members of Natore TIB Dr Zakir Talukder and Nasrin Ara Khan.

In his complaint, Abdur Rashid alleged that he joined Natore Diabetic Hospital in 2001 on temporary basis. Later, Association member secretary Rezaul Karim demanded Tk 20,000 for making his job permanent, Rashid alleged.

"I gave him Tk 10,000, but it could not make Rezaul Karim happy. Neither I got a permanent job nor my money was refunded," Rashid added.

As the incident came to light, Rezaul Karim, in association with others, issued show cause notice on Rashid and suspended him, he alleged.



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