

Move to install genocide plaques at all killing fields of '71

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War Crimes Facts Finding Committee (WCFFC) has taken an initiative to install genocide plaques at the killing fields of 1971 lying all over the country.

There are around 5,000 small and big killing fields across the country and the committee has already identified 920 fields, said a

press release yesterday.

It said seventy percent of those killing fields have been wiped out in such a way that it could not be traced anymore.

Against the backdrop, the committee has decided to install plaques at the killing fields that are lying in negligence. It has also made a plan to bring the mapped fields under

GIS system and a map of the fields will be published in December this year.

The committee will also publish a book containing the names of war criminals, a list that was published earlier on April 3 this year.

The WCFFC is also going to open an advice centre to operate round the clock from the month of December to solve health

problems of the deprived freedom fighters. Besides, it takes steps for capacity building of the freedom fighters' families.

Persons willing to take part in the effort of WCFFC are requested to contact at its address WCFFC, 129 Darus Salam, Mirpur, Dhaka, 1216, phone: 8022609 and mobile: 01817007921 or email: aarsci@atlbdd.net

Birth registration takes country one step forward

Speakers say at certificate distribution programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a birth certificate distribution programme yesterday said the nation has been moving one step forward towards the socio-economic development through initiating the programme that would increase accountability of the state.

Anyone having the birth certificate would be able to challenge the responsibilities of the country as a citizen. The certificate will be helpful in establishing the rights of the citizens, they said, adding that still very few people are aware of the birth certificate.

Some 137 disadvantaged children were provided with the birth registration certificates at the programme organised by Shakti

Foundation for Disadvantaged Women at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

The foundation has been working on birth registration of the disadvantaged children in 10 regions of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and 45 district towns along with providing health services, business development training, resisting violence against women and micro-credit programme.

It has completed birth registration process for some 70,000 people, including different disadvantaged groups, with the help of DCC and union parishad.

The speakers said the government has been made the birth registration mandatory for everybody that would be helpful to resist early marriage, trafficking and

getting legal aid, adding that it will be needed for 16 important purposes and everybody should have the birth certificate for enjoying his or her rights.

DCC Chief Health Officer Colonel Dr Md Shaukat Ali distributed the certificates among the disadvantaged children as the chief guest.

Underscoring the need for birth registration in getting justice, he called on all to go through the process.

Founder and Executive Director of Shakti Foundation Dr Humaira Islam, Founder and Executive Director of Utsha Bangladesh Mahbooba Akhter Mahmud and President of Women's Voluntary Association Monoara Ali spoke at the programme.

EC slated for registering Jamaat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekatattur Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee and South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism and Communalism (SAPUFC), yesterday sternly criticised the Election Commission's (EC) decision to register Jamaat-e-Islami.

"It is clear that the election commission had already taken decision to register Jamaat and arranged a hearing against Jamaat just for the show. This is part of an ongoing conspiracy against the spirit of our Independence War," the Nirmul Committee and SAPUFC leaders said.

The EC has ignored the objections of pro-liberation organisations who opposed the Islamist party's registration, accusing them of war crimes including genocide and rape, they said.

"The three election commissioners will be hated in history for their role and for showing this ignorance," the Nirmul Committee press release said.

They demanded that the Election Commission withdraw its decision to register the Islamist party.

The signatories to the statement include National Prof Kabir Chowdhury, advocate Gazul Haque, singer Kalim Sharafi, human rights activist Ajoy Roy, Justice Gholam Rabbani, Prof Borhan Uddin Khan Jahangir, barrister Shafique Ahmed, among others.

Maj Gen Sadiqur passes away

UNB, Dhaka

Former director general of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Maj Gen Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury passed away at Combined Military Hospital on Monday night at the age of 67.

Sadiqur Rahman, who joined the 24th Long Course at Pakistani Military Academy, was commissioned in Pakistani Army on October 14, 1961.

He served as DG of BDR from July 1, 1988 to September 23, 1990, said a BDR press release.

He left behind his wife and two daughters to mourn his death.

He was buried at Banani Cantonment Graveyard after a namaz-e-janaaza at DOHS Mahakhali Jame Mosque.

Mia Md Abu Syed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mia Md Abu Syed, a veteran Awami League leader and vice-president of Bangabandhu Smriti Sangrakshan Parisad, passed away due to old-age complications at his residence in the city yesterday at the age of 73, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons and one daughter and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Mirpur in the city yesterday.

His qulkhwan will be held at the Gabtali Mosque in the city on Friday.

Malekun Nahar

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Malekun Nahar, mother of former BNP lawmaker Mojahar Hossain and former municipality chairman of Thakurgaon Municipality Motahar Hossain, passed away due to old-age complications at her village home under Boda upazila in Panchagarh yesterday at the age of 85.

She left behind her three sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was buried at her family graveyard.

Qulkhwan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwan of Firoza Khatun, wife of engineer late Mahibul Majid and elder daughter poet Golam Mostafa, will be held at her residence at Maghbar in the city today, says a press release.

Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the programme.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia presides over the standing committee meeting of the party at her office at Gulshan in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

EXPLORATION IN BANGLADESH WATERS

Political, student bodies condemn Myanmar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political and student bodies yesterday protested and condemned Myanmar's effort to explore gas in Bangladesh's territorial water.

Protesting Myanmar's effort Bangladesh Chhatra Federation organised a rally on Dhaka University campus yesterday. They also burnt the effigy of M Tamim, special assistant to the chief adviser.

Ariful Islam, Mahbub Iran, Ishrat

Jahan Popy, Probeer Saha, Shaikat Malik spoke at the rally.

Criticising the special assistant for energy affairs they said he has been trying to lease the gas block in the sea to two companies and thus to trafficking the resources of the country.

The decision of the advisory committee to reconsider the proposal of leasing the block in the sea rather than canceling it proves that a vested quarter has been trying to hand over the country's resources to

the foreign companies through conspiring contracts, they said.

At the rally the speakers demanded steps to delimit the water territory of the country immediately according to international laws.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal central committee Convenor Khalequzzaman in a statement yesterday said intrusion into Bangladesh's territorial water before delimitation of maritime boundary is a threat to country's sovereignty.

Terming the intrusion of Myanmar's Hydrocarbon exploration vessels and two warships as government's failure he said this government is busy with silly activities while the country's resources and sovereignty are under threat.

Condemning the exploration of gas by Myanmar, leaders of Democratic Left Alliance said the problem would not arise if the government paid heads to delimit the maritime boundaries rather than leasing blocks in the sea.

They said this at a meeting of the party at its office in the city yesterday. Convener of the alliance Abdus Salam, Saiful Haque, Bazlur Rashid, Moshrefa Mishra, Badrul Alam spoke at the meeting.

Mob set fire to bus for hitting pedestrian

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Angry mob set fire to a city service bus in the port city yesterday after it hit a pedestrian.

Sources said a speeding city service bus of Metro Link carrying workers of a garment factory knocked a pedestrian on Sagarika Road, adjoining to Sagarika Industrial area at around 7:45am.

The injured identified as Halima Begum, 25, reportedly a garment worker, was admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Locals managed to stop the bus and set it on fire.

Two fire fighting units from Agrabad Fire Stations rushed to the spot and managed to extinguish the blaze.

ENVOY MEETS KHALEDA Iran welcomes emergency relaxation

UNB, Dhaka

Iranian Ambassador Hassan Farzandeh yesterday welcomed the relaxation of the state of emergency and said Tehran hoped that a good election would take place here in December.

"We welcome the government step. A congenial atmosphere is being in place. We want to see free and fair elections," he told reporters after a meeting with ex-premier and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday evening.

The Iranian envoy said whoever comes to power through the upcoming elections the existing bilateral cooperation between Dhaka and Tehran would be strengthened further.

Asked his comment about USA, UK and India's frequent remarks on domestic politics in Bangladesh, the Ambassador said political activities of a country should be guided by the country's own rules and customs. "Iran does not believe in interfering into internal matters of another country as Tehran opposes imperialism."

Former foreign secretary Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury said the meeting with the Iranian Ambassador was part of BNP's interactions with foreign envoys stationed in Bangladesh. He said the existing bilateral relations with Iran are good and cooperation between the two countries would be expanded under a new elected government in Bangladesh.

Repair work of Meghna Bridge begins today

BSS, Dhaka

The month-long emergency repair work of Meghna Bridge on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway will begin today.

During the repair work, long vehicles (container, trailer and covered van) bound for Dhaka and Chittagong and light vehicles will run on alternative road from Kanchpur and Moimamui via Bhairab Bridge, an official handout said.

Concern over appointment at law ministry from admin cadre

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Judicial Service Association yesterday expressed its deep concern over appointment of an additional secretary to the law ministry from the administrative cadre, says a press release.

On Monday, the government appointed Hedayatullah Al-Mamun as the additional secretary to the law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry. He was serving the establishment ministry as the additional secretary.

The release signed by Office Secretary of the association KM Imrul Kayes said at an emergency meeting, members grumbled at the appointment of the administrative officer suppressing provisions of the Supreme Court (SC).

The appointment was contrary to the principles, ideals and objectives of the separation of the judiciary as well as the judgement of the Masdar Hossain Case.

It was also similar to the violation and the contempt of court that was related to the judgement of a writ passed by the High Court bearing number 11736/06 and judgement of a leave to appeal passed by the Appellate Division of the SC.

Moreover, before appointment of the secretary, the establishment ministry did not take any advice from the court or from the law ministry that the constitution regulates.

The members of the association said the establishment ministry has no jurisdiction to make such appointment. In the history of the law ministry, such unprecedented appointment would have an ill attempt to control and damage the independence of separation of the judiciary.

They urged the government to cancel such unconstitutional and unexpected appointment of an additional secretary (administrative cadre) from the establishment ministry and to appoint a judicial official to the law ministry.

CPB invites applications from members for party nominations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has asked its party members to submit applications for party nomination for the national polls and upazila election by November 10, says a press release.

Application forms have already been sent to each district and interested candidates can collect their forms free of cost from the district committee.

A six-member body consisting CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan, General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Presidium Member Shahidullah Chowdhury, Mahbubul Alam, Laxmi Chakrabarti and Ruhin Hossain Prince would finalise the list at a meeting on November 11.



Sudanese Armed Forces Division Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff General Muhammad Abdul Qadir Nasruddin calls on President Iajuddin Ahmed at the latter's office in the yesterday.

ADB reinforces support for urban development

BSS, Dhaka

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the government of Bangladesh yesterday signed a loan agreement of 87 million US dollar to improve the basic services and infrastructure in municipal towns of Bangladesh.

Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) and Paul J Heytens, country director of ADB, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides at the ERD.

As many as 3.8 million people are expected to benefit from the second urban governance and infrastructure improvement sector project which will expand access to and delivery of water, sanitation, solid waste management and other urban services in an initial 35 targeted municipal towns, including slum areas. More towns will be included as the project is implemented.

The project expects increases in

income, employment and land values in all participating towns by 2015, with 60 percent of residents in targeted slums to have access to improve services.

The loan, sourced from ADB's special funds will be released in phases. The fund disbursements to each town are performance based and are linked in governance reform and improvement in urban services. The project will be carried out from 2009 to 2014 in three phases.

"The project will help improve service delivery and urban infrastructure through implementation of a proper incentive mechanism, putting in place a performance-based fund allocations system, increased citizen participation in urban planning and implementation, and adoption of a participatory approach to ensure transparency and accountability of the town officials and elected leaders," Paul Heytens said.



Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain may occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

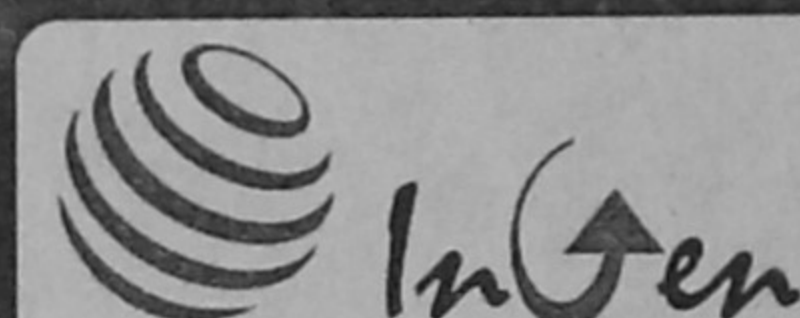
Night temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said in a forecast.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chandpur and the lowest of 17.8 degrees at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:17pm today and rises at 6:08am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.3	21.6	64	58
Chittagong	28.5	23.0	73	96
Rajshahi	31.6	19.5	91	86
Khulna	31.5	21.5	73	72
Barisal	30.7	22.0	78	82
Sylhet	31.2	19.5	72	70
Cox's Bazar	27.2	24.8	82	95



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