

Solve energy crisis for foreign investment

Say British-Bangladeshi delegates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs to address the energy crisis immediately to attract foreign investment, said the members of the visiting British-Bangladeshi delegation at a press conference at Bay's Galleria in the city yesterday.

They said the country's education system must also improve giving special priority to Internet communication.

Extremism, madrasa education and liberal outlook of Islam as practised by the British Bangladeshi community were also discussed at the press conference.

The delegation comprising six young and successful British-Bangladeshi came to Bangladesh on a five-day visit from May 24.

They included Abdul Quayum Jamal Khalique, owner of Taj Stores Franchise, Rabina Khan, author and community activist, Tasmin Lucia Khan, BBC TV presenter and producer, Masba Ahmed, chief executive of London Tigers Sports Club, Mohammad Bilal Hossain, founding director of Ebrahim Community College and Konnie Huq, TV presenter.

"Bangladesh has immense business opportunity. However, certain areas need to be addressed including electricity and communication. Quality control of Bangladeshi products and packaging is also a necessity," said Abdul Quayum Jamal Khalique.

"The young minds are supposed to play the leadership role. Better education is needed for that and student politics needs to be cleaned up," said Tasmin Lucia Khan.

"We have a strong connection with this country and we have much to give back," said Rabina Khan.

The delegates informed that there are at present around six hundred thousand Bangladeshis in Britain.

Among many achievers there are 13 parliamentarians of Bangladeshi origin in Britain.

Sponsored by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office the purpose of the visit was to familiarise Bangladesh with the role played by Bangladeshi community in the UK, highlighting their achievements, dispelling misperceptions about Bangladeshi community in the UK and strengthening the bond between the two communities.



A delegation of Postgraduate Doctors' Association led by its president Prof Shohrab Ali called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 5)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S LAND Govt mulls lasting solution: Ashraful

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday said the government would solve the land-related problems of the indigenous people by implementing the land commission in the hill tracts region.

The government might bring reforms in the laws to bring permanent solution to the problems, the minister added.

Ashraful said this at a meeting with Chakma King Raja Debashish Roy at his office in the city, says an

LGRD ministry release.

The Chakma king called on the government to withdraw army from the region gradually and appoint local police for controlling law and order situation in the region.

Debashish said there is no conflict between the hilly people and the state or army. He hoped that the CHT Peace Accord would be implemented fully.

He further said both the LGRD and CHT affairs ministries need coordination for strengthening the local government in the area.



Former adviser to the caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahman, editor of the weekly Shaptahik 2000 Mainul Ahsan Saber and UGC chairman Prof Nazrul Islam cut a cake at a programme celebrating the weekly's 11th founding anniversary at its office in the city yesterday.

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SHAPTAHIK 2000 CELEBRATES 11TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY 'Readers soul of any publication'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Shaptahik 2000, a weekly, celebrated its 11th founding anniversary amid a colourful programme on its office premises in the city yesterday.

Publisher of the magazine Mahfuz Anam said readers are the soul of any publication and the success of a publication depends on its credibility.

The Shaptahik 2000 has

EU team meets WCFFC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

European Union (EU) delegation at a recent meeting with the War Crimes Fact-Finding Committee (WCFFC) has suggested adjusting the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 in line with other international criminal or human rights laws.

The delegates have expressed willingness to assist Bangladesh for the trial of war criminals and in building infrastructure for the justice, says a WCFFC release.

They also expressed satisfaction about the allocation of money by the government to start the trial process.

Manju gets bail in bribery case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted bail to Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju in a bribery case, in which he was convicted and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The HC bench of Justice Wahhab Miah and Justice Marziul Huq passed the bail order upon an appeal by Manju against the lower court verdict convicting and sentencing him in this case.

The bail will continue till disposal of the appeal, according to the HC order.

Manju's lawyer Ahsanul Karim told The Daily Star following yesterday's bail there is no legal bar to his client's release from jail as he earlier secured bail in other cases against him.

The case was filed against Manju, also a former minister, with Shahbagh Police Station on charge of taking Tk 77 lakh as bribe on July 25, 2007. In the case, he was sentenced to seven years in prison on June 10, 2008.

He surrendered before the trial court on May 6 in connection with a corruption case, which was filed on charge of amassing illegal wealth and concealing information case, and the court the same day sent him to jail.

Barrister Rafique-Ul Huq appeared for Manju.

Salute to you bold Bangladeshi warriors who are out there making a difference



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