

Food security

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indicators -- the proportion of undernourished as a percentage of the population, the prevalence of underweight in children under the age of five, and the under-five mortality rate.

During the period 1990 to 2009, proportion of undernourished as a percentage of the population in Bangladesh dropped from 36 percent to 27 percent, prevalence of underweight in children under the age of five dropped from over 56 percent to 41 percent and the under-five mortality rate dropped from a little over 15 percent to 6 percent.

The report said along with India, East Timor and Yemen, Bangladesh has the highest prevalence of underweight in children under five -- more than 40 percent in all four countries.

The GHI varies between the best possible score of 0 and the worst possible score of 100. Higher scores indicate greater hunger, and the lower the score, the better the country's situation. GHI scores above 10 are considered serious, scores higher than 20 are alarming, and scores exceeding 30 are extremely alarming.

Hunger situation in six countries -- Ethiopia, Chad, Sierra Leone, Eritrea, Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo -- is found 'extremely alarming' as these are the only countries which scored above 30 in GHI.

As many as 23 countries fall in the category of 'alarming' situation scoring between 20 and 30 in GHI. The countries include Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Cambodia, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Togo, Liberia, Angola, Mozambique, Rwanda, Timor-Leste, Zambia, Comoros, Republic of Yemen, Central African Republic, Haiti, Madagascar, Niger and Burkina Faso.

Some of Bangladesh's neighbours -- Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar -- have made it through to a bigger group of 31 countries whose hunger situation is better than in the

5 bullet-hit as B'baria BCL factions clash

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B'baria

Five activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) received bullet wounds during a factional clash at Commercial Mour in the town yesterday.

The injured were identified as Sajal Mumun Talukder, 30, Mubarak, 50, Jakir, 43, Sohel, 27, and Ashique, 25.

Two factions led by Mahmudul Haque Bhuiyan, president of district BCL and Sajal Mumun Talukder, district cultural secretary of BCL, started fighting at about 3:00pm over establishing supremacy in the area, locals said.

At one stage of the clash, an activist of Mahmud group opened fire at Sajal that ensued the gunbattle.

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appointed IO of the cases and CID Additional Superintendent of Police Abdul Karim took Pintu on a six-day remand in two phases for interrogation.

Admin wakes

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The district administration on Tuesday started the investigation after the Barisal divisional commissioner's office had instructed the Patuakhali deputy commissioner to look into the gang rape incident.

A group of 16 criminals kidnapped the schoolgirl while she was returning home with her cousin by a rickshaw from a puja mandap on September 25 evening. They gang raped the girl and left her on the road.

As part of the official probing, the one-member probe committee led by Md Esub Ali Mollah, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), recorded the statements from six persons including the victim and her parents.

On October 11, Patuakhali DC Md Reaz Ahmed formed the probe body.

The two Huji members yesterday explained why their bails would not be cancelled. In their written explanation, the two said they were not involved in the incident. They added they were implicated as part of a conspiracy to harass them.

On the contrary, the prosecution said the two had earlier given statements admitting their involvement in the grenade attack.

Their bails should be cancelled, as they might cause obstructions to the investigation of the case after getting released on bail, the prosecution said.

Earlier on September 9, another Dhaka court had cancelled their bails in a case filed under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.

Upon separate petitions submitted by the investigation officer (IO), the court extended the deadline by two months for completing the investigation into the cases.

It also directed authorities concerned to submit probe reports within the same time limit, which expired on October 3.

Earlier on August 3, the speedy trial tribunal had ordered further probe into the cases following petitions filed by the prosecution seeking fresh investigation.

Twenty-three people were killed and 300 others were injured in the grenade attack on an Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had earlier pressed charges against 22 people including Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan and former deputy minister and BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu.

Meantime, the newly

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yesterday that he will take necessary legal actions against any 'illegal move' to ask him to return the money, while BNP Secretary General Delwar said the ruling party arrived at the resolution to defame the three politically.

Sircar however withdrew a writ petition from the High Court yesterday, which had challenged the legality of the formation of a parliamentary body to probe the corruption allegations against the trio.

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at 9:30am.

The lawyers concerned said arguments will be held on five points based on which the SC on September 23, 2007 granted leave-to-appeal petition of the five convicts.

The points include -- whether Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed along with most of his family members as a result of a mutiny in the army and whether the evidence adduced by several witnesses are contradictory.

The other three points are whether delay in filing the First Information Report is reasonable as held by lower court, whether any conspiracy was there behind the murders and whether the 3rd HC judge's disposal of the death references of six out of 15 accused was correct and legal.

The then three HC judges Md Ruhul Amin, ABM Khairul Haque and Mohammad Fazlul Karim had delivered split verdicts in the case.

Justice Amin (now retired) affirmed the convictions and death sentences of 10 convicts and acquitted five out of 15, who had earlier been convicted and sentenced to death by trial court.

But Justice Haque upheld the convictions and death sentences of all 15 while Justice Karim affirmed the convictions and death sentences of 12 and acquitted three.

Justices Amin and Haque delivered the split verdicts on December 14, 2000 while Justice Karim on April 30, 2001.

Justices Haque and Karim are now judges of the Appellate Division.

Quoting the HC verdict, Mamun told the SC that Khondker Moshtaq Ahmed, who was sworn in as president of the republic a few hours after the killings of Bangabandhu and most of his family members, had congratulated the then army chief Maj Gen (retd) Shafiqullah at a radio station.

Shafiqullah stated that Moshtaq congratulated him, saying, 'Your troops have done excellent job, now do the rest,' to which Shafiqullah asked, 'What rest?' When Moshtaq commented, 'You should know better,' Shafiqullah said 'In that case, leave it to me,' Mamun mentioned quoting the verdict.

Mamun also read out the SC order that granted the leave-to-appeal petition of the five convicts against the HC verdict delivered by Justice Karim.

Convicts Syed Faruque Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Mohiuddin Ahmed, AKM Mohiuddin, and Bazlul Huq, who are now behind bars, filed the appeals with the SC in October 2007.

The ADM however refused to make any comment on the matter saying he would not say anything in the midst of the probe.

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The EGCB is likely to send this recommendation to the WB soon for its green signal.

But back in August, the EGCB tender committee observed that while Sinohydro Corporation's bid of \$177

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held a discussion and passed resolutions for recovering the money from the BNP trio, but it rejected a recommendation of the parliamentary probe body for scrapping Sircar's membership in the House.

The BNP secretary general however questioned the legality of the discussion of the probe report in the parliament.

"There is no tradition of holding a discussion after placing a report in the parliament, but they [the ruling party] did it, which was unprecedented," Delwar claimed.

"They did that only to defame us politically," he added.

According to his next course of action, he said there is no hurry on his part. "Let me see where their [government] game ends. If necessary we will take legal steps."

The BNP secretary general claimed that all allegations raised against them are false and baseless. "We did everything following the rules," he said, adding that the probe committee failed to produce any document supporting its allegations.

Sircar however said he will monitor the new developing situation following the parliament's resolution, and then he will decide on his next course of action.

Rajuk drive

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Dakkhin Begunbari," said Rajuk authorised officer Shafiqul Islam. "The drive will go on," he added.

Around one thousand unauthorised such bamboo-made structures with tin roof were built from Dakkhin Begunbari to Kulipara (Badda) within the project area, he said.

The eviction drive will continue as long as unauthorised structures are not knocked down, he said.

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