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Doctors who passed the 28th BCS examinations stage a demonstration at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding their immediate appointment to the health cadre posts.

## UNEASY CALM ON SYLHET BORDER BSF refuses to hold flag meet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An uneasy calm prevailed in border areas in Sylhet yesterday, a day after the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles traded fires at different points of the 20-km border from Jaintapur to Bichhnaakandi.

The BSF yesterday refused to hold a battalion commander-level flag meeting, which was proposed by BDR on Tuesday afternoon after the gunfire.

However, no firing took place yesterday, an official in the BDR 21 battalion headquarters in Sylhet said.

On Tuesday afternoon, Lt Col Khondaker Zahirul Alam sent a proposal for flag meeting, but the BSF declined, the official said, adding that the BDR would continue its efforts to hold the meeting.

Major Abdullah Al Mamun of the 21 Battalion said BDR members have been put on alert as the BSF increased troop

deployment in the last three days after the Indian Khasia tribes men tried to cultivate some farmlands near Alubagan area, over 200 yards inside the Bangladesh territory.

Meanwhile, immigration activities and border trade through the Tamabil land customs station resumed yesterday, official sources said. More than 30 Indian trucks crossed the border as of 2:00pm, said the station in-charge Syed Aminur Rahman.

## Minister warns of stern action against land grabbers

BSS, Dhaka

Food and Disaster Management Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque yesterday categorically said stringent actions would be taken against the land grabbers, who illegally occupied the government lands, causing immense sufferings to the people.

"Stern actions would be taken against the land grabbers, whoever he or she may be," he told reporters after inaugurating a two-day regional seminar at IDB Bhaban in the city.

Bangladesh Association of Consulting Engineers (BACE) and Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP) jointly organised the seminar on 'Role of engineers in tackling climate

change'.

Environmentalists, engineers and researchers spoke at the seminar with BACE President Mahub Haque in the chair.

About Tuesday's landslide, Dr Razzaque said poverty is the root cause for landslide and he already talked to the Prime Minister about it.

"Take stern action against those who are involved in land grabbing," he said quoting the PM.

Money and rice have already been allocated for the landslide victims and special allocations would also be given to them in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts.

Besides, he said, the government has decided to plant huge trees around the hilly areas shortly after discussing the

matter with the department of forest.

Commenting on disbursement of funds for tackling climate change, he said the government is no more interested in spending money for holding seminars and symposiums. About 80 percent climate funds would be spent for the benefit of climate victims, he added.

Describing the Dhaka city as the most risky metropolis in the world, Dr Razzaque said process is underway to construct some government buildings as retrofit building models to encourage others.

Ainun Nishat, a noted environmentalist, urged the government to form an expert team for carrying out a soil study in the hilly areas to find out an appropriate drainage system.

## Nirmul body int'l confce June 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold an international conference on June 20 to rally international support for the trial of war criminals.

The sixth national council of the committee will also be held on June 18 and 19 where a new executive committee will be elected, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, president of the advisory council of the committee, said at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium.

The committee, a forum for secular

Bangladesh and trial of war criminals of 1971, will hold the council also to press its demand for the restoration of the basic principles of the 1972 constitution.

Representatives from ten countries, including Canada, the USA, the UK, Sweden, Netherlands, Russia, Iran, Pakistan, India and Nepal, will attend the international conference.

At the press conference, Prof Chowdhury said no plan of the government would be successful unless fanaticism is eliminated from the country.

The four basic principles of the 1972 constitution should be restored to stamp

out fanaticism, he added.

He also said that the government has all the information about the financial sources of the fundamentalists, but no action has yet been taken against them.

Prof Muntasir Mamun said a quarter has been carrying out a propaganda campaign against the trial of war criminals, but the foreign ministry has not taken any measures to counteract the propaganda.

Justice Ghulam Rabbani and Ferdousi Priyabhashini were also present at the press conference.

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Erfanuddin Ahmed, president & managing director of Bank Asia, receives the 'Best Blood Donor Organisation 2010' award from State Minister for Health Mozibur Rahman Fakir at a programme recently.

## 'Sweden to provide long-term aid'

UNB, Dhaka

Sweden will provide long-term financial and technical assistances to Bangladesh to support its development initiatives, outgoing Swedish Ambassador Britt Hagstrom said yesterday.

The assurance came when the Swedish Ambassador paid a farewell call on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban.

During the meeting, the envoy informed the President that Swedish entrepreneurs are very keen to invest in Bangladesh to help its socio-economic development.

Hagstrom mentioned that the role played by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to face the climate change was widely appreciated across the globe. "Sweden will help Bangladesh in this regard," she said.

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