

Bangladesh role model for developing countries

Says UNDP country representative

BSS, Dhaka

The newly appointed country representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh, Rebecca Hansen, has termed Bangladesh a role model for the developing countries and hoped that she would be successful in her new assignment in Dhaka.

Rebecca said this when she called on Bangladesh's Permanent Representative in the UN Dr AK Abdul Kalam in his office in New York on Thursday, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

During the meeting, Dr Momen welcomed Rebecca in Bangladesh and apprised her of Vision-2021 envisioned by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Despite many adversities, he said, the present government has been working to turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country by 2021 according to its roadmap.

To this end, the Bangladesh envoy sought cooperation of the UN body to ensure 100 percent enrollment to schools by 2011 and 100 percent literacy rate by 2014, 100 percent sanitation by 2013 and 100 percent food security by 2012.

Regarding the millennium development goals (MDGs), he said Bangladesh is on the way to achieving the first four goals out of the seven. "Bangladesh is also committed to the 8th MDG-- 'Global partnership for development'," he added.

The envoy sought cooperation of the UNDP in the government initiatives for launching the 'School Lunch Programme' to check dropout of the students from the schools. In this regard, the UNDP representative assured her all-out assistance.

Dr Momen also apprised Rebecca of the UNDP's role in preparing voter list and national ID cards to hold the 2008 general elections in a free, fair and neutral manner.

To this end, Rebecca said the UNDP is very happy to work for holding the general elections in a free, fair and neutral manner to restore democracy in Bangladesh.

As the president of the executive board of UNDP and a member of Unicef and Ecosoc, Dr Momen assured Rebecca of all sorts of cooperation and wished her success in Bangladesh.

Economic Minister in Bangladesh Mission Md Nazibur Rahman and First Secretary Mohammad Khorshed Alam Khastagir were also present on the occasion, the message said.



Prime Bank-NDDC 22nd National Debate Competition-2010 was inaugurated at Notre Dame College auditorium in the city on July 14. Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former chief justice and former chief adviser to a caretaker government was present as chief guest with M. Reazul Karim, deputy-managing director of Prime Bank Limited, present as special guest. Benjamin Costa presided over the ceremony while Adam S. Pereira acting as moderator.



Dhakabasi stages a demonstration at Hazaribagh playground in the city yesterday demanding playgrounds at each ward under the Dhaka City Corporation.

4 children drown in two dists

METRO DESK

Three children drowned in Narsingdi while another in Thakurgaon in separate incidents yesterday.

UNB from Narsingdi reports: Three children drowned while taking a bath in the Brahmaputra river at Charpara village in Monohardi upazila.

The deceased were identified as Munni Begum, 9, daughter of Habib Bhuiyan, Yeasin Miah, 7, son of Amzad Hossain and Rabeya Hossain, 8, daughter of Ali Newaj of the same village.

Local sources said the children were taking a bath in the river at 2:00pm when they went missing.

Local people later rescued them from the river and sent them to the upazila health complex where attending physicians declared them dead.

Our correspondent from Thakurgaon says: a girl drowned in a ditch at Damol village under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon.

The victim was identified as Mili, aged one and a half, daughter of Mohammad Musa of the district.

Police and local sources said the girl fell into a ditch while she was playing in the courtyard of their house at about 7:30pm.

15 Akiz Bidi factory workers injured in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

At least 15 workers of Akiz Bidi factory were injured in a clash between two groups at Hosnabad of Daulatpur upazila in Kushtia yesterday.

Police said the two groups were involved in fighting over distribution of overtime duty. Injured workers were admitted to the Kushtia General Hospital.

Around 2,500 workers are working in the factory. The factory owners asked the workers to settle the overtime duty issue. But they failed to reach a solution. They used lethal weapons, iron rods and sticks.

Police from Daulatpur Police Station went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The factory owners said they will fix the overtime duty among the workers after the incident.

Hasan Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station, said additional police were deployed at the factory to avert any untoward incident.

Regional meet on intellectual property begins July 19

UNB, Dhaka

Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Island, Tuvalu, Laos and East Timor.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to formally inaugurate the conference at Sonargaon Hotel in the city on Monday.

A total of 14 themes have been selected for discussion in the two-day conference.

Some of the vital themes of the conference are Integrating Intellectual Property into National Development Policy and Strategies; IP and Public Policy Issues; IP and Public Health: Policy and Strategies for LDCs; Strategic Importance of Transfer of Technology; Copyright and Related Rights: Striking the Balance between Protection and Public Interest; Protection and Exploration of Traditional Knowledge and Folklores; Contribution to Sustainable Development in the LDCs; and Cooperation for Building IP Institutions in LDCs.

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Industries Minister Dilip Barua and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin are likely to preside over the sessions.

Industries Ministry sources said Bangladesh would get realistic ideas through the conference on how traditional knowledge, genetic resources, folklore and traditional cultural expressions can be incorporated in country's development and economic growth.

The conference is the outcome of a sideline talks between Industries Minister Dilip Barua and WIPO director general Dr Francis Gurry during a meeting on strategic use of intellectual property held in Geneva July last year.

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89 Jamaat men sued, 14 sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira.

A Satkhira court yesterday sent 14 Jamaat men including its district Ameer Mohaddes Abdul Khaleque and secretary Nurul Huda to jail in a case filed with Sadar police station for plotting subversive activities in the city Thursday night.

The chief judicial magis-

trate passed the order after the accused were produced before the court.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the police station Shah Jahan Khan filed the case accusing 89 Jamaat activists.

Sources said police arrested 14 Jamaat men while the rest are on the run.

The OC said arrests were made following information from the village people.

ISLAMIC FOUNDATION Order to remove Maududi's books

UNB, Dhaka

The Islamic Foundation has ordered removal of all books of Jamaat-e-Islami founder Syed Abul Ala Maududi from the mosques and libraries under the Foundation.

"Mosque is a place for prayers. Only Quran and books on hadith should be there. Why Maududi's books containing his philosophy contradictory to Islam will be kept in mosques?" said Shamim Mohammed Afzal, director general of the Islamic Foundation, yesterday.

Asked when they started removing Maududi's books, he said: "It is part of our routine work." The Islamic Foundation has nearly 24,000 libraries attached to the mosques.

Afzal said Maududi's philosophy is to capture power through conspiracy in the name of Islam. "His philosophy has no relation with the essence and teachings of Islam."

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