

Saudis freer but rights not institutionalised

Says HRW

AFP, New York

Saudis have become freer in the five years of King Abdullah's reign but civil rights remain far from institutionalised...

Pakistan trying hard to bring scientist home

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday it would leave "no stone unturned" in trying to bring home a woman scientist sentenced to 86 years in jail by a US court.

Nato air strikes in Pakistan violate UN mandate: official

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan yesterday lodged a strong protest with Nato over air strikes by the alliance's helicopters on its territory near the Afghan border saying they violated a UN mandate...

BSF says

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At the press briefing, the BSF chief said they are taking steps to reduce incidents of shooting along the borders. "We are trying our best to minimise the problems and bring down the number of deaths..."

Afghan poll body orders vote recounts in 7 provinces

REUTERS, Kabul

Afghanistan's election body has ordered a partial recount of votes from seven of the country's 34 provinces on suspicion of fraud, potentially delaying the results of a parliamentary poll further...

\$770m Chinese loan

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ERD sources mentioned that the interest rate is slightly higher than that of the \$1 billion credit from India under the recently signed deal but it is lower than that of suppliers' credits offered by China in the past.

Against this backdrop, an inter-ministerial meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhiith in the chair on September 8 took up the issue. It was attended by ministers for planning, industries and post and telecommunications, the prime minister's economic adviser, governor of Bangladesh Bank and high officials of the ministries concerned.

Biman's NY flight

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Hotel Hilton yesterday. The government is actively considering establishment of a Non-Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) Bank to create safe opportunity for the expatriates to invest their hard-earned money, Hasina added.

Rahman. She said one e-centre will be set up at each of the 8,000 post offices and about 4,500 unions brought under the optical fibre network.

EC ready

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The meeting discussed the next course of action to this end. About the significance of the HC's stay order, Sohul said the order means the AL leader retains his membership and can join the parliament session now.

BNP questions

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He urged the administration officials to work impartially and not to bow down to any pressure. "People expect the administration to work neutrally in the interests of the country, and it is also their [officials'] constitutional responsibility," he said reading out a statement.

Mujibnagar govt's

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The establishment ministry in August last year could not provide the law ministry with a copy of the historic document, as the ministry did not have it in its custody.

collect a copy of the list from counsels of the contempt of court petitioners. A counsel of the petitioners at that time told the HC that the list he had was not authenticated. However, the establishment ministry later collected a copy of the list from the petitioners who tagged it with their petitions and sent it to the law ministry that moved to scrutinise the claims of 190 Mujibnagar staffs.

Right to Know

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The Forum formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday morning on the eve of the International Right to Know Day and made the demands. Around the world, September 28 is celebrated as the International Right to Know Day to raise awareness about the right to information.

As a result, the free flow of information would be ensured and people will get necessary information, she added. Many organisations are yet to appoint or reveal the name of officer responsible for divulging information at the upazila level.

Film actor

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Information Minister Abu Kalam Azad, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin and Information Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury expressed deep shock at his death.

Hospital not fit

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Relatives were moving an elderly patient, who was too weak to walk, for an X-ray holding his arms. Asked why they were not using a trolley or wheel chair, they replied that they were unaware of the service.

memory of his fraud-riddled 2009 re-election still fresh and allegations of graft in his government creating tension at home and abroad. Barakzai said an investigation had been launched to determine who was involved in the possible vote fraud in the seven provinces -- Kunduz, Balkh, Takhar, Badakhshan and Parwan provinces in the north and northeast, Logar to the south of Kabul and Khost in the east.