

Timely steps helped avert recession: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina yesterday said effective and timely steps by the present government were behind Bangladesh's success in averting the world economic meltdown when most of the strong economic countries were badly affected.

She made the remark when Governor of the State of Oregon Theodore Kulongoski called on her at the prime minister's office (PMO).

The PM said during the recession period, her government was able to save the country from the impacts of the worldwide economic crisis.

Press Secretary to the PM Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting.

The PM said the present government is now putting highest emphasis on computer learning and training to fulfill the vision of 'Digital Bangladesh'.

She mentioned that the present government has formulated the new education policy in view of the current trend of world education.

She said bilateral relations between Bangladesh and USA would strengthen further.

During the meeting, the PM and the governor discussed on education, food security, Bangladesh's peacekeeping force, agriculture, subsidy on fertiliser and alleviation of poverty.

The governor is now in Bangladesh under the State Partnership Programme of the United States.

The PM and the governor also discussed on cooperation in various sectors including training for the Bangladesh Armed Forces by the Oregon National Guard.

The governor praised the pragmatic leadership of the PM. He specially thanked Hasina for Bangladesh's contribution to the UN peace-keeping missions.



Bangladesh Garment Sramik Oikya Parishad stages a demonstration in front of National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding payment of arrears and Eid bonus to garment workers.

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2 sworn in as regular HC judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two additional judges of the High Court (HC) were sworn in as regular judges of the court yesterday.

Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque administered oath to Justice AKM Abdul Hakim and Justice Borhan Uddin at the Judges' Lounge of the Supreme Court.

They were appointed as additional HC judge for two years on November 12 in 2008.

On November 1 this year, President Zillur Rahman confirmed their services as per article 98 of the constitution.

Judges of the Appellate Division and HC Division were present at the oath taking ceremony.

INITIATIVE OF BANGLADESH ARMY Nat'l grid to get 50MW more power shortly

BSS, Dhaka

DPA Power Generation International, an initiative of Bangladesh Army to generate power on rental basis, is set to supply 50megawatts (MW) of power to the national grid by this month.

DPA is the lone local company that completed quick rental power project as per schedule.

"We are ahead of schedule, we completed our test run and synchronising process. We could start our commercial operation at any moment as per call from Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB)," said Project Director of DPA Major General (Retd) Tazul Islam at a press briefing at Pagla Army Camp near Narayanganj district.

Managing Director of Bangladesh Diesel Plant (BPD) Ltd, a commercial enterprise of Bangladesh Army, Col Mohammad Ali said, "We formed a joint venture company with our old partner Primordial Energy Ltd and Aggretech AG, Germany."

"Initially our plan was to set up a 100MW diesel-fired rental power project. But we got 50MW contract," he said. "We can install another 50MW plant as we have land and other facilities here," he added.

KHALEDA CASE CJ regrets ban on journalists

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque has regretted events on Wednesday barring journalists from covering case proceedings held in the Appellate Division over former prime minister Khaleda Zia's plea for a stay on the operation of the High Court verdict.

Conveying the message, Registrar M Ashrafur Islam, the spokesperson for the Supreme Court, yesterday told reporters that the SC authority did not issue any such embargo on journalists. It may have happened due to communication gap ahead of security arrangements on the SC precincts, he opined.

He also said the Chief Justice has already instructed all concerned to extend all sorts of cooperation with the media men in discharging their professional duties.

Digital fair begins in Ctg

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Aiming to introduce new digital innovations among the mass people, a three-day long digital innovation fair started in the port city yesterday.

Minister for Primary and Mass Education Md Afzarul Amin inaugurated the fair at Gymnasium Hall of MA Aziz stadium while A B M Abul Kasem Master and Commissioner of Chittagong Division Md Sirajul Hoque Khan were present.

Follow constitution to keep people's trust

Delwar urges CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday urged the chief justice not to do anything that would lead people to lose confidence in the judiciary.

"For God's sake, keep the dignity of people's trust by following the constitution properly," he pleaded the chief justice hinting at party chairperson Khaleda Zia's case regarding her cantonment house.

While addressing a discussion organised by Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, Delwar alleged that the government obstructed the way of justice by interfering into the judiciary.

Sramik Dal President Nazrul Islam Khan presided over the meeting at Diploma Engineers' Institution auditorium in the city marking the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day".

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DHAKA TODAY

<p>Youth summit</p> <p>United Nations Youth and Students Association of Bangladesh will organise a national youth summit. Venue: Faculty of Business Studies conference hall, Dhaka University, Time: 9:00am.</p> <p>Autograph exhibition</p> <p>Galleri Kaya will arrange an autograph exhibition. Venue: House-20, Road-16, Sector-4, Uttara, Time: 5:00pm.</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>Sompadona will organise a workshop on book editing and publication. Venue: Dhaka</p>	<p>University, Time: 10:00am.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Helen Keller Research Centre will organise a discussion. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 4:00pm.</p> <p>Seminar</p> <p>National Human Rights Commission will organise a seminar. Venue: Radisson Hotel, Time: 9:00am.</p> <p>Debate</p> <p>Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital and Citycell will jointly organise a debate competition on health. Venue: Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital, Time: 4:00pm.</p>
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China keen on military aid

PLA team tells president

UNB, Dhaka

China is keen to provide further support and cooperation to the country's military sector, especially for the development of Bangladesh Navy.

The keenness was conveyed when a delegation from the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China, led by Rear Admiral Wang Zhiguo, called on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday.

During the meeting, the Chinese delegation mentioned Bangladesh's important geographical position in South Asia.

"China expects development of Bangladesh for its own development," said Wang.

He said China is interested to provide military assistance to Bangladesh, especially to

the Navy. Welcoming the delegation, Zillur said China is a tested friend of Bangladesh.

He recalled that after the war, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had expressed the willingness to visit China first.

Describing the tremendous economic growth of China as a miracle, the president mentioned that China's GDP growth is increasing rapidly and very soon it is going to be an economic super power.

"We need more and more cooperation from China," he said.

Quoting Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), the president said the holy Prophet had advised people to go as far as China in search of knowledge.

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