

'Prof Yunus pride of Bangladesh'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some ex-students of Chittagong University in a statement yesterday said Nobel laureate Prof Dr Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank are pride of Bangladesh.

CU Ex-Economics Students Association (CUEESA) also urged people from all walks of life to uphold the image of the country as well as the image of Prof Dr Yunus and Grameen Bank.

City Jamaat chief on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka Court yesterday placed Dhaka City Jamaat-e-Islami chief Rafiqul Islam Khan on a two-day fresh remand in connection with a case filed for preventing police from discharging their duties in front of National Press Club in the city.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Nazrul Islam passed the order after Sub-Inspector Abdur Rashid of Shahbagh Police Station, also the investigation officer of the case, produced Rafiqul before it with a five-day remand prayer.

Rafiqul's lawyers submitted a petition seeking bail which the court rejected.

He was produced before the court on completion of his five-day remand. The case was filed with Shahbagh Police Station on June 29. Rafiqul's name was not in the first information report. Later, he was shown arrested in the case for his alleged involvement with damaging vehicles and preventing police from their duties.



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(ASK) Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)
Barrister Sara Hossain speaks at a discussion on human rights, jointly organised by Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) and Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST) at Bilia Auditorium in the city's Dhanmondi yesterday. On her left are Mohsin Ali Khan, Sultana Kamal, and Ingo Ritz.

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50 shanties gutted, 10 hurt in N'ganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least ten people were injured and 50 shanties and five shops gutted in a devastating fire at Fazilpur in district's sadar upazila yesterday.

Police said around 2:30pm suddenly the fire originated from a shop and soon engulfed the adjacent slum houses and shops.

On information, three units of fire fighters from Mondalpara and Hajiganj rushed there and doused the flame after one hour of their effort.

The ten people were injured while trying to sub-

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due the blaze.

The victims claimed the losses caused by the fire is estimated Tk 20 lakh.

Ahsanul Kabir, deputy director of Narayanganj Fire Service and Civil Defense, said we are investigating the reason behind the fire and its loss.

HC asks Kings College to relocate from Segunbagicha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the authorities of Kings College at Segunbagicha in the city to relocate the college from its present premises within six months.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain gave the verdict following a writ petition challenging the move to establish the college in Segunbagicha residential area.

The Kings College authorities earlier this year set up a signboard at Underprivileged Children Education Forum (UCEF) Building at 115 Segunbagicha and published advertisement for enrolling students to this college.

Ten residents of Segunbagicha, including Mohammad Azizul Huq and AKM Jabbar Faruque, jointly filed the writ petition as public interest litigation on July 19 this year saying that if the college is established serious traffic jam and noise pollution will be created in the area.

The petition said the authorities took move to run Kings College without taking approval from Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) and education board.

The HC on that day issued a rule upon the Kings College authorities to explain why they should not be directed to relocate the college.

After hearing the rule, the bench yesterday passed the verdict.

Barrister Rafique-ul Huq and Advocate Belal Hossain Joy appeared for the petitioners.

Democracy, not military rule, can ensure security

Says commerce minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is democracy and human development, not the military regime or arms, which can ensure security and peace in any part of the world, said Commerce Minister Faruk Khan at an international conference yesterday.

"Today, many are appreciating Bangladesh's economic progress. This has been possible because of democracy. Weapons can do nothing if there is no security of common people," he said.

Khan, a military personnel-turned politician, was speaking at the inaugural session of a conference titled "Promoting Security Sector Reform in South Asia: Lessons from Japanese Experience."

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organised the two-day programme at its auditorium in the city. Experts from Japan and South Asian countries attended the event.

Ensuring education, health and food is the base of security, while fundamentalism stems out of ignorance and deprivation, said Faruk Khan.

"Battles and wars were not able to solve insurgency and terrorism. When you try to solve these problems by war, you give birth to many other problems," he said.

The minister said deployment of armed

forces in the Chittagong Hill Tracts could not address insurgency. Later, in 1997, the then government signed peace treaty to calm the situation, he noted.

He mentioned that this is the first time that all the South Asian nations now have democracy, a system of government that uses dialogue as its instruments to establish peace, and facilitates peoples' development efforts.

Japan, a non-western superpower, can be a glaring example for South Asia in

He said security sector reform, emphasising social security, is very important in the region. "If we can bring harmony in South Asia, we can bring more resources for human development," he noted.

Presiding over the session, BISS Chairman Maj Genl Muhammed Firdaus Mian said individual security is at the core of national security. However, there is a knowledge gap regarding the issue, he said stressing the need for reforms in the security forces.

"Now, there are lot of non-traditional security threats. Tsunami, tidal surge, earthquake, and cyclone could hit anytime," Firdaus Mian said, adding, "We want to learn from each other's experiences in tackling these threats"

After the Second World War, Japan rose from ashes and ruins. That was possible because of their focus on human development, he said.

Japan's security forces' objective is to ensure internal protection, not engaging in battles outside the country, said Firdaus Mian.

Security Analysts Brig Gen (ret'd) Shahedul Anam Khan and Dr Toshiya Hoshino of Japan presented papers at the working session. BISS Acting Director General Col AKM Nazrul Islam gave welcome address.

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economic development and internal security regime, said the minister.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Tamotsu Shinotsuka said Japan is an active partner in South Asian development process. Cultural exchanges and partnering in trade and socio-economic development are the main focus of the relationship, he said.

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