

Form guidelines to ensure rights of migrant workers

SAMReN urges Saarc
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

South Asian Migration Resource Network (SAMReN) yesterday urged South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) to formulate guidelines to protect rights of South Asian migrant workers and for their welfare.

Saarc could be an appropriate forum to set a common guideline to overcome the challenges of migrant workers they are facing, they said.

They told a press conference organised by SAMReN, an organisation of South Asian migration researchers, at a city hotel. Prof Ravi Srivastava of Indian Jawaharlal University; Dr Jagannath Adhikari of Nepal Institute of Development Studies; Dr Rajith Lakshman of University of Colombo; LK Ruhunage of Sri Lanka Bureau for Foreign Labour Employment; and Dr CR Abrar, executive director of Refugee and Migration Movements Research Unit of Bangladesh; were present.

Dr Abrar placed some recommendations for the guidelines including declaration of minimum standard for migrant workers; abolition of sponsor system; formulation of a standard database of workers; investment in the migration sector; ratification of 1990 UN Convention on migrant workers; developing partnership between sending and receiving countries and keeping gender sensitivity in mind.



Artists welcome the arrival of spring, Pahela Falgun, amid dancing at Bakultala of Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Quit from power Delwar asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandker Delwar Hossain yesterday asked the government to quit from power immediately and hold mid-term election so as not to increase public suffering.

"Quit the power and hold a free and fair election as you (ruling party) failed to run the country. You can run the country if you win the poll," he said while addressing a meeting at city's Mukhtangon organised to observe Malibagh Killing Day.

The rally was disrupted for at least 10 minutes due to chaos by Juba Dal men following misbehaviour with their president Moazzem Hossain Alal by a leader of the Swetchchasebak Dal, another body of BNP. But later senior BNP leaders brought the situation under control.

Demanding punishment of Malibagh killers, Delwar said, "Government withdrew seven thousand cases. All of these cases should be revived and listed criminals should be arrested."

He said the prime minister says artificial crisis has been created to hike prices of essentials but no action was taken against those who created these crises, as the ruling party shelters them all.

Delwar also criticised the commerce minister for his recent remark that people of Bangladesh are getting essential commodities at lower price, saying the minister should disclose data of those countries so that people can understand the real situation.

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Govt to launch anti-fatwa campaign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will take necessary steps to launch a massive campaign against fatwa (religious diktat) to prevent fatwa-related crimes, State Minister for Religious Affairs Shahjahan Miah told parliament yesterday.

In reply to lawmakers' queries, the state minister said persons responsible for issuing fatwa are facing trial in line with the existing law.

"Besides, religious affairs ministry through the Islamic Foundation will launch a massive campaign across the country against fatwa to prevent fatwa-related crimes," Shahjahan Miah said.

During yesterday's question-answer session, Awami League lawmaker Ghyas Uddin Ahmed pointed out fatwa-related recent crimes against girls and women leading to

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HC summons 4 Moulvibazar arbitrators Feb 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday summoned four local arbitrators in Moulvibazar to appear before it on February 24 to explain their conduct of organising a fatwa against a local couple.

In response to a writ petition, an HC bench also directed the officer-in-charge of Moulvibazar Police Station to ensure the appearance of the four Foyzul, secretary of a local mosque committee, and influential Askar Mia, Nanu Mia and Azad Mia.

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Reprinted constitution before JS body tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law ministry will place the reprinted copy of the country's constitution to the parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendments tomorrow, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said.

The parliamentary special committee is set to hold a meeting tomorrow.

The law minister told The Daily Star that his ministry has reprinted the constitution restoring the four fundamental state principles of the original constitution in the light of Supreme Court verdict.

The four principles are -- secularism, Bangalee nationalism, socialism and democracy.

He said that the words "Bismillah-Ar-Rahman-Ar-Rahim" and declaration of Islam as state religion will remain as usual.

The HC in 2005 had cancelled the fifth amendment of the constitution, and the SC last year upheld the verdict with some modifications and observations.

Pahela Falgun celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pahela Falgun, heralding the arrival of spring, was welcomed by Dhaka residents as well as others in the country with flowers, poems, songs and dances yesterday.

The capital put on a colourful festive look celebrating the first day of Bangla month Falgun with several socio-cultural organisations and educational institutions organising a wide range of programmes marking the day.

Jatiya Boshonto Utsav Utdjapon Parishad 1417 organised programmes including chorus songs, folk dance, folk music, dance of indigenous people, recitation of poems, drama, and procession in three phases.

Different television channels broadcast the programmes, sponsored by a mobile phone operating company, live.

Thousands of visitors thronged Dhaka University campus to celebrate the day and enjoy various events. Ekushey Boi Mela also witnessed a huge crowd in the evening yesterday.

Girls in Boshonti (yellow) shares and adorning floral ornaments and boys in colourful panjabis participated in various events in a jovial mood.

Savar AL human chain foiled

BCL men released after arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday foiled a human chain formed by a faction of Savar unit Awami League (AL) near Jatiya Press Club in the city demanding punishment to Savar Police Station officer-in-charge (OC).

Meanwhile, Shahbagh Police Station OC Rezaul Karim said the detained BCL men, including Manjurul Alam Rajib, a former BCL central committee vice president, were released in the evening, after around eight hours of arrest.

Earlier, the Shahbagh OC said they picked some five to six BCL men from the human chain to avert any untoward incident, as there had an internal feud between two groups of local AL leaders and activists in Savar.

"One group tried to form a human chain while another group tried to foil it," OC Rezaul said.

Some AL and BCL leaders and activists led by former Lawmaker Ashrafuddin Khan Imu and Savar upazila unit AL president Hasina Dowla Savar formed a human chain in the morning demanding punishment to Savar OC Mahbubur Rahman for allegedly ransacking photos of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the residence of Rajib on February 6.

Contacted, the Savar OC said the allegation of ransacking the photos of Bangabandhu and the prime minister is totally false.

Savar police also filed a case against 167 AL and BCL men, including Rajib for attacking the Police Station on February 6.

Liver transplantation at a cost of Tk 35 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Patients of liver and pancreatic diseases in Bangladesh would get necessary advice for liver treatment and its transplantation from Global Hospitals Teleconsult services.

Indian liver transplant surgeon Prof Muhamed Rela told a press conference in a city hotel yesterday. Global Hospitals, an Indian hospital, established two information and assistance centres in Dhaka in collaboration with two partner organisations -- Tradesworth and Mediconsult, he said.



President Zillur Rahman meets a delegation of Krishibid Institute, Bangladesh at Banghaban in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

GRAFT CASE AGAINST TAWFIQ HC scraps proceedings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday quashed the proceedings against Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury in the barge-mounted power plant corruption case.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on September 2, 2007 accusing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury and five others on charge of committing corruption in setting up the power plant in Khulna.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain passed the verdict following a writ petition filed by Tawfiq challenging the proceedings of the case against him.

Following the writ petition, the HC on February 3, 2008 stayed the proceedings against him and issued a rule upon the ACC and the government to explain why the proceedings should not be quashed.

DCC evicts makeshift structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) evicted makeshift structures from the pavements along Airport Road and in Mirpur area in the capital yesterday, as part of the ongoing drive against illegal occupancy on the eve of World Cup Cricket 2011.

Around 50 illegal structures were removed from the sidewalks stretching from the airport to Radisson Hotel, said Mohsin Uddin, estate officer of DCC. The DCC also removed construction materials, logs of timber, footpath vendors and more makeshift shops from Kalshi Road in Mirpur-1 roundabout and around Muktiyodha Market and fined the occupants.

DHAKA TODAY

Celebration programme
Organiser: Abc radio; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 7:00pm.

Seminar
Organiser: The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh; Venue: IEB Headquarters; Time: 2:00pm.

Blood donation programme
Organiser: University of Dhaka; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises; Time: 11:30am.

Roundtable conference
Organiser: Progressive United Community to Protect the Oppressed People; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 9:30am.

Conference
Organiser: Bangladesh Diploma Unemployed Nurses Association; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 10:00am.

View exchange meeting
Organiser: FBCCI; Venue: FBCCI auditorium; Time: 10:00am.

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Md. Shafiu Alam
Company Secretary

Dated: 13th February, 2011

'018 till I die'
বলেছেন Bryan Adams

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ব্রোঞ্জ	১২,০০০	BR
গ্যালারি (সেন্টার)	৮,০০০	GC
গ্যালারি (সাইড)	৬,০০০	GS

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