

HC rebukes Abul Moksud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday seriously rebuked columnist Syed Abul Moksud for misinterpreting its order over protecting and preserving Mahasthangarh archaeological site and its adjacent mosque and shrine in Bogra.

Abul Moksud yesterday voluntarily appeared before the HC bench of Justice A H M Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain and submitted a written statement to it.

The veteran journalist, in his statement, said flames will rage throughout the country if an initiative is taken to construct a new mosque demolishing the old mosque near Mahastangarh following the HC order.

The bench termed Abul Moksud "irresponsible", "stupid", and "liar" for his writing.

The bench said the court has directed the authorities to take steps for properly protecting and preserving Mahasthangarh archaeological site and its adjacent mosque and shrine, but never ordered to demolish or relocate the old mosque.

Justice Shamsuddin told Abul Moksud, "You did not feel the necessity of reading our order before writing such horrendous and diabolic matter..."

At one stage of castigation, Moksud apologised to the court for his writing.

The bench asked him to appear before it today (Thursday) morning and to tender apology in black and white.

Four new city corporation to be set up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has moved to set up four city corporations in the areas of eight municipalities, LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam told the House yesterday in a scripted answer.

The minister said the eight municipalities are Narayaganj, Siddhirganj, Kadamasul, Rangpur, Gazipur, Tongi, Comilla and Comilla Sadar Dakkhin.

"Formation of the four city corporations will be declared on completion of all necessary tasks," he said.

With these, the number of city corporations in the country will increase to 10.

In absence of the LGRD minister, State Minister of the ministry Jahangir Kabir Nanok replied different supplementary queries of lawmakers on various subjects.

He said DCC officials sacked on 'political grounds' during the past BNP-Jamaat government will be reinstated.

Nanok said there are around 4,700 slums in the capital where around 35 lakh people live.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarkar told the House that Bangladesh will not earn any financial profit by organising the World Cup Cricket 2011.

'Feb sees 240 murders'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country witnessed 240 people murdered throughout the month of February, 2011, with nine killings everyday if averaged, according to a survey report.

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and Odhikar obtained the data analysing reports on human rights violation published in the national dailies.

The rights watchdogs also recorded 17 extra-judicial killings by law enforcers, of them eight people were killed by Rab, six by police, and three by the Rab-police joint forces.

According to Odhikar, at least nine persons died in Rab custody and four in the custody of police.



Former chief adviser to a caretaker government, Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, wishes success to Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim with a bouquet at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday on his latest venture to swim a distance of 14 kilometres from Shah Pari Island in Teknaf to Saint Martin's Island on March 9.

PHOTO: PROTHOM ALO

HENA WHIPPED TO DEATH 2 accused denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Shariatpur court yesterday rejected bail of two accused in connection with the second case filed after rape victim Hena Akhtar was whipped to death following a fatwa in January.

District Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Fazlur Rahman rejected the bail petition filed on February 22 seeking bail of UP member Idris Sheikh and Ala Box Karati.

The court ordered the authority concerned to send the accused to jail.

Five other accused who are also in the jail were on the dock. They are 'rapist' Mahub, his wife Shilpi, local imam Mafiz Uddin, Latif Meer Malat and Joynal Meer Malaot

The court fixed March 23 for hearing of the case.

Hena's mother Aklima Begum broke into tears before the yesterday's court.

"I want punishment to those who have killed my daughter in brutal torture," Aklima told the journalists.

Fifteen-year-old Hena was flogged to death following a fatwa (religious edict) at Chamta in Naria, Shariatpur in January.

Later on February 2, Hena's father Darbesh Kha filed a murder case accusing 18 people.

On February 11, in line with a High Court order, victim's mother filed a fresh case in connection with the death of the rape victim against the same accused on five charges, which were not mentioned in the first case.

The charges are rape, abduction, hatching conspiracy, holding unlawful assembly and torture. The court gave the order after a re-autopsy found marks of injuries on all over the Hena's body, which were not found in the first autopsy report.



Newly appointed EU Ambassador to Bangladesh William Hanna presents his credentials to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

EU to help build infrastructure

UNB, Dhaka

The European Union (EU) is keen to support Bangladesh to build infrastructure and strengthen democracy, human rights and rule of law.

The EU interest was conveyed when newly appointed EU ambassador to Bangladesh William Hanna presented his credentials to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

The new ambassador highly lauded Bangladesh for playing a leading role in implementing various programmes in the international arena.

Hanna noted that Bangladesh exports to the EU countries that include readymade garments are of good quality.

Zillur said Bangladesh is committed to upholding the rule of law, democracy and human rights in the country. "There is free media and independent judiciary in the country."

He said Bangladesh always supports international peace and stability and it also stands against all sorts of terrorism.

He said Bangladesh has excellent bilateral relations with the EU countries since it had started in 1973.

Describing the EU as one of the development partners of Bangladesh, he hoped that these relations will be further strengthened in the coming days.

Three boys hurt in blast

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three students were injured in a bomb explosion when they were playing at their school compound at Sadapur village in Savar yesterday.

Injured Nazmul, 6, Nayan, 7, and Al Islam, 6, are the students of class I of Sadapur Govt Primary School.

Police and witnesses said some three to four students found a packet containing seven ball-like objects wrapped in red tape on the school premises around 11:30am

When a student picked one object in his hand from the packet, it exploded and injured the three, they said.

Savar police recovered six other unexploded bombs from the spot.

UK to double aid to Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

The UK government has announced that it will double its aid to Bangladesh over the next four years, following a major review of Britain's global aid programmes.

The plans to redraw the aid map will concentrate efforts on countries where the UK aid will achieve the best results in combating poverty and building a safer world.

A target has been set of helping provide 50 million people globally with the means to work their way out of poverty over the next four years, a release of the British HC says.

In Bangladesh, the UK's development programme will focus on creating jobs and incomes, increasing skills, and making Bangladesh a more attractive place to do

business and helping the very poor pull themselves out of poverty by increasing their earning potential.

The UK programmes will also focus on strengthening the capability of the government in public financial management and to provide better basic social services such as education, health and clean water, helping girls and boys to complete primary school and improving family planning and reducing maternal deaths.

Andrew Mitchell, the UK's International Development Secretary, has made clear that some increased help is linked to key in-country reforms.

He said Britain will in future have bilateral aid programmes in a maximum of 27 countries, including Bangladesh.

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Entertainment Page	Box Ad	Size (320x200) Pixels	Tk. 1,00,000/-
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