

Women's equal right not anti-Islamic: Tuku

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State Minister for Home, Shamsul Huq Tuku, yesterday said equal rights of men and women are not against Islam, and every religion teaches us for equal opportunities of all.

Tuku made the comment upon Islami Oikyo Jote's (IOJ) call for hartal on April 4, protesting the government's approval to National Women Development Policy (NWDP).

IOJ Chairman Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini called the hartal from a rally at the city's Muktangan yesterday.

The state minister following an inter-ministerial meeting at the ministry also said those, who called the hartal, could not understand NWDP 2011 properly.

NWDP, approved at the weekly cabinet meeting on Monday, includes a provision of equal share of women in inherited property and in employment and business opportunity.

Calling hartal is part of a continuous effort to save war criminals, said Tuku. He warned that the government will not tolerate any anarchy in the name of hartal.

In a reply, the state minister said he also wants former Jamaat Ameer Golam Azam to be arrested before this Independence Day, but the issue is not dealt by his ministry.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun said common people will resist issueless hartal on April 4.

She was present at the inter-ministerial meeting on security measure and traffic management on the Independence Day.

Sahara also urged different cultural and social organisations to take permission from concerned police unit for holding programme on the occasion on security ground.

SABBIR MURDER Complainant cross examined

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State appointed lawyers yesterday cross-examined AFM Asif, complainant of the Humayun Kabir Sabbir murder case, on behalf of Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan Shah Alam's son Shafiat Sobhan Sanvir and two others.

Sanvir and two guards of Bashundhara Group Nure Alam and Humayun Kabir have been absconding since the case was filed.

Advocate Gazi Shah Alam crossed the complainant on different points where he (complainant) was asked that Sanvir was not involved with killing the victim.

But the complainant told the court that on the night of the incident he saw his brother-in-law Sabbir talking to Sanvir over cell phone.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 recorded statement of the complainant for over two hours. The court then fixed March 15 for the next hearing.

On that day, state appointed lawyers will again cross-examine the complainant.

Meantime, lawyers of two accused Shamsuddin Ahmed and Sanvir's body guard Khairul Hassan Uzzal, now on bail, had completed their cross-examination to the complainant. Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Telecommunications Network Ltd, was brutally killed on July 5, 2006.



WEATHER TODAY

Change in temperature unlikely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Tangail and Mymensingh in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:05pm and rises tomorrow at 6:12am.

Country's highest temperature 35.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 13.2 degrees at Srimongal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.2	20.4	35	38
Chittagong	32.2	18.6	45	41
Rajshahi	34.5	15.2	49	42
Rangpur	30.2	16.5	67	50
Khulna	35.4	18.0	71	43
Barisal	34.8	17.0	58	47