



Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) President Prof Mozaffer Ahmad speaks at a press conference on "State of Bangladesh Rivers 2010 Report" at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

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Save dying rivers to alleviate poverty Demands Bapa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday urged the government to save dying rivers to ensure food security, alleviate poverty and change the country into middle income one.

Progress cannot be achieved unless smooth flow of rivers is ensured, said Bapa Vice President ASM Shahajahan.

He was speaking at a press conference organised by Bapa marking International Day of Action for Rivers at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the city.

Shahajahan, also a former adviser to a caretaker government, said most rivers will disappear only for pollution and encroachment and the government, though willing, is not taking proper steps in this regard.

Bapa President Prof Mozaffer Ahmed said political willingness of the

government could free rivers from illegal occupation. He criticised sand lifters, officials of River Research Institute and members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources for not playing due role.

In the past, rivers ensured food security, which Bangladesh is still capable of achieving despite high prices at international market, he believed.

He called upon the government form a treaty among countries over which rivers come flowing to addresses many river related problem.

Coordinator of Jatiya Nadi Rakkha Andolon Dr Md Abdul Motin said Bangladesh's rivers are dying due to some steps taken by neighbouring countries like India, China and Myanmar.

Industry owners are responsible for 60 percent of river pollution around the city while Dhaka City Corporation and Wasa authorities account for 30 percent, he added.

ZK Boral, Bapa joint secretary, said usually grabbers strategically set up brick kilns beside rivers.

A report titled "The Bangladesh River Observatory Report 2010" by Bapa was revealed at the programme.

It suggests avoiding commercial approach toward rivers and any activities going against the well being of rivers and environment by political leaders and opted for an ecological approach to save rivers.

It also suggested to preserve river water, demarcate river areas, form organisations to save rivers and take appropriate steps to ensure smooth flow of rivers among countries.

Housewife commits 'suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife allegedly committed suicide at the city's Sabujbagh on Sunday night.

Khurshida Akhter Khushi, 27, daughter of Iqbal Hossain, took her life by hanging with the ceiling fan with a scarf at Tofazzal Goli in Sabujbagh.

Police said Khushi committed suicide at her father's house, as her husband, Arif, did not take her to his parental house giving her due honour as his wife.

Honour to war friends on hold

Foreign ministry's busy schedule seen as bar to hosting foreign guests

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The scheduled Independence Day reception to foreign nationals and organisations for their contribution to the 1971 Liberation War has been cancelled due to the foreign minister and foreign secretary's engagement in Japan and Libya affairs.

On March 26, the 40th Independence Day of the country, the government was supposed to bring around 47 foreign nationals, including some heads of state government, to Dhaka for the ceremony.

"It was the foreign ministry's responsibility to bring the foreign nationals. As the foreign minister and the secretary have been

busy dealing with Libya and Japan affairs, we have postponed the reception," state minister for liberation war affairs Capt (ret'd) AB Tajul Islam told The Daily Star.

The weekly cabinet meeting, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, took the decision yesterday. The programme could be held on December 16, the Victory Day, this year.

For the reception, Hasina approved a list of 52 nominees including former Indian PM Indira Gandhi, former West Bengal chief minister Jyoti Basu, Field Marshal Manekshaw, the Indian army chief in 1971, and the then Eastern front commander

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