C'wealth Action Group

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni will attend a meeting of

Commonwealth Action Group (CMAG) in London from April

27 to 28 and later go on a bilateral visit to Bahrain from May 1

Official sources said she would leave Dhaka for London

Foreign ministry sources said her Bahrain visit is signifi-

Dipu Moni will also hold a bilateral meeting with Bahrain's

cant as both countries are likely to sign a deal related to man-

power export from Bangladesh and the countries' officials are

Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, who

visited Dhaka on March 31, where regularisation of undocu-

mented Bangladeshi workers will figure prominently, said

around 10,000 undocumented Bangladeshis out of 1.5 lakh

Bangladeshi workers there. The undocumented workers are

being affected by political unrest and subsequent state of

There is assurance from Bahrain side to consider the case

Dipu Moni is also scheduled to accompany Prime Minister

CMAG comprises of Australia, Bangladesh, Ghana,

Established by Commonwealth Heads of Government in

Sheikh Hasina to Turkey to attend the UN LDC summit from

May 6 to 11. The prime minister would also attend UN's 64th

Jamaica, Maldives, Namibia, New Zealand, Vanuatu and

November 1995, CMAG deals with "serious or persistent

violations" of principles contained in the 1991 Harare

World Health Assembly in Geneva from May 16 to 17.

Bangladesh already requested Bahrain to regularise

meet begins Apr 27

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

tomorrow and then to Bahrain.

working on the deal's finalisation.

emergency in Bahrain, said sources.

of these undocumented workers, they added.

Trinidad and Tobago (as Chair-in-Office.)

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officials.

16 Myanmar citizens held in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of Police arrested 16 Myanmar citizens from the city's Fakirerpool and Motijhil areas for illegal entry to Bangladesh territory.

The arrestees are Yunus, 41, Abdur Rahman, 22, Abdullah, 31, Mohammad Saked, 20, Anisur Rahman, 20, Kefayat Ullah, 20, Nur Muhammad, 38, Abdul Kuddus, 52, Arafat, 18, Abul Miah, 18, Anwar Hossain, 24 and Nur Mohammad, 20.

Police arrested them from Islamia and Jahanara hotel around 7:00pm.

"The Myanmar citizens had crossed the border few days back and arrived the city to go to Saudi Arabia illegally with the help of brokers," said Senior Assistant Commissioner (DB) Golam Mostafa Russel.

The arrestees had no passports or any valid documents and wanted to use Bangladeshi passport, he added.



Members of the Christian community sing songs in praise of Jesus in front of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in the city yesterday marking Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. PHOTO: STAR

PM Launches e-book

106 textbooks available online

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged the affluent people to spend a part of their money on providing computer, laptop, multimedia and other digital equipment for educational institutions in their respective villages.

Hasina also asked the teachers and other concerned to present teachings to student as a matter of entertainment, not as a matter of

She stated this while addressing the inaugural function of launching of e-book at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

The e-book consists of online version of textbooks of the primary and secondary levels.

Access to Information (A2I) Project of the PM's Office and the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) jointly transformed 33 primary level and 73 secondary level textbooks into e-books in collaboration with the UNDP.

Textbooks will now be available on its website (http:// www.ebook.gov.bd). All including students, teachers, parents, guardians and researchers can now enter the website and read the textbooks free of cost.

Besides, the huge population in the country, some one crore expatriate Bangladeshis living in different countries will be benefited from the e-books as they would no longer have to depend on printed version of the textbooks.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister for Primary and Mass Education Dr Afsarul Amin and chairman of National Curriculum and Text Book Board Prof Md Mostafa Kamaluddin also spoke at the function.

A2I project director Nazrul Islam Khan presented pros and cons of the e-book at the function.

The PM said the government has taken plan to set up one multi mediaequipped classroom in 20,500 secondary schools and madrasas. She said digital subject matters are also being made to use in multi-media class rooms.

Hasina said very soon the government is going to introduce low cost laptops at Tk 12,000, Tk 15,000 and Tk

20,000.

She said the government is working to increase the use of technology in classrooms to present difficult kids. topics in easier methods to the students. "Technology will ease the teaching method and make education entertaining," she remarked. The PM said use of multimedia

and audio-visual equipment has to be increased in classrooms. She was critical of parents as they nowadays put unnecessary pressure on their children to do best results in the examinations.

"Nowadays competition has gone among parents, not remains among students," she said.

Hasina said by putting pressure on children, parents in fact, are causing sufferings to children. "Parents must understand every child will not have same talent or capacity and all children will not have same talent in same area," she said.

She also put emphasis on students' involvement in sports apart from only studying for their balanced growth.

Hasina reiterated her directive to

the ministries concerned to introduce text curriculum in line with the age and capacity of learning of the "They (children) have to read so

many books at their budding stage. Text curriculum should prepared in such a way so children can read with comfort," she said. Hasina said e-book will be a big

boost to provide textbooks for the children of expatriate Bangladeshis. She said the government wants to set up Bangla medium schools at every place where Bangladeshis live in large number.

"The e-book will provide textbooks for every child of Bangladeshi expatriate across the world," she said.

The PM said it will take time to reach online versions of the textbooks to every citizen as a huge number of people still don't have access to computer and internet.

She said the government has set up information and service centres at 4,501 union parishads.

"When we will attain economic emancipation of all the people, they will enjoy the fruits of e-book and digital services," she said.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina launches e-book at the Prime Minister's Office in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

'Global support for N-power declines'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recent catastrophe in Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant after a devastating earthquake has declined Bangladesh's and global support in favour of nuclear energy, a recent survey report said. WIN-Gallop International, a network of independent

opinion pollsters, carried out the survey in 47 countries, says a press release. ORG Quest Research Limited, as a local partner of the net-

work, conducted this survey among 940 respondents, both male and female, in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna from March 18 to April 2 based on scientific statistical estimation. According to the survey, 52 percent are in favour of

nuclear energy while 34 percent are against it, thus netting a net favour (favourable minus un-favourable) of 18 percent. Globally this is 6 percent.

To meet rocketing demand for electricity, nuclear power gained steady public support during the last ten years and Bangladesh too decided to build a nuclear plant with Russian aid. When the group was asked for their view prior to Fukushima disaster, 65 percent were in favour while 21 percent were against it, making a net favour of 44 percent. Globally this is 25 percent.

It is a resourceful industry, being more environmentfriendly and posing less threat to climate change compared to fossil fuels. But anti-nuclear energy activists will increasingly focus on Fukushima-like hazards, fuelling the debate, an expert of the network said.

SEDITION CASE

Complainant fears attack, files GDs against SQ family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Abu Taher Uddin, a complainant of a case, lodged 12 General Diaries (GD) in separate police stations of the port city against eleven persons, including wife, brothers and sons of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury fearing attacks on him.

The names Taher mentioned in the GDs are Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's wife Farhat Quader Chowdhury, his sons Fiachh Quader Chowdhury and Humman Quader Chowdhury, his brothers Gias Uddin Quader Chowdhury, Saifuddin Quader Chowdhury and Jamal Uddin Quader Chowdhury, Chittagong city unit BNP president Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, general secretary Dr Shahdat Hossain, north district general secretary Aslam Chowdhury and BNP leader Ershad Ullah and Abul Hashem Raju.

In the GDs, Taher stated that he was the complainant of a sedition case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury. On January 19, the hearing date of the case, he went to the Chittagong Judicial Magistrate Court while Salauddin was brought before

the court.

During the time Taher said some 100 supporters, including the named persons in the GDs attacked him leaving him injured.

On the day, they also threatened him to kill at any cost, Taher mentioned in the GDs.

He said the next hearing date of the case is scheduled on April 26. On the day, the prime minister also is scheduled to visit here. So, he apprehended that the named persons might try to attack him and make unrest in the city, he added.

Abu Taher told The Daily Star that the followers of Salauddin are threatening him over phones frequently.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Chittagong north) Amena Begum said they are probing the matter and proper steps would be taken if the allegation is found.

The police stations are Karnaphuli Police Station, Chandgaon, Halishahar, Patenga, Khulshi, Phartali, Double Mooring, Bkalia, Bayejid, Panchlaish, Panchlaish, Bnadar and Kotwali Police Station.

Info sought mostly by the underprivileged Says info commissioner on RTI Act

Declaration.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Uneducated and underprivileged people are the ones mostly seeking information under Right to Information (RTI) Act as educated urban people seem to be less interested in applying it, said Information Commissioner Sadeka Halim at a discussion yesterday. "Maximum number of applications we

received so far under RTI Act are from underprivileged people, mostly farmers, while educated urban people seem to be sleeping on it," said Sadeka. The discussion titled "Role of right to information (RTI) in establishing transpar-

ency and fighting corruption in society" was held at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city. Dhaka School of Economics, Bangladesh Economic Association and Human

organised it. Discussants observed that corruption could be rapidly reduced if use of the act could be made convenient for people at

Development Research Centre jointly

grassroots.

which needs emphasis is making people, especially at grassroots level, aware of their rights," said Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Ghulam Rahman.

"Effective implementation of Right to Information Act by people then would reduce corruption considerably," added Ghulam Rahman.

Corruption already affected all the three state organs -- judiciary, executive and legislative. If ACC, Information Commission (IC) and National Human Rights Commission are made constitutional bodies like the Election Commission and allowed to function independently, it would check corruption at the three organs, he observed.

Speakers urged on countrywide campaign to create awareness among people about the law while developing capacity in offices to ensure smooth dissemination of information. Former Chief Justice Tafazzal Islam, IC

Secretary Nepal Chandra Sarker, human rights activist Dr Hamida Hossain and Country Director of Article 19, Bangladesh "To reduce corruption, the first point Tahmina Rahman also spoke.

Form neutral body to probe Apr 17 Khagrachhari clash

CHT Commission urges PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Commission yesterday urged the prime minister to form a neutral probe body to investigate into the clashes between Bangalees and indigenous people on April 17 in Ramgarh at Khagrachhari.

The commission officials strongly condemned the murder of at least five lives and demand trial of those responsible, said a statement signed by the commission's Cochairs Sultana Kamal, Eric Avebury and Ida Nicolaisen. Terming land dispute the overriding

factor for continuous violence in hills, they stressed on the need for resolving these disputes on an urgent basis. The commission also recommended full

implementation of CHT Peace Accord-1997 to avoid further violence there.

About the clash on April 17, they recommended taking action against security forces members allegedly involved with the clash and for negligence of duty and ensuring proper relief and rehabilitation for the victims.

Their other recommendations include instructing all civil, military and other security personnel to refrain from getting

Call for refraining civil, military and other security personnel from land-related disputes

involved in land-related disputes and amendment of Land Commission Act according to the accord.

They also urged to replace the Land Commission chairman with a neutral person and declare a roadmap to implement

the accord.

Mujibnagar govt recalled

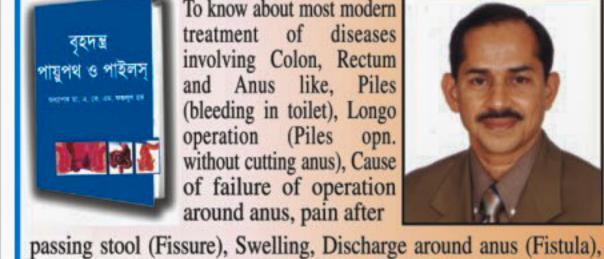
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A huge number of students from 11 schools and colleges participated in a programme at Adamzi Cantonment College in the city yesterday, recalling the day (April 17) of formation of Mujibnagar government, the first government of independent Bangladesh.

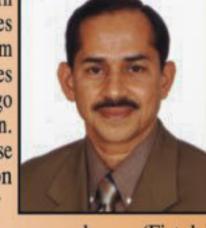
Prime Minister's Adviser Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury attended the event as the chief guest.

Chief of General Staff of Army, Lt General Md Mainul Islam, was present as the special guest.

Piles, Constipation, Dysentery, Cancer



involving Colon, Rectum and Anus like, Piles (bleeding in toilet), Longo operation (Piles without cutting anus), Cause of failure of operation around anus, pain after



Constipation, Chronic dysentery (IBS), Blood dysentery (Ulcerative colitis), Colonoscopy, excess gas in stomach, Bowel (Colon & Rectum) Cancer, most modern stapling rectum cancer operation without artificial stool collecting bag (Colostomy), Childrens bleeding in toilet (Polyp), you may read the book written by : Pioneer Colorectal Surgeon of Bangladesh & the Sub-Continent

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