

'Move on for rail, road link with Myanmar'

UNB, Dhaka

The newly elected democratic government of Myanmar is keen to rapidly improve bilateral relations and mutual cooperation with Bangladesh.

This was conveyed when Lt Gen Myat Hein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) of Myanmar Air Force, called on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday.

"We've a new government and its aim is to rapidly increase cooperation with Bangladesh," General Myat Hein said.

Apprising the president that Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Gen Abdul Mubeen is expected to visit Myanmar next month, he said: "We're interested to promote relations between the armed forces."

General Myat Hein lauded the National Defence College (NDC) of Bangladesh and expressed his hope that Myanmar forces would be sent to take training in NDC of Bangladesh in future.

Welcoming the Myanmar air chief at Bangabhaban, Zillur said Bangladesh has taken initiative to establish direct rail and road connectivity with Myanmar.

He said such direct connectivity will help expand trade and commercial activities between the two countries in the days to come.

The president emphasised exchange of military trainings by members of the armed forces of the two countries.

Newly-appointed Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Min Lwin and secretaries to the President's Office were present.

Two Indian ships set for Indo-Bangla joint exercise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Assistant Commandant of Vajra, one of the two visiting Indian Coast Guard ships, Ranpreet Singh yesterday briefed the journalists about the ins and outs of the ships.

Indian Coast Guard ships "Vajra" and "Razia Sultana" arrived in Chittagong Port on Sunday for a four-day visit.

Ranpreet said the ships came from Orisa state of India to Bangladesh. They will stay here till April 28 and will take part in a joint exercise with Bangladesh Coast Guard, he added.

On Thursday morning, they will set for Myanmar for a four-day tour and will do the same as they have done in Bangladesh, Ranpreet said, adding that they will go to Andaman and Nikobar Archipelago where they will do routine patrol duty and then return back to home in Bishakhapatnam.



PHOTO: STAR

Citizen Rights Movement yesterday holds a rally demanding steps to stop supply of stinky water by Wasa in some parts of old Dhaka.

Stop supply of stinky water

Speakers urge Wasa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Citizen Rights Movement, an organisation, yesterday at a rally demanded of the Wasa authorities to stop supplying stinky water to some parts of old Dhaka.

The rally was held in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city.

The leaders of the organisation said residents of some areas of old Dhaka, including Agamasi Lane, Siddque Bazar, Aga Sadeque Road, Katuali and Bongshal area, are getting unusable water from Wasa for the last 3 months.

They also demanded repealing the draft of the Bangladesh Water Act.

If the water act gets approval then the people of the country will fall under huge crisis of water, including drinking water.

They suggested keeping the water management and distribution under control of the government instead of making it commercialised.

They demanded cancellation of the decision of constructing structures for the staff of Wasa on the playground adjacent to the pump of Wasa at Agamasilane.

They urged Wasa to renovate its deep tube-well at the place.

The rally was presided over by President of the Citizen Rights Movement Md Mofizul Hoque Sarkar.

Among others, Secretary General Tushar Rehman and Dr M Enamul Hoque addressed the rally.

13 killed, 43 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK

13 people were killed and 43 others injured in separate road accidents in Sirajganj, Dinajpur and Lalmonirhat yesterday.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports: At least eight people were killed and 13 others injured as a bus hit a human hauler at Parkola in Shahjadpur upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Hafizul Islam, 48, Mominul Islam, 45, Rabiul Hasan, 42, Shahidul Islam, 29, Akkas Ali, 25 and Faruk Hossen, 22, of Santhia upazila of Pabna.

The identity of two others could not be known immediately.

Locals said the accident took place when the human hauler, locally known as Nosiman, fell into a roadside ditch with 29 people aboard after the speedy bus hit it at about

3:30pm, leaving eight people dead.

The injured were rushed to Bogra Md Ali Hospital and Shahjadpur Upazila Health Complex.

Our Dinajpur correspondent says: At least three people were killed and 30 others injured in three separate road accidents in the district yesterday.

One of deceased was identified as Md Mahbubur Rahman, 30, a helper of a bus. Other deceased could be identified immediately.

In Hakimpur upazila, driver of a bus lost his control over steering and fell into roadside ditch on Hakimpur-Bogra highway at Moshidpur village yesterday, leaving one dead on the spot and 30 others injured.

In Phulbari, a rice-loaded truck lost its control and fell into a roadside ditch on Dinajpur-Dhaka high-

way at Rangamati village yesterday, leaving the truck helper dead on the spot.

In Dinajpur town, a speedy motorcyclist was killed on the spot as the motorcycle hit a parked microbus at Dinajpur central bus terminal yesterday.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent adds: A mother and her daughter were killed as a Bogra-bound stone-laden truck from Burimari land port hit them while they were crossing road on Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway at Hatibandha around 6:00pm yesterday.

The deceased are Moriyom Begum, 35, wife of Mukul Miah and her three-year-old daughter Rosna Akhter of Bejgram village of the same upazila.

2 women murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two women were killed, allegedly by their husbands, in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Laili Begum, 19, a garment factory worker from her house at Mirbagh of Ramna, yesterday.

She was the wife of Mizanur Rahman and both were employees of Voyager Apparels Limited.

The couple returned home from work around 8:00 pm on Monday, neighbours said. The next morning, neighbours broke open the door around 6:00am the door which they found locked from the outside with the television still playing.

They saw the body lying on the bed wrapped in a sheet and informed the police.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College (DMC) morgue and autopsy results confirmed that the victim was strangled.

Laili's brother, Sarwar claimed Mizan killed his sister and fled with her ornaments and cash. The couple had frequent rows as Mizan used to take Laili's salary, Sarwar added.

In another incident, police recovered the decomposed body of a woman stuffed in a wardrobe of her bedroom at the city's South Banasree area on Monday night.

The deceased was identified as Sathi Akhter, 35. She owned a shop selling stationeries, which was run by her second husband, Shamim, victim's brother Sheikh Hyder Ali said.

The couple lived with Sathi's mother along with children from her previous marriage.

Quoting Sathi's mother, Hayder said, she heard the couple quarrelling on Thursday when she was on her way to accompany her grandchildren from school.

After returning home, Shamim told her Sathi had to leave to for an urgent purpose and will not return that night, Hyder said.

The next day Shamim told her that Sathi was accused in a case over land dispute and will stay away from home for a few days to escape arrest. Shamim even asked her to leave the house temporarily, as police could raid the house any moment, Hyder said quoting his mother.

Later, on Sunday when they received information that Shamim was selling off the goods of the shop Sathi's mother and brother rushed over to the spot and called the police.

After conducting a search in the house, police recovered the body and sent it to DMC morgue for autopsy.

Green architecture for better environment stressed

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday observed expansion of green architecture, ecology-friendly and resource efficient structure are needed for improving human health through maintaining better environment.

Green architecture could only be achieved by a design that ensures efficient use of environment-friendly construction materials, efficient consumption of energy as well as water and other resources, the speakers told the seminar.

Green Architecture offers an opportunity to use resources efficiently while creating healthier buildings that improve human health, they said.

Department of Architecture of Bangladesh University and Engineering and Technology (Buet) and GIZ Progress jointly organised the seminar titled 'Towards Green Architecture' at the Buet Council Bhaban.

State Minister for Science and ICT Architect Yeafesh Osman spoke as the chief guest at the seminar with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr SM Nazrul Islam in the chair.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Participants, including Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North President Mohsena Reza, Dr Abul Kashem, Dr Abdul Quader, Dr Mostaque H Sattar and Ferdousi Rahman, pose for photograph with chief guest Rotary Club of Dhaka North President S Hedayatullah at a free medical and dental camp at Gulshan Ladies Community Club in the city recently. Rotary Club of Dhaka North RI District 3280 and Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North IW District 328 jointly organised the free medical and dental camp.

Drug peddler arrested in Keraniganj

UNB, Keraniganj

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a drug peddler along with 50 pieces of yaba tablet and a motorcycle at Manurbag in South Keraniganj yesterday.

The arrested was identified as Jahurul Islam Jiku, 25, son of Habibur Rahman of the area.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-10 raided the area and held Jiku along with yaba tablets while he was selling the drugs at about 5:30pm.

A motorcycle used by the drug peddler was also seized during the drive.

Rab filed a case with South Keraniganj police station under the Narcotics Control Act.

Seminar on religions for peace held

UNB, Dhaka

The Centre for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue of Dhaka University and the Episcopal Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue Bangladesh jointly organised an international seminar on "Religions for Peace and Harmony" yesterday at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on the campus.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique formally inaugurated the seminar while Eminence Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran attended it as chief guest. The seminar was also addressed by Archbishop Joseph Marino, Most Rev, Paulinus Costa, Prof Syed Anwar

Husain, Prof. Aminul Islam and Prof Kazi Nurul Islam.

Prof Arefin said religion is a great force and all religions claim to be about finding peace and harmony within ourselves. We should make continuous effort to understand the popular religions of the world and find out a secular message for the entire mankind.

It is well known that prophets, saints, sages and incarnations have appeared in different parts of the world in various times in order to teach and train mankind how to live and let live in peace and harmony, he said.

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