

**Hasina a visionary leader: FM**

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday termed Sheikh Hasina a visionary leader and said Hasina has set up the milestone of all development for the country and its people.

"Sheikh Hasina ensured food security and empowerment of women side by side with strengthening democracy and parliament through her visionary leadership."

"She never retreated in the struggle for establishing rights of the people to vote and food," said Dipu Moni at a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Durnibar Bangladesh organised it on "Sheikh Hasina: In the struggle for restoration of democracy, development and peace."

She said Bangladesh has been recognised as a role model abroad for its achievements especially in sectors of agriculture, food security, and climate change.

**India keen to expand trade**

*Hamid Ansari tells Zillur*

UNB, Dhaka

India has showed keen interest in further increasing the bilateral relation with Bangladesh through expanding trade and commercial activities between the two countries.

Indian Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari said this when he paid a courtesy call on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday evening.

Ansari said that being imbued with moral responsibility, his country extended support to Bangladesh during its liberation war in 1971.

Describing Bangladesh as a close neighbour, he said both the countries are bounded by common history and culture and hoped that mutual cooperation will be gradually strengthened in future.

Zillur said excellent bilateral relation is prevailing between the two countries now and hoped that this relation would be further strengthened by this visit.

Describing India as tested friend, he recalled the support and cooperation extended by India during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Food and Disaster Management Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque, Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Preet Kaur, Indian lawmakers OP Mathur and Moinul Hassan and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Rajet Mitter were present.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni called on Hamid Ansari at Sonargaon Hotel.



The opposition BNP holds a rally in front of its Naya Paltan office in the city yesterday protesting the ruling Awami League's alleged involvement in recent share market scam. (Story on Page 2)

**Five quit Sust proctorial body**

A CORRESPONDENT

The proctor and four assistant proctors of Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (Sust) resigned yesterday after the university syndicate adjourned expulsion of student.

Vice Chancellor Prof Saleh Uddin confirmed to have received resignation letters of proctor Md Saiful Islam and assistant proctors Abu Seed Md Arefin Khan, Chowdhury Abdullah-Al Hossaine, Israt -Ibn-Ismail, and Md Asif Iqbal.

Sources said the syndicate adjourned the expulsion of MU Shimul for an indefinite period last Tuesday based on a High Court verdict that stayed the expulsion order.

Shimul, a student of social work department, works as correspondent for the Dainik Jalabad, a local daily.

The syndicate, in its previous meeting, expelled him for one year on allegation of making fake news against assistant proctor Md Faruq Uddin.



Professor Emeritus Dr AKM Kafiluddin has presented his book titled "Community Clinic Guide" to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently. The prime minister lauded the content of the book. The use of the clinic guide in the community centres has been recommended by Health Minister AFM Ruhul Huq, Executive Director of ICDDR,B Prof Alenjandro Cravioto, Abdul Matin Khasru MP, Prof Abdul Mannan MP, National Professor Dr Nurul Islam and former vice chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Dr Nazrul Islam. They stated that the use of the guide in community centres will help delivery of healthcare services.

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**Project to ensure food security**

METRO DESK

Three United Nations agencies and the government will implement a joint programme to promote food security and nutrition for ultra-poor families and children in the country.

Through the project, WFP, FAO and Unicef will work together to provide a combined set of inputs to reduce food insecurity and under-nutrition amongst families and children in three upazilas -- Manpura, Charfasson and Bamna -- under Barguna and Bhola districts, says a WFP press release yesterday.

The programme will provide agricultural and livestock inputs, food, nutrition and educational assistance to 18,000 undernourished children under five, pregnant and lactating women, 42,000 primary school children, and 46,500 members of poor households affected by the high food prices, it added.

The three-year programme is funded by the Millennium Development Goal Achievement Fund (MDG-F), established with the contribution of the Spanish government to support joint UN efforts in achieving the MDGs.



Mahmudul Huq, Deputy Managing Director, Janata Jute Mills Ltd. receiving the National Export Trophy (Silver) for the year 2008-09 from the Honorable Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, on April 7, 2011.

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**SAFE CHILDBIRTH AND MOTHERHOOD**

**'3,000 midwives to be produced by 2015'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government would produce 3,000 midwives by 2015 to ensure safe childbirth and motherhood across the country, according to an official.

Dr Kazi Mostofa Sarwar, director of the Directorate of Nursing Services, said the midwives will be posted in different upazilas.

He said this while addressing a seminar held on the occasion of the International Day of Midwife at Diploma Engineers Institute, Bangladesh (IDEI) in the city yesterday.

Bangladesh Nursing Council (BNC) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) jointly organised it with this year's theme, "The World Needs Midwives More Than Ever."

Dr Mostofa said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, at a recent UN meeting, stated to produce the midwives for safe

delivery and proper ante- and post-natal care.

But 60 midwives have been produced so far, he added.

Midwives are an essential workforce in an effectively functioning healthcare system, who can serve a key role in reducing maternal and newborn mortality in Bangladesh, said speakers.

UNFPA representative to Bangladesh, Arthur Erken, said an estimated one mother dies every hour in the country due to pregnancy or delivery related complications.

"This [maternal death] could have been easily prevented by a midwife with the right skills, the right equipment and the right support."

Dr Mostofa said Bangladesh is still struggling to achieve targets on maternal and child mortality under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

According to MDGs, maternal mortality rate should be reduced to 143 per 100,000 live births and newborn mortality to 31 per 1,000 live births by 2015.

Speakers said the nurse midwifery training would continue in the country as it is going on.

Alongside a three-year Direct Entry Midwifery Programme would start in 2012 by BNC and Directorate of Nursing Services to boost the services, they added.

BNC Registrar Shuriya Begum presented the keynote paper at the seminar where State Minister for Health, Capt (ret'd) Mozibur Rahman Fakir, was present as the chief guest.

Health Secretary Humayun Kabir, Deputy Secretary (Nursing and Gender Issue) Shahnun Nessa, WHO representative Arun B Thapa, and BNC Deputy Registrar Geetasree Ghosh also spoke.

**Huji leader Farid involved in Aug 21 attacks**

**IO says at court**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

An investigation officer (IO) of 21 August grenade attack case yesterday told a Dhaka court that Harkatul Jihad (Huji) leader Maulana Sheikh Farid was directly involved with the grisly attack on an Awami League rally in 2004.

CID's Special Superintendent of Police Abdul Kahar Akond, also IO of the case, said this after producing the leader before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Keshob Roy Chowdhury for a seven-day fresh remand prayer.

Farid was produced before the court on completion of his seven-day remand, granted on April 28.

In the remand prayer, the IO said Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan in a confessional statement given earlier said Farid played an active role in executing the attack.

Moreover, he will be cross-examined with another Huji leader Mufti Abdul Hannan Sabbir, now on remand in the case filed for bomb blasts on a rally of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) at Paltan Maidan on January 20, 2001.

So, he needs to be remanded to find out whereabouts of several other fugitives responsible for the attacks, the IO said.

The court granted a four-day remand for further investigation.

Farid, also known as Shawkat Osman, was arrested in Tongi Railway Station area on April 26 in the case filed for the attack on the CPB rally.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Roundtable**  
Research and Development Collective will organise a roundtable. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 3:00pm.

**Human chain**  
Paribesh Bachao Andolan will form a human chain. Venue: In front of Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University, Time: 10:30am.

**Celebration**  
Karmojibi Nari will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Venue: Osmani Smriti auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

**DVD unwrapping**  
A DVD on Marx's Capital will be unwrapped. Venue: Business Studies

auditorium, DU, Time: 4:00pm.

**Meeting**  
Dunirbar Bangladesh will arrange a meeting. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:30am.

**Trade fair**  
Indo-Bangla trade fair will be inaugurated. Venue: Sonargaon hotel, Time: 10:30am.

**Roundtable**  
Nagorik Forum will organise a roundtable. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity, Time: 4:00pm.

**Discussion**  
Journalism Training and Research

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