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Peace deal to be executed

PM seeks help from all

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated her government's firm commitment to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord for maintaining peace and continuing development in the region.

"It is our responsibility to execute the CHT peace agreement and we will do that the way we signed it," she categorically said while inaugurating the 'Fifth Cultural Diversity Festival 2011 for Ethnic Minority Communities' at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city.

Mentioning that her government is sincerely working to execute it, Hasina said, "A major portion of the accord has so far been implemented, while the government is taking steps to implement the rest of the agreement."

There should not be any confusion about the implementation of the CHT peace agreement. "We want cooperation of all in this regard," she said.

The CHT affairs ministry in cooperation with the CHT Development Facility Programme under the UNDP organised the festival.

With State Minister for CHT affairs ministry Dipankar



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PM goes to
Myanmar
today

Rohingya issue
to top agenda

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for Myanmar today on a three-day official visit with officials saying that repatriation of Rohingya refugees, energy cooperation, maritime dispute, trade and connectivity is high on the agenda.

During the visit the two countries are expected to sign several deals aimed at boosting economic cooperation and improving bilateral relations, foreign ministry sources in Dhaka said.

The Bangladesh cabinet has given go ahead for signing an agreement on capital investment, development and its preservation in both the countries.

Relations between Bangladesh and Myanmar

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Lawyers loyal to the ruling Awami League yesterday take down the photos of General Osmani, Maulana Bhashani and BNP founder Ziaur Rahman from the Supreme Court Bar Council president's office room in the capital.

PHOTO
STAR

Farmers in a fix

Rice price continues to fall as govt sits on procurement

REAZ AHMAD

With no room for fresh intake in public granaries, the government remains indecisive over rice procurement in the current Aman season despite continued price fall of the staple both in wholesale and retail markets.

Farmers and market sources attributed the price slump to indecision on government procurement of rice and release of held-up stocks of Boro rice by the big farmers and millers apprehending further fall in price.

Food Division statistics show prices of coarse rice both in wholesale and retail markets in the capital continued to drop till late last month and remained up to seven percent lower than those a year back.

"The declining trend in (rice) prices since mid-October is in contrast with the normal seasonal pattern. And it can be explained by the release of

stock by traders and big farmers in anticipation of a bumper Aman harvest and the effects of the government import drive," says a government food grains monitoring report.

The Food Division confirmed that the wholesale and retail prices of coarse rice in the capital were as low as Tk 25.56 and Tk 28 a kg respectively on November 29. For its Boro procurement drive that ended on October 30, the government-offered price was Tk 29 a kg.

Against this back drop, the Food Procurement and Monitoring Committee (FPMC) met at the food ministry on November 22 but failed to take a decision on immediate launching of rice procurement drive.

Contacted over the phone yesterday, rice grower ASM Shish Nabi Mondal of Dinajpur said he reaped 225 maunds of paddy by cultivating

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Canada won't extradite Nur

Envoy tells press after meeting FM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Canada will not extradite Nur Chowdhury, one of the convicted killers of Bangabandhu, as a Canadian policy does not approve sending back a person where there is provision of death sentence.

Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Heather Cruden told this to reporters emerging from a meeting with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at the foreign ministry yesterday.

"She (the foreign minister) did indeed raise the issue. I have committed to raise it again with my government. Of



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ONLINE POLL
Do you think it was justified for Santa Larma to term the ruling Awami League an extremely communal political party?

Yes (71.8%)

No (23.3%)

No Comments (4.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 511

Do you think by demanding the proceedings of the war crimes tribunal be stopped, BNP has made it clear that they are against the trial of war criminals?

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-21	5-24
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Two icons pass away

STAR REPORT

Two icons from two different realms passed away in last two days. Dev Anand, the evergreen romantic hero of Indian cinema, died of a heart attack in a London hospital on Saturday; and former Brazil soccer great Socrates died from an intestinal infection in Sao Paulo the day after.

As the news broke about Dev Anand's death at the age of 88, a pall of gloom descended over Bollywood with tributes pouring in

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Reflect sun to cool earth

UN panel mulls to reverse global warming

DAILYMAIL ONLINE

A group of scientists, philosophers and legal scholars are looking into radical geoengineering plans to artificially cool the Earth in a bid to reverse global warming.

A UN climate

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Images like this may become more common as a UN panel on climate change predicts a 6.4° Celsius temperature rise by 2100. Inset, Planet earth.

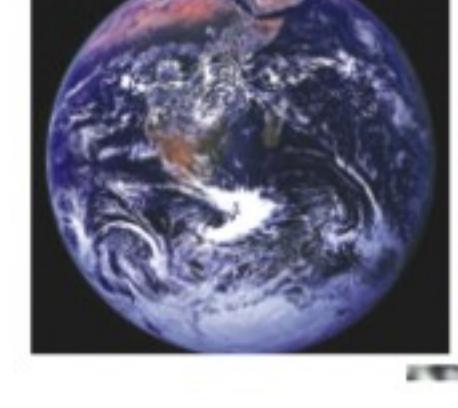


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শান্তীমুখ প্রশান্তমৰী শব্দের শব্দটি খেলা চাই

বাংলাদেশের সময় হিজড়া জনগোষ্ঠীর পক্ষ থেকে আবাসিক অভেদে।

অমৃত সামাজিক বাস্তুর পক্ষে পরিবার থেকে বিজিঞ্চ, তাই আমাদের পক্ষে পরিবার থেকেও দেখে। কুলের সঙ্গগোষ্ঠীরা বাসাপ বাববাদে করে, কুটুম্বে চায় না, তাই এক পর্যাপ্ত পোক করতে বাধ্য হই। ধৰ্মীয় ও সামাজিক অনুষ্ঠানে আমরা অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারিনো। কেউ আমাদেরকে বায়া তাড়া দিতে চায় না। হিজড়া পরিবারের অক্ষয় করার পক্ষে আমরা অভিযোগ করতে পারি না।

সামাজিক উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচীতে সামাজিক পোক পরিবারের অভিযোগ করার পক্ষে আমরা অভিযোগ করতে পারি না।

এই বক্তব্য, অবক্তব্য, অবজ্ঞা থেকে কি আমাদের অভিযোগ নেই? আমরা কি চিরকাল এভাবেই দিন যাপন করবো? আমরাওতো এই শব্দের নামাগ্রিক। আমাদেরও আছে যামুব হিসাবে মর্যাদা নিয়ে বৈচিত্রে থাকার অভিযোগ।

অবজ্ঞার সাথী:

১. নারী ও পুরুষ পরিবারের পাশাপাশি হিজড়াদেরও পৃথক পরিবারের আইনগত ধৰ্মীকৃত চাই।
২. জাতীয় বাস্তুর কর্মসূচীতে হিজড়াদেরও অভিযোগ করতে চাই।
৩. ধৰ্মীয় বাস্তুর কর্মসূচীতে হিজড়াদের জন্য বৰাদ করতে চাই।
৪. ধৰ্মীয় জীবনে হিজড়াদের অভিযোগ করতে চাই।
৫. হিজড়াদের প্রাণিক বাস্তুর পক্ষে আমাদের পক্ষে অভিযোগ করতে চাই।
৬. হিজড়াদের প্রাণিক বাস্তুর পক্ষে আমাদের পক্ষে অভিযোগ করতে চাই।

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SC on TERMINATION OF 821 NU asked not to act till next order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed National University (NU) authorities to maintain status quo on termination of 821 employees and fresh recruitment to the university until further order.

The SC gave the order following a HC verdict on August 23 that ruled the appointment of the 807 staff recruited to NU during the BNP-Jamaat alliance illegal.

The Appellate Division of SC also directed the High Court to dispose off by January 22 a writ petition filed by AL Lawmaker Fazle Rabbi Miah in 2004 challenging the legality of the appointment of the NU employees.

The HC bench of Justice Hasan Foyez Siddique and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain will hear and dispose of the petition, as per the apex court order.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told reporters that the terminated employees will not get their jobs back and

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