



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a discussion at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday marking International Mother Language Day. The Awami League organised the meeting. PHOTO: PMO

Move on to establish diplomatic relations with South Sudan

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A high-level delegation led by Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi recently visited South Sudan with a view to establishing bilateral diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The objective was also to see the possibility for the Bangladesh contingent in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) continuing its works and exploring areas of cooperation for the mutual benefit of the peoples and governments of South Sudan and

Bangladesh.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in this regard was signed between the two countries during the visit, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

During the visit from February 13-16, the delegation met President of South Sudan Gen Salva Kiir Mayardit and held meetings with a number of ministers and dignitaries there.

The adviser handed over a letter of invitation from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the South Sudanese president.

The two sides exchanged views on the possible areas of cooperation and mutual

interest and underlined commonalities between both countries in terms of their arduous and protracted struggle for freedom.

Both sides agreed that Bangladesh's experience in post-conflict nation building and successful strides for the socio-economic emancipation of its people has a lot of relevance to the people and the government of South Sudan.

The Bangladeshi side also emphasised the necessity for delegations from South Sudan to visit Bangladesh to further explore, define and prioritise various areas of mutual cooperation.



Representatives of Green Delta Insurance Company Limited hand over a cheque worth Tk 2 crore to representatives of National Heart Foundation, Sylhet at the city office of the former on February 15 as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility. PHOTO: COURTESY

VILLAGE ARBITRATION

HC summons Raninagar OC, four others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the officer-in-charge (OC) of Raninagar Police Station in Naogaon and four others before it in connection with an incident of the lashing a housewife on the charge of an extramarital affair on her part.

The OC of Raninagar Police Station Shahriar Khan, local madrasa teacher Noor Alam and arbitrators Azizul Haque, Mofazzal Hossain and Afzal Hossain were directed to appear before the HC on March 1 to explain their roles in the incident.

The daily Prothom Alo yesterday published a report stating that a housewife and a friend of her husband were lashed 101 times and fined Tk 5,000 at a village arbitration at Raninagar Upazila of Naogaon on Friday.

They were punished after arbitrator Afzal brought allegation of their extramarital relationship, the report said, adding that Shahriar did not take any action over the incident.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim yesterday came up with order after Supreme Court lawyers Sheikh Ali Ahmed Khokon and Abantee Nurul placed the report before it.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain represented the government.

Journo assaulted by BCL leader at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader of Dhaka University allegedly assaulted the university correspondent of the English daily The Daily Sun inside the Teacher-Student Centre cafeteria last night.

The correspondent Rafiul Islam tried to dissuade Masum Billah, BCL vice-president of Surya Sen Hall, from taking food for free from the cafeteria when the latter grabbed Rafiul by the shirt collar and dragged him out, said witnesses.

Agitated Masum, doing his masters in law and a follower of BCL General Secretary Omar Sarif, lashed out at the correspondent, "I am a leader. I cannot be compared with the university's general students while taking food."

DU Proctor Prof MA Amzad said he will take necessary steps as per the university's rules if they find the accused guilty.

Govt stops filling up of pond by MP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Five government agencies, in the presence of top district officials and the police, in a joint drive on Tuesday night stopped the 'unauthorised' filling up of a pond by ruling party lawmaker Enamul Haque at Meherchandi in Rajshahi city.

During the one-hour raid that began around 10:30pm, the enforcement team seized an earth-filling machine and track loader, from the scene and kept it under the authority of local ward councillor Mokhesur Rahman Khalil.

The MP's men, who had been working all the day and night, fled the scene an hour before the raid took place. Around 40 percent of the pond -- on some 30 bighas of land -- was filled up until Tuesday.

The team also directed the ward councillor to have an eye on the site so that none could fill it up anymore. However, as per the February 19 direction of the Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA), the MP's men can re-excavate the pond by February 29.

RDA chairman Abdur Rahim, Abdul

Hannan, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi, M Obaidullah, commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP), chief chemist Mizanur Rahman of Department of Environment (DoE), and Sadekul Islam, executive magistrate of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) led the operation when Morshedul Anwar Khan, RMP deputy commissioner and Khan M Shahriar, officer-in-charge of Boalia Police Station, were present amid a number of police members.

The Rajshahi DC told The Daily Star that the raid was conducted to follow the December 13, 2010 High Court order to suspend filling up work in any kind of water bodies in Rajshahi city.

He also said the HC on February 9 summoned the top officials of eight different government agencies to appear before it today (February 23) and explain how the lawmaker was filling up the pond through violating the court order.

The officials are the secretaries of public works department, land, and forest and environment ministries, director general of the DoE, Rajshahi DC, RMP

commissioner, RDA chairman and chief executive officer of RCC.

On January 26, the RDA had on an information slip warned the lawmaker from Rajshahi-4 (Bagmara) constituency that filling up of the pond would be illegal. It then served him a notice in the first week of February asking him to desist from filling up the water body.

The lawmaker, who also owns real estate firm Ena Properties, did not respond to the two previous warnings. Enamul claimed the RDA had no right to serve notices as the land had not been earmarked as a pond in land documents.

According to one of the two signboards erected by the pond, the land will be used for the proposed 'Saleha Imarat Hospital and College', while another signboard declares Enamul to be the owner of the land.

Meanwhile, this correspondent yesterday visited the area and found the signboards still there. The authorities, during the drive, also did not put up a signboard declaring the filling up of the pond to be illegal.



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Drawing competition

Population Services and Training Center will organise a children's drawing competition; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 10:00am.

Awarding ceremony

Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication will organise an awarding ceremony for journalists; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Human Chain

Save the Environment Movement will hold a human chain; Venue: before Wasa Bhaban, Karwan Bazar; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion

Nagorik Sanghati will organise a discussion; Venue: Bilia Auditorium; Time: 3:00pm.

Seminar

Asia Chinnamul Manobadiker Bastobayon Foundation will hold a seminar; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 5:00pm.

Programme

Bangladesh Buddha Christi Prochar Sangha will organise a programme; Venue: Dharmarajik Buddha Mohabihar, Shabujbagh; Time: 9:00am.

Discussion

Muktijoddhar Santan O Projanma Oikya Mancha will hold a discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 11:00am.

Dramatised reading

British Council will organise a dramatised reading of a book; Venue: 5, Fuller Road; Time: 6:00pm.

Play

Foundation of Bangladesh Cultural Forum will render a play; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 6:30pm.

Fair

ARTX will organise a fair; Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy; Time: 3:00pm.



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