



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offers munajat at an Iftar party hosted for civil and military officials, diplomats and judges at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

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Increasing number of Bangladeshis study in US

Says Mozena at inauguration of TV and film studies department at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena yesterday said the enrolment rate of Bangladeshi students in US educational institutions was the fastest compared to those from South and Central Asia.

The potential for academic and research exchange between American and Bangladeshi educational institutions was enormous, he said.

The ambassador was addressing the launching ceremony of the newly created Department of Television and Film Studies at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban in Dhaka University (DU).

Addressing the ceremony, Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain said television and film were not only tools for entertainment but also for informing and educating people.

"Our constitution assures freedom of the media. I believe graduates of the department will be able to use television and film to portray the country's rich culture, language and history before the nation and the world," he added.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said television and film were two significant sectors which could help countrymen observe western ideas and devise a democratic model for the country itself.

"While media has many positives to play, it can also be a lethal weapon in the hands of spin-doctors," he added.

Prof Janet Wasko, knight chair in communication research, University of Oregon, USA, presented a keynote, "New challenges for global Hollywood". The department Chairman Dr AJM Shafiul Alam Bhuiyan also spoke at the programme.

Quader orders transfer of all B'baria rail station staff

BSS, Brahmanbaria

Minister for Communications and Railways Obaidul Quader has directed to transfer all employees of Brahmanbaria Railway Station, including its station master Wahiduzzaman, for allegation of black marketing of tickets, corruption and irregularities.

He made the directives while visiting the railway station on Sunday.

Earlier, Quader also visited the Brahmanbaria-Comilla Highway and instructed the concerned officials to complete repair of the highway before Eid-ul-Fitr.

The minister said highways would be brought under the development projects to construct seven bridges on the roads.

During the visit, he instructed the concerned people to build resistance against massive extortion on roads and highways.

Quader also visited the BRTA office in the district and ordered launching departmental investigation against the concerned officials for various irregularities.

HC starts hearing petition against JS Speaker's ruling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court (HC) bench yesterday started hearing on the writ petition, filed on July 18, that challenged the legality of Speaker Abdul Hamid's June 18 ruling.

The Speaker had stated that the HC judge, Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, violated the constitution by making "derogatory remarks" about parliament and the Speaker.

The HC bench of Justice Hasan Foez Siddique and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain yesterday adjourned the hearing on the writ petition till 10:30am today.

Earlier on July 18, Justice Naima Haider of a two-judge HC bench expressed embarrassment to hear the petition.

The bench, including Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar, also returned the petition to the petitioner, Supreme Court (SC) lawyer AKM Shafiquddin.

Shafiquddin filed the petition praying for an HC rule upon the Speaker and the secretaries to parliament and the law ministry to explain why the June 18 ruling should not be declared illegal.

He prayed to the HC to direct the Speaker not to issue such rulings in the future, saying that the Speaker cannot issue such a ruling against any SC judge as per the parliament's rules of procedure.

The Speaker had abused his constitutional mandate as it does not permit the parliament to challenge any SC proceeding over any sub-judice matter, Shafiquddin cited in the petition.

Justice Manik, during a court hearing on June 5, observed that the Speaker had committed an offence tantamount to sedition by commenting on an HC order in parliament on May 29.

The Speaker said it looked odd when the courts, though neutral and independent, took quick decisions to resolve their own problems while people wait for years to get justice.

92pc govt decisions implemented

Claims cabinet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League-led grand alliance government has implemented 92 percent of its decisions taken in the cabinet meetings during the last three-and-a-half-year tenure.

Meanwhile, the implementation rate was 72.6 percent for the BNP-led four-party alliance government during its first three-and-a-half-year tenure while in power, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told journalists yesterday after the weekly cabinet meeting in Bangladesh Secretariat.

The incumbent government, during its regime, held 156 cabinet meetings and took 1,055 decisions, of which 974 were implemented.

Of the total implementation, 33 policies and 86 memorandum of understanding (MoU) have been approved and around 180 laws have been passed in parliament.

During the BNP-led alliance tenure, a total of 150 cabinet meetings were held and 544 decisions were taken, of which 395 were implemented.

Life altered in a moment for reckless driving

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Life changed in a matter of seconds for Shamma Nasrin when a bus ran over her legs in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital on Sunday.

The 22-year-old student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) is undergoing treatment at the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor).

Doctors had to amputate her left leg on the same day while her right leg was fractured in the accident.

"We have amputated her left leg below the knee to save her life. We will have to amputate it above the knee in

the next operation to avoid further infection," Dr RR Kairy told The Daily Star yesterday.

She can leave the hospital after a month, he added.

While visiting Nitor yesterday this correspondent found many of Shamma's friends gathered in front of her bed doing anything possible to ease her suffering.

Learning about the incident, Buet



Shamma Nasrin

Vice-Chancellor Prof SM Nazrul Islam had rushed to Nitor on Sunday night. Many other teachers also visited Shamma yesterday.

Victim's friend Suraiya Aktar said Shamma slipped off the bus while trying to get on it. The rear wheel of the bus went over both of her legs.

Police filed a case against the bus driver Faruque Hossain and helper Rubel Howladar, who were detained after the accident.

Police produced the duo before a Dhaka court yesterday demanding seven days remand but the court granted four, said Dhirendranath, sub-inspector of Shahbagh Police Station.

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