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DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



Minister of Rural Developme nt, Drinking Water and Sanitation

Jairam Ramesh will arrive on a three-day official visit to Bangladesh on Saturday.

He is scheduled to attend the International Conference on People's Empowerment and Development in the capital where he will address the inaugural session and participate a working session on "Creating Jobs for All."

During his visit, Jairam Ramesh is also expected to call on the government highups, opposition leaders and other dignitaries.

His visit will give a further impetus to the strong bilateral relations existing between India and Bangladesh, said a press release of the Indian High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

Indian minister Tk 21 lakh stolen from BB employees' org office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A total of Tk 21.54 lakh was stolen from Bangladesh Bank (BB) employees' co-operative society's Chittagong branch office in Chittagong city early yesterday. Police said the money was stolen from the number four

locker out of six lockers at the office located in BB's office (old building). Police detained a cleaner of the bank named Khokon

suspecting his connection with the theft, said Swadip kumar Das, inspector (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station.

A theft case was lodged with the police station. The thieves broke the locker and stole the bundles of

Tk 500 and Tk 1000 from it, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Mahiuddin Alamgir of the police station. However, the other lockers, where around Tk 1.33

crores were kept, remained untouched, he added. "We suspect that someone of the organisation might

be involved in the stealing," said the OC.

General Secretary of the organisation Mahiuddin Jahangir said they informed the general manager of BB, Chittagong branch of the incident.

General Manager of BB in Chittagong Masum Kamal Bhuyian told The Daily Star, "The employees' cooperative society is an independent oraganisation, so BB has nothing to do with the matter. Our security measures are strong."



PHOTO: STAR

Policemen talk to officials of Bangladesh Bank employees' co-operative society's Chittagong branch office in the port city after thieves broke into the office and stole Tk 21.54 lakh from a locker early yesterday.

Nat'l commission urged for sustainable dev

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died Development and environment experts after falling from the fifth floor have suggested forming a national commisof an under-construction sion to monitor implementation of the susbuilding in the capital's tainable development goals. Electricity for all, massive tree plantation,

safe drinking water, sanitation, waste management, disaster risk reduction, planned urbanisation and resources utilisation, energy efficiency, food security and decent

"Developed economies are going through economic crises and so are failing to meet their commitments of providing seven percent of their GDP to the developing countries. The developed countries are also failing to provide fund for climate change mitigation and adaptation."

jobs are some of the elements of sustainable development.

"I would request setting up a national commission for sustainable development," noted environment expert and Brac University Vice-Chancellor Dr Ainun Nishat said at a panel discussion yesterday.

Nishat said Bangladesh Environment Council is present but it is not functional. The council could also be turned into a commission for assessing sustainable development efforts. Bangladesh Institute of International and

Strategic Studies (BIISS) organised the discussion in its auditorium styled "Rio+20 Conference: Outcome and Way Forward" following the conference which was held in Brazil last month.

Bangladesh's environment minister led a 20-member delegation to the conference.

Panellists yesterday said the Rio+20 conference recognised many of the advancements that took place in various countries including Bangladesh in terms of green growth. A national commission is urgently

needed to monitor sustainable development targets, said Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh. He proposed setting Bangladesh's goals

for sustainable development before the next UN General Assembly.

A major challenge that can deter many of the development efforts is climate change, panellists observed.

Executive Director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies Dr Atiq Rahman said developed economies are going through economic crises and so are failing to meet their commitments of providing seven percent of their GDP to the developing countries.

The developed countries are also failing to provide fund for climate change mitigation and adaptation, he said.

Environment and Forests Minister Hasan Mahmud, addressing as chief guest, said Bangladesh has been well ahead of all the developing countries in terms of planning, implementation and even allocating local funds.

There are a number of central bank schemes for green and inclusive growth, said Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman adding that it is only equitable growth that can ensure sustainable development.

Obituary

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n Ahmed Khan, a prominent lawyer in Chittagong, passed

Kamaluddi

away in Chittagong yesterday. He was 85. He left behind his wife, three sons and four daughters.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at Lal Dighir Maidan, Chittagong. He will be buried at Chaitanya Golli, Station Road after the janaza.

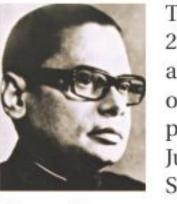
Alhaj Md Jamshed Ali STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alhaj Md Jamshed Ali, a noted educationist, passed away due to cardiac arrest on Sunday at the age of 71. He left behind his wife, a

son and five daughters. A doa and milad mahfil will

be held at his Basabo residence in the capital tomorrow after Asr prayers.

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT



release.

Today is the 24th death anniversary of former president Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, says a press

mahfil have been arranged at Nagbari Jame Mosque in Tangail to mark the day.

Qurankhwani and a milad

Suraiya Begum

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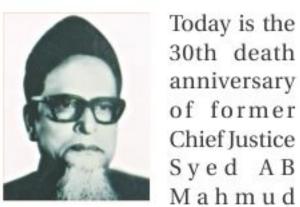
Today is the 9th death anniversary of Suraiya Begum, an associate professor of

Science and Library Management at the University of Dhaka, says a press release. She was wife of late Tawfiq

Aziz Khan who was executive editor of The Daily Star and renowned sports writer and commentator.

Justice Mahmud Husain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



anniversary of former Chief Justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain, says a press release.

Chief Justice Syed AB Mahmud Husain Smrity Sangsad will hold a doa and milad mahfil at High Court Mazar mosque in the capital after Zuhr prayers.



Private satellite channel Massranga Television celebrated its first anniversary through various colourful programmes on Monday. Anjan Chowdhury, managing director of the TV channel, cut a cake around 12:01am to mark the day. Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, former president Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, BNP leaders Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Maasranga Television Chief Executive Officer Syed Fahim Munaim and film star Alamgir, among others, were present on the occasion. PHOTO: MASSRANGA TELEVISION

press release.

was organised by Samajik Sangskritik Andolon at Dhanmondi in the capital after Asr prayers yesterday.

A discussion will be held at Jatiya Press Club in the capital on August 25.

Birth anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT Today is the 102nd birth anni-

versary of late Abdus Salam, Language Movement veteran and former editor of now defunct The Observer, says a He was one of the founders

of Jatiya Press Club and Press Institute and also a member of East Pakistan Law Council. A milad and iftar mahfil

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of Western Developers Ltd,

the deceased, said Moktar

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