

Indian minister due on Aug 4

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



Indian Minister of Rural Development, Drinking Water and Sanitation **J. Jayaram**

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, Jayaram Ramesh is also expected to call on the government high-ups, 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.

Tk 21 lakh stolen from BB employees' org office

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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' co-operative society is an independent organisation, so BB has nothing to do with the matter. Our security measures are strong."



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.

Obituary

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Kamaluddin Ahmed Khan, a prominent lawyer in Chittagong, passed 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 Dighi Maidan, Chittagong. He will be buried at Chaitanya Gollai 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



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

Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil have been arranged at Nagbari Jame Mosque in Tangail to mark the day.

Suraiya Begum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



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



Today is the 30th death 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.



A child engrossed in painting a picture at a drawing competition organised by Sheikh Russel Shishu Sangsad at Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the capital yesterday marking Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 37th anniversary of death.

Construction worker falls to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died after falling from the fifth floor of an under-construction building in the capital's Pallabi area yesterday.

The deceased was Moktar Hossain, 28, of Borhanuddin in Bhola. He had been working at the building, a project of Western Developers Ltd, for a month.

Mahbub, co-worker of the deceased, said Moktar slipped and fell down the building during work around 10:00am.

Moktar was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Nat'l commission urged for sustainable dev

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Development and environment experts have suggested forming a national commission to monitor implementation of the sustainable 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

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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 com-

mission for assessing sustainable development efforts.

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) 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.



Private satellite channel Maasranga 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.

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Birth anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 102nd birth anniversary of late Abdus Salam, Language Movement veteran and former editor of now defunct The Observer, says a press release.

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 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.

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