New envoy to Qatar appointed

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



The government has decided to appoint Muhammad Enayet Hussain as the ambas-

sador of Bangladesh to the State of Qatar. He is currently serving

as the consul general of Bangladesh in Los Angeles, USA.

A career diplomat, Hussain also served the Bangladesh Consulate General in Jeddah, Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei, Bangladesh Embassy in Doha, and Bangladesh Embassy in Berlin.

He obtained an MA degree in English Literature from University of Dhaka.

He successfully graduated from National Defence College in Dhaka and is a BCS Cadre, said a press release of the foreign ministry yester-

physicians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir addresses a demonstration organised by BNP's Dhaka unit in Nayapaltan protesting the charge framing against top opposition leaders, including Fakhrul, in an arson case.

No election with Hasina

as prime minister Says Mirza Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the cabinet's nod on amending the ordinance of Grameen Bank, physicians yesterday urged the government not to destroy the bank through amendment. In a joint statement, they also requested the government

to refrain from undermining the autonomy of the bank. On behalf of 1,111 physicians, Dr SM Rafiqul Islam, former member of central executive parishad of Bangladesh Medical Association, expressed grave concern over the government's initiative.

GB Ordinance Amendment

Move criticised by

The Grameen Bank model that was formulated by Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus to alleviate poverty is exemplary to the whole world, he said.

He urged the government to strengthen poverty alleviation through supporting the bank.

The statement, signed by Dr Islam, also said that Grameen Bank has created an instance of women's empowerment.

Sheikh Hasina would not be allowed to participate in the next parliamentary election while holding the post of the prime minister, said BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday. "BNP believes in dialogues. We can sit to

discuss about the caretaker government's head if the present government agrees in principle to hold the next election under a neutral administration," he said.

Fakhrul was addressing a demonstration organised by BNP's Dhaka unit in Nayapaltan protesting the charge framing against top opposition leaders, including Fakhrul, in an arson case.

The programme started around 10:00am on the road in front of BNP's central office, causing huge traffic congestion a Nayapaltan and its adjacent areas.

Fakhrul reiterated that the next parliamentary election must be held under a non-party neutral government as "people here do not trust each other".

Over Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent proposal for a small cabinet formed with the opposition, to oversee the next parliamentary election, Fakhrul said Hasina had rejected the same proposal given by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in 1996.

Publish ad asking Koko to appear

COURT CORRESPONDENT

asked the authorities concerned to publish an advertisement in two national Bangla dailies asking Arafat Rahman Koko, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's younger son, to appear before it by August 30 in a tax evasion case.

Judge Zahirul Haque of Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after an appeal by the prosecution in this connection.

According to law, a fugitive

The court deferred the hearing 20 times as Koko's lawyer could not submit any order on a June 9, 2010 rule the High Court issued upon the government to explain why the case proceedings should not be declared illegal.

But the hearing on the rule was still pending, the defence counsel said.

National Board of Revenue filed the case on March 1 of 2010 accusing Koko of dodging taxes on his Tk 52.39 lakh income for fiscal years 2002-03 to 2006-07.

ZIA TRUST GRAFT CASE

Judge unhappy over time petition by defence

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A senior special judge yesterday expressed his discontent when the defence of the Zia Charitable Trust graft case prayed for the fifth time to defer the delivery of the order on whether to accept charges against the accused. However, Judge Zahirul Haque of Senior Special Judge's

Court of Dhaka deferred the delivery to August 28. The accused are BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia; her former political secretary, Harris Chowdhury; assistant

private secretary (APS) of Harris, Ziaul Islam Munna; and former Dhaka City Corporation mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka's APS, Monirul Islam Khan. The first delivery of the order was deferred on May 31 on grounds of Khaleda being preoccupied with the budget

session of parliament. As her party enforced a hartal on April 29, the court had to defer the delivery over her security concerns for the second time that day. On March 18, the deferment came on the grounds of her preoccupation with the party's organisational activities.

Khaleda being busy in distributing relief in Chittagong. Khaleda's lawyer Sanaullah Miah filed the time petition stating that Khaleda, the opposition leader in the Parliament, could not appear before the court due to security reasons. However, the petition did not mention how

On July 1, the postponement came on the grounds of

At first the court denied accepting the petition.

Khaleda's security had been threatened.

Later, the court accepted the petition when defence lawyer Masud Ahmed Talukder convinced the judge, saying that they would not, under any circumstances, seek more time to defer the charge acceptance hearing of the

The judge said he considered the time petition of the defence as the final one and deferred the hearing for the last time.

The court also said Khaleda need not appear before it during the time of taking into cognisance the charges as a huge number of people gather and disrupt the court proceedings when she appears.

The Anti-Corruption Commission, on August 8 last year, filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station, accusing the four of abusing power in raising funds for the trust from unknown sources.

Khaleda got a permanent bail in the case on February 2. Harris has been on the run since the case was filed.

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before court Orders judge

A Dhaka court yesterday

The court also expressed dissatisfaction at the prosecution's inaction to publish a newspaper advertisement even though Koko was shown fugitive on March 20 of 2010 in the case. However, defence lawyers had been submitting adjournment petitions one after another.

accused cannot get any lawyer in his or her absence if the punishment of any case is below death sentence.



* The campaign will run till 31st August, 2012.

Tracts Commission, addresses a press conference organised by the commission at **Jatiya Press** Club in the capital yesterday. (Story on Page 20) РНОТО: STAR

New birds, animals liven up Mirpur zoo

BSS, Dhaka

The Dhaka National Zoo in Mirpur is now bustling with new inmates as the authorities procured 51 animals and 209 birds in the last two months for better entertainment for visitors.

The 21 different species of animal and 19 species of birds were brought from South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Canada and India. Ten more animals and birds will be brought into the zoo. Curator Dr ABM Shahidullah told the BSS that the num-

ber of visitors have been increasing flowing the procurement of the new animals and birds. The zoo has been overflowing with visitors on holidays. He said the new animals and birds have already started

taking local food and they will adapt to Bangladesh's temperature. To enhance beauty of the zoo and attract more visitors,

countries. As per the government move, there was a decision to

the government decided to procure animals from different

bring 270 animals and birds of different species at a cost of Tk 95 lakh. The zoo's Nutrition Officer Abu Sayeed Khan Kamal

Bachhchu said though the animals were born in open forests, they are gradually adapting to lives in cages. Established on 186 acres of land in 1974, the Mirpur zoo is

capable of housing 2,200 animals. The zoo had about 2,100 animals in 2007, which came down to 1,800.



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