

Reconstruct arson damaged mosque

Ahmadiyya leaders appeal to govt
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Bangladesh leaders yesterday appealed to the government to immediately ensure the reconstruction of a mosque of the community in Kismat Mena Nagar village of Rangpur's Taraganj upazila and uphold their constitutional rights.

The appeal came at a press conference the community organised in their Bakshibazar office in the capital in the backdrop of an arson attack by religious bigots on the community and their establishments in the village on November 7 which left 15 people injured.

In a written statement, Prof Meer Mobashsher Ali, nayeb national ameer of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, also demanded security of the life and property of the victims and their freedom to practice religion.

He also urged the government to identify the masterminds behind the attack and ensure their trial as per the country's laws.

Shahriar Kabir, executive president of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, said, "We have information that Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists worked behind the attack."

Historian Prof Syed Anwar Hossain, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at National Ameer Mobasherur Rahman, Advocate Faustina Perera of Bangladesh Supreme Court and Brac's Human Rights and Legal Services Director Barrister Turin Afroz also spoke on the occasion.



Speakers at a roundtable titled 'National Science and Technology Policy 2011 Action Plan: Its Scope and Implementability' at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. The Daily Star hosted the event. Story on Page 20.

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COUNTRYWIDE ATTACKS ON POLICE

29 Shibir men held

METRO DESK

Twenty nine activists of pro-Jamaat Islami Chhatra Shibir, including one with 10 cocktails and two bombs, were held from different parts of the country in connection with violence and attacks on policemen.

Our RU correspondent reports, an Shibir activist of Rajshahi University unit was held with 10 cocktails, two pipe bombs and a huge quantity of party leaflets and notebooks from a students' mess in Meherchandi area near RU early yesterday.

Police said they arrested the man on charge of attacking police during a clash in Rajshahi city on November 6.

Meanwhile, 13 Shibir men were arrested from Rabna Bypass area in Tangail sadar upazila yesterday, reports our Tangail correspondent.

Our Narail correspondent reports, police arrested six Shibir men from a students' mess in Narail municipal area on charge of attacking police on November 5.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, police detained three Shibir men from Chawkbazar area in Chittagong city on charges of vandalising vehicles and attacking police on November 7.

Our Jessore correspondent reports, six Shibir activists were arrested from Chaurasta Intersection area of Jessore for bringing out a procession without prior police permission.

Our Sherpur correspondent reports, DB police arrested Jamaat-e-Islami Nalitabari upazila unit Ameer Md Ruhul Amin from his residence in Nalitabari municipal area on charge of plotting subversive activities.

4 students held for Tahrir links

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four university students, including three from Dhaka University, in the capital yesterday for their alleged involvement with the banned Islamist outfit Hizb ut-Tahrir.

The arrested were identified as MBA student Aminul Islam, 22, pharmacy department students Rashedul Islam, 22, and Abdus Sakur Sarkar, 25, of Dhaka University; and BBA student Hamidul Islam, 25, of Asian University.

Of them, Aminul is hailing from Noakhali, Rashedul from Munsiganj, Abdus Sakur from Gaibandha, and Hamidul from Tangail districts.

On a tip-off, a team from the Rab headquarters arrested the four with a good number of books, leaflets and other materials of the banned outfit from Khilgaon, Sayedabad and Jatrabari areas early yesterday, Rab officials said.

Police and Rab sources said since October 22 in 2009, over 500 activists of the organisation were arrested.

BGB, BSF MEET ENDS

Greater cooperation underscored

UNB, Sylhet

A four-day border coordination meeting between BSF and BGB ended in Sylhet on November 8, concluding that greater cooperation, understanding and synergy was needed to keep the border population secure.

The meeting focused on border killing, human trafficking, fake currency, smuggling of arms, illegal drugs, forest produce and cattle, actionable intelligence sharing, fencing within 150 yards and confidence building measures.

Other issues include a follow-up on the coordinated border management plan signed between Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on July 30, 2011 during the Indian home minister's visit to Dhaka.

The BGB delegation, led by BGB Deputy Director General Brig Gen Abu Sayeed Khan, raised issues regarding firing on Bangladeshis by Indians, kidnapping and apprehension of Bangladeshis and trespassing by Indians.

The Bangladesh delegation included senior BGB officials from its headquarters, sector commanders of Rangpur, Mymensingh, Comilla, Khagrachhari, Sylhet and Rangamati, and officials from the home and foreign ministries.

The Indian delegation, led by BSF Inspector General of Meghalaya Sudesh Kumar, comprised senior officials of home ministry and Narcotics Control Bureau and BSF IGs and DIGs of Guwahati, Tripura and Mizoram.

MN Larma's contribution remembered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political leaders, academicians, civil society members and students paid their tributes to Manabendra Narayan Larma, a revolutionary leader of the country's Jamma people and the founder of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), on the occasion of his 29th death anniversary yesterday.

Larma was the first person to have initiated a unified indigenous peoples' movement in the Chittagong Hill Tracts to demand their rights.

Throughout his life, Larma fought to establish a secular and inclusive Bangladesh, said a statement of Jatiya Committee, which organised the memorial programme at Dhaka University.

Rashed Khan Menon, MP; Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of Hindu Buddha Christian Oikya Parisad; Rokeya Kabir, executive director of Nari Pragati Shanga; and Sanjeev Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, also spoke.

Missing man found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed body of a man from a lake in the capital's Uttara area yesterday, two days after he went missing.

The victim was Riyadh Al Tariq, 30, who returned to Bangladesh from London after completing his graduation in hotel management about six months ago.

Riyadh's father Afzal Hossain said his son remained missing since Thursday noon when he went out of their Khilgaon Tilpapara residence. He left the house for Uttara Sector No 3 to collect a Danish visa.

He was scheduled to fly to Denmark yesterday, he said.

Around 9:00pm on Thursday, the day he went missing, Riyadh called his mother over cellphone and informed that he got the visa, Afzal said.

He also told his mother that he was returning home, he said.

Riyadh's mother Rebecca Sultana could not reach him over the cellphone despite several tries as immediately afterwards the phone was found switched off, he added.

Later on Friday, the victim's family members filed a general diary (GD) with Khilgaon Police Station.

Police tracked the position of Riyadh's cellphone at Uttara Sector No 3. Around 9:00am, they came to know that a body was found in a lake in Uttara Sector No 5 area.

They went there and found that it was Riyadh's body. Mahfuzur Rahman, sub-inspector at Uttara Paschim Police Station, said they suspect that the victim was murdered by some miscreants.

Police, however, could not recover the victim's cellphone till yesterday evening.

Police said they were looking into the incident from different aspects.

Riyadh's father filed a murder case in this connection.



Visiting Indian Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhaban yesterday.

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Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Today is the fifth death anniversary of Dr Shahabuddin Musharraf

Hossain (Munir), former senior economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a teacher of the economics department, Dhaka University. On the occasion, day-long programmes, including Qurankhwani, fatehakhwani, milad mahfil and special munajat will be held in different mosques. Food will also be distributed among the destitute in orphanages.

His relatives, friends, well-wishers and students have been requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Invest in shipbuilding, energy sectors

Hasina invites Turkish entrepreneurs

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday invited Turkish entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh's potential sectors like energy and shipbuilding.

"There is a tremendous scope for establishing joint-ventures in energy, shipbuilding, heavy-machinery, construction, electronic appliances, textile and readymade garment, jute and petrochemical products in Bangladesh," she said.

The prime minister made the remarks when visiting Turkish Minister for Labour and Social Security Faruk Celik paid a courtesy call on her at Gono Bhaban.

Hasina said the two countries are working on increasing bilateral trade volume to US \$ 3 billion by 2015 from its present volume of about \$1 billion. In this connection, she stressed the need for signing free trade agreement between the two countries.

She mentioned Bangladesh's strategic

geographical location of providing access to a market of over two billion people in South Asia, Southeast Asia and Far East. "Dhaka and Ankara enjoy warm relations based on shared religion and tradition," she said hoping that the relations would continue to grow in the years ahead.

Recalling her visit to Turkey in April this year, Hasina said the visit ushered in a new era of Bangladesh-Turkey relations.

Wishing the success of the 4th Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting between Bangladesh and Turkey, she hoped it would pave the way for further consolidating the bilateral trade and investment between the two brotherly nations.

In response, the Turkish minister said the visit of Hasina has strengthened the economic relations between the two countries.

Faruk Celik expressed his country's interest to invest in Bangladesh in some potential sectors.

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