

Hefajat to go ahead with rallies in other districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Hefajat-e Islam has decided to continue their rallies in different districts till January 31 to press home their 13-point demand. The decision was taken at a meeting of Hefajat central committee leaders at its office in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong yesterday, after the organisation failed to hold a rally in the capital on December 24 as the government did not give it permission. The Qawmi madrasa-based Islamist organisation could not also hold rallies in Chittagong on December 12 and 13. Azizul Haque Islamabadi, organising secretary of the organisation, said decision regarding the Dhaka rally will be taken later. Hefajat Ameer Shah Ahmed Shafi was present at the meeting.

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Liu Zhenmin, who oversees Asia, treaty and law, and boundary and ocean affairs, will hold the 10th Foreign Office Consultation with Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque on Saturday at 5:00pm after his arrival at noon. Officials said issues related to the proposed Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor are likely to be discussed there. Liu Zhenmin will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Sunday at 11:00am but the schedule of the meeting with opposition leader and BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia is yet to be known.

He is also likely to meet civil society and media representatives. Earlier, Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar agreed on a joint research programme on an "Economic Corridor", officially setting up the mechanism to connect the four and promote cooperation. The agreement came from the first meeting of the joint working group on the BCIM Economic Corridor, held in Kunming on December 18 and 19. The next meeting is likely to be held in Dhaka in June 2014.

Eminent citizens

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observed that a level playing field for all, irrespective of cast, religion and status, to practice democracy will bring real peace. Reading out a concept paper, the mancha Member Secretary Dr Nur Mohammad Talukdar said people who nurtured the Liberation War's spirit should forget their differences and become active in resisting anti-liberation elements.

PM orders

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of the departed soul and conveyed her profound sympathy to the bereaved family members of Ferdous.



Hawkers occupy the Kamalapur foot bridge in the capital to run their business, narrowing down the path meant for pedestrians. The traders claim that they regularly pay some local extortionists for the space. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

AL starts campaign today

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Thakurgaon, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Kurigram, Natore and Rajshahi.

Amir Hossain Amu and Mohammad Nasim will join the campaign in Bogra, Pabna and Sirajganj while Obaidul Quader and Eng Mosharaf Hossain will visit Rangamati, Bandarban, Cox's Bazar and Khagrachhari.

Obaidul Quader and Faridunnahar Laili will campaign in Noakhali, Laxmipur and Feni while Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir

and Satish Chandra Roy will go to Jessore, Magura and Jhenidah.

Abul Mal Abdul Muhit and Nurul Islam Nahid will campaign in Sylhet while Suranjit Sengupta, Sujit Roy Nandi and Nurul Islam Nahid will run the campaign in Sunamganj and Habiganj.

Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Abul Hasnat Abdullah and AFM Bahauddin Nasim will join in Barisal, Barguna, Pirojpur and Patuakhali.

In a bid to intensify the upcoming electoral campaign, the AL also updated its webpage www.albd.org, its Facebook page www.facebook.com/awamileagu e1949 and a YouTube channel http://www.youtube.com/myalbd.

It urged its activists and leaders to consult these for information on the party's activities and developments. Other than the aforementioned, the AL will not be responsible for information of any other web content, they said.

Dhaka agrees to send

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Momen said. "Dhaka has already a reserve force of 300 trained peacekeepers."

Ask about the requirements of equipment, the permanent representative said the major requirements were three helicopters, one C-130 aircraft, military convoys and arms and ammunition in South Sudan for the Bangladeshis troops.

The UN will later pay the entire cost of the equipment, Momen said, adding that he had received a cheque for \$38.89 million from the UN on Monday as the bill of previous purchase of military equipment.

Momen said the

Bangladesh mission had a meeting with UN Under Secretary General for Field Support Ameerah Haq yesterday at the UN Headquarters when the entire issues of sending troops, equipments and other necessary matters were discussed.

According to the UN, the secretary general has talked to world leaders including those of Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal requesting them to send troops for South Sudan.

The UN requires 5,500 more troops and 440 more police to boost security and reinforce the peacekeeping force in South Sudan to stave off civil war.

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Dhaka centring the opposition's 'March for Democracy' on Sunday.

The signatories to the statement are Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Rashed Khan Menon, Shahara Khatun, AKM Rahmat Ullah, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Aslamul Haque Aslam, Qamrul Islam, Fazole Noor Taposh, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Ilias Uddin Mollah, Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Habibur Rahman Mollah of the AL and Kazi Firoz Rashid and Syed Abu Hossain Babla.

ADP implementation rate likely

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the country would have to wait and see how it could overcome the present unrest and recoup the losses in the economic and social sectors.

Asked about the prospective implementation rate this year, he said, "It's very difficult at the present moment to predict. If there's improvement in the present political unrest, then it would be possible to overcome the situation in the later half of the ongoing fiscal year with prudent government efforts."

Mentioning that the overall economic activities as well as the revenue earnings are being hampered under the present circumstances, Dr Mujeri said the government would have to take rational steps to revise the current ADP in a bid to have a prudent ADP size considering the practical situation.

Asked how much he was optimistic about the improvement in the current

political situation, he said, "It's questionable to what extent it is possible to become optimistic. We have to wait and see how much improvement there is in the political situation in the upcoming months and to what extent we would be able to recoup the losses and deficiencies. The implementation rate of ADP is likely to suffer after October."

Voicing his concern that the country's economy is not advancing at its normal pace, he said the economy should be rescued from this political unrest.

"The major political parties should come to an acceptable solution. Otherwise, as long the unrest persists, the implementation progress of the ADP would be hampered...the major precondition for restoring much more normalcy in the economic activities is an acceptable solution to the current political situation."

According to IMED, the ADP expenditure during this July-October period of the current fiscal excluding the self-financed projects was Tk 9,906 crore compared to Tk 10,920 crore during the corresponding period of the 2012-13 fiscal. The ADP size without the self-financed projects in the current fiscal (FY14) is Tk 65,872 crore.

In case of the self-financed projects, the implementation rate hit 6 percent with Tk 461 crore spent during the July-October of FY14.

The RADP implementation rate of the last fiscal year (2012-13) except the self-financed projects reached 96 percent as the expenditure totalled Tk 50,026 crore out of the overall ADP allocation of Tk 57,388 crore.

The RADP implementation rate in the 2011-12 fiscal reached 93 percent. In 2010-11 fiscal, it reached 92 percent, up from 91 percent notched in 2009-10 fiscal year.

15 Benin crash victims remembered

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people used to say the sun never sets on the British empire. Today, we can say the sun never sets on the Bangladeshi peacekeepers," he said.

"However, unlike Europeans, Bangladeshis don't travel around the world to plunder different regions. The Bangladeshi army members spend their lives in faraway countries to restore peace and serve people."

He stressed that the Bangladeshi peacekeepers, who had lost their lives

abroad, should be honoured on the independence and victory days of Bangladesh.

Farida Rouf, who lost her only child Capt Arifur Rahman Talukder in the fatal crash on December 25, 2003, said, "I have been living with the memories of my beloved son for 10 years. I am grateful to the people who, like me, still remember him."

Maybe the dedicated peacekeepers of Bangladesh are not recognised in the country, but they are always loved around the world, said Maj (retd) Khandakar

Nurul Islam, chairman of Afsar Group Bangladesh.

Prof Emeritus Dr Rashid Uddin Ahmed and Maj (retd) Amin Ahmed Afsari also spoke at the event.

Among the Benin crash victims, thirteen served in Sierra Leone and the remaining two officers were stationed in Liberia. They were coming home on vacation as the tragedy occurred.

A total of 114 Bangladeshi peacekeepers have lost their lives since 1988 when Bangladesh started serving the UN peacekeeping missions.

RU teacher, trainer fired

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officials.

Shaon was charged with passing lewd remarks to female students in the classroom, while Sarowar faced allegations of molesting a female music learner.

Prof Amjad Hossain, a member of the syndicate, which sacked the two

through a meeting on Tuesday night, said complaints were lodged against them with the anti-sexual harassment cell of the university in September and November last year.

Shaon, however, denied the charges and claimed that he was fired for "political reasons". Sarowar was not

available to comment.

At the same meeting, the syndicate also approved extension of the retirement age of the university officials and employees by two years from 60 to 62. The decision endorsed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) is a result of months of demonstration.

Christmas celebrated

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the occasion.

Pointing out the role of the Christian community in the field of education and social development in the country, the president urged all to work together to build Bangladesh as a happy, prosperous and non-communal country.

He made the call while taking to reporters at a

reception for the members of Christian community at Bangabhaban.

President's wife Rashida Khanom was present at the reception.

Archbishop of Bangladesh, ambassadors and representatives from different foreign missions, distinguished persons of Christian community, religious leaders, and profes-

sionals joined the reception.

A group of young singers rendered the Christmas carol at the reception.

Later, Abdul Hamid along with the members of the Christian community cut a Christmas cake.

Railways and Religious Affairs Minister Mujibul Hoque and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promode Mankin were also present.

Road accidents kill 6, injure 10

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and 10 others injured in road accidents in Comilla, Natore and Chuadanga yesterday.

A correspondent from Comilla reports, four people, including a woman and her daughter, were killed and seven others injured as a jeep and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Barapara area of Daudkandi upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Yasmin Akter, 25, her five-month-old daughter Jannatul Ferdous, CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver Abdul Matin, 32, and Balu Miah, 40.

Daudkandi Highway Police Officer-in-Charge Mizanur Rahman said the accident occurred around 5:50pm killing the four auto-rickshaw passengers instantly.

The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex.

Our Natore correspondent reports, a pick-up van driver died on the spot when his vehicle and a truck collided head-on in Agran area of Baraigram upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was Shafiqul Ilam, 38, son of Anwar Hossain of Basundia in Jessore.

Our Chuadanga correspondent adds, a cattle trader was killed and three others were injured as a microbus hit a human hauler on Chuadanga-Alamdanga road in Ghoramara bridge area of Chuadanga sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was Majnur Rahman, 40.

Locals rushed the injured - Shaheb, 33, Mohir, 35, and Hamidul, 32 - to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital.

Man shot dead in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Unidentified criminals shot dead a man in Arafat Nagar area in Joypurhat of Dinajpur yesterday.

Witnesses said about 10 to 12 criminals killed Md Hasibul Karim, 28, son of Hasan Ali, in a roadside tea stall.

They said the criminals stabbed him and then shot him before fleeing the scene. Locals took Karim to Joypurhat Modern Hospital where he died. Police suspect personal enmity behind the killing.

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