

Kerry urges China to be cooperative partner

AFP, Sydney

US Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday urged China to be a cooperative partner, saying Washington was not interested in conflict or confrontation with it.

Kerry, who is in Australia for annual talks on security and foreign policy, made the comments as Beijing accused Washington of deliberately stoking tensions in the South China Sea.

"We welcome the rise of China as a global partner, hopefully, as a powerful economy, as a full participating constructive member of the international community," he said.

"And we want China to participate in constructive ways, whether it is in the South China Sea, or with respect to Japan, and South Korea, with North Korea, with other issues that we face."

Beijing claims almost all of the South China Sea, putting it at odds with countries including the Philippines and Vietnam, and there have been several tense encounters in the area over recent months.

China has rejected a US proposal for a freeze on provocative actions in the region, with Foreign Minister Wang Yi saying: "Some countries outside the region are restless, and stir up tensions... might their intention be to create chaos in the region?"

"China and ASEAN are totally able to safeguard well the peace and stability of South China Sea," Wang said in comments on Monday.

Kerry said the US was looking to cooperate with China.

"We are not seeking conflict and confrontation. And our hope is that China will

likewise take advantage of the opportunities that are in front of it and be that cooperative partner," he said in Sydney.

The US has sharpened its tone on the South China Sea following a series of maritime incidents between China and rival claimants, including Beijing's positioning of an oil rig in waters also claimed by Vietnam.

The incident sparked deadly riots in Vietnam.

Kerry said that while there were always differences between countries, there were issues on which all parties could agree a diplomatic path forward.

"Because everybody in the world understands that the world will be better off if great power nations are finding ways to cooperate and not confront each other," he said.

Ivy's friend knows better

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That godfathers in Narayanganj city were involved in the brutal killings. She made the remark after giving testimony to the probe body.

On April 27, seven people -- Narayanganj City Corporation panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his four associates, senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver -- were kidnapped in Narayanganj. Later, their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya river.

Shamim claimed he was the first to raise allegations of some Rab members' involvement in the abduction and murder of the seven.

"I came to know this within half an hour of the incident, and informed the CO [commanding officer] and ADG [assistant director general] of Rab, the home ministry, Prime Minister's Secretariat, the SP, the DC, and the OC," he said.

At the time, Ivy claimed that no Rab personnel were involved in the incident, said Shamim.

However, at a talk show at the private TV channel Ekattor last night, Ivy rejected Shamim's state-

ment, and said she had never made any claim that Rab personnel were not involved in the murders.

Ivy also ruled out Shamim's claim that local AL leader Nur Hossain, the prime accused in the seven murder case, was her aide.

"If Nur was my aide, would he not phone me?" asked Ivy at the TV programme.

At the secretariat, Shamim told reporters that Nazrul's wife and father-in-law had told him about Rab personnel's involvement in the murders.

He said the truth in his allegations was proved through the confessional statements of the Rab personnel arrested for their alleged involvement in the murders.

On his phone conversation with Nur Hossain, Shamim said he had talked to Nur over the phone on advice from officials of the Detective Branch of Police to find out whether Nur had a visa for any country.

Shamim then questioned why law enforcers did not arrest Nur despite knowing that he had made calls from Gulshan and Dhanmondi.

"Ivy has repeatedly claimed that Nur is my aide. But then why did she make Nur the chief of the law and arbitration committee of the city corporation why did she allow him to use the truck stand?" asked Shamim.

He said if Nur was brought back from India, it would be clear whether the murders were committed in exchange for money.

Nur, who fled the country two days after the murders, is now in prison in India.

Meanwhile, a Narayanganj court yesterday issued an order for bringing back Nur Hossain with the help of Interpol, reports our Narayanganj Correspondent.

An English version of the order passed by Senior Judicial Magistrate Chandni Rupam is expected to reach Interpol today.

On condition of anonymity, a police official said Interpol, an international police organisation, only provides information about criminals to its member countries. It does not detain criminals.

Maliki sidelined as fresh chaos

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minority that IS "is not the only game in town".

"We are urging him to form a new cabinet as swiftly as possible and the US stands ready to support a new and inclusive Iraqi government and particularly its fight against ISIL (IS)," US Secretary of State John Kerry said in Sydney yesterday.

He also reiterated Washington's stance that US air strikes launched last week were not a prelude to the reintroduction of American combat forces.

In a further blow for Maliki, Iran yesterday ended its long-time support for him and swung its allegiance behind Abadi in a congratulatory message.

"We congratulate Haidar al-Abadi on his nomination as prime minister, for him personally and for religious dignitaries, the Iraqi population and its political groups," Ali Shamkhani, secretary and representative of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Iran's Supreme National Security Council, said in Tehran.

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-

Faisal also welcomed the nomination of Haidar al-Abadi as the new prime minister of Iraq to replace divisive incumbent Nuri al-Maliki as "good news".

The political transition comes at a time of crisis for Iraq.

After seizing the main northern city of Mosul in early June and sweeping through much of the Sunni heartland, jihadist militants bristling with US-made military equipment they captured from retreating Iraqi troops launched another onslaught this month.

They attacked Christian, Yazidi, Turkmen and Shabak minorities west, north and east of Mosul, sparking a mass exodus that took the number of people displaced in Iraq this year soaring past the million mark.

A week of devastating gains saw the jihadists take the country's largest dam and advance to within striking distance of the autonomous Kurdish region.

They also attacked the large town of Sinjar, forcing thousands of mainly Yazidi civilians to run up a mountain and hide there with little

food and water.

US strikes and cross-border Kurdish cooperation yielded early results on several fronts, with thousands of Yazidis managing to escape their mountain death trap and Kurdish troops beginning to claw back lost ground.

It is unknown how many remain on the mountain however and UN monitors called for urgent action to save the community.

The United States has been leading an increasingly international effort to deliver humanitarian assistance to the hundreds of thousands who have poured into Kurdistan over the past week alone.

US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said it was the Iraqi government that had requested US assistance in providing the peshmerga with more arms.

"We are ... helping get that equipment to Arbil," he said.

Obama had made it clear he thought no effective and coordinated anti-jihadist counter-offensive could take place while Maliki was still in charge.

Robin Williams

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Mara Buxbaum, said in a statement, and the actor had repeatedly talked about his past struggles with alcohol and drugs.

Williams' wife, Susan Schneider, released a statement saying, "I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken."

First responders called to the actor's home found him dead with a belt around his neck and slight wounds to his wrist, police said.

Lieutenant Keith Boyd of the Marin County Sheriff's Office said he was found "in a seated position unresponsive with a belt secured around his neck with the other end of the belt wedged between the clothes closet door and the door frame."

"Mr. Williams, at that time, was cool to the touch with rigor mortis present in his body," he told reporters, adding that the inside of his left wrist bore signs of having been cut.

Boyd, who is Marin County's assistant coroner, refused to say whether a suicide note had been found, as an investigation continues.

He said Williams had last been seen alive Sunday by his wife Susan Schneider before she retired for the night.

She left the house on Monday assuming he was still asleep in a separate room, he said.

He was found dead by his personal assistant, who entered the room "when he failed to respond to knocks on his bedroom door," Boyd said.

LAUGHTER 'SUSTAINED' HIM

Social media was alight with appreciation for Williams, who introduced his boyish exuberance and outlandish vaudeville-esque style to audiences as a quirky extraterrestrial in the late 1970s TV comedy "Mork

& Mindy."

US President Barack Obama called Williams a "one of a kind" actor who could make people laugh and cry with his array of characters.

"He arrived in our lives as an alien - but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit," Obama said in a statement.

Secretary of State John Kerry described Williams as "an absolute genius, with an extraordinary zest for his profession."

"He loved people and he committed himself to any issue that concerned him. Robin wasn't just a huge creative genius, but a caring, involved citizen," Kerry said in a statement.

Williams, who was most recently in the CBS television comedy "The Crazy Ones" until it was cancelled after one season in May, had entered a rehabilitation centre this summer to help him maintain sobriety.

His representatives at the time said Williams was not using drugs or alcohol but was there to "fine-tune" his sobriety after a demanding work schedule.

The death of Williams shook Hollywood, and colleagues mourned the loss of what many called a big-hearted man and one of the most inventive comedians of his time.

Michelle Gellar, who played his daughter in "The Crazy Ones," said her life was better for knowing Williams.

"To my children he was Uncle Robin, to everyone he worked with, he was the best boss anyone had ever known, and to me he was not just an inspiration but he was the father I had always dreamed of having," she said in a statement.

'HUMBLE' HERO

Williams, who was born in Chicago in 1951 and grew up in suburban Detroit earned four Academy Award

nominations, the first for his portrayal of US Army radio announcer Adrian Cronauer during the Vietnam War in "Good Morning, Vietnam."

He also earned Oscar nominations for the 1990 coming-of-age prep school drama "Dead Poets Society" and 1991's "The Fisher King."

Williams married three times, most recently in 2011 to Schneider. He had three children.

In a 2009, the actor told Reuters that his children often referred to his own struggles with substance abuse when he would confront them about their own misbehaviour.

"They went, 'And you had a three-year drunken relapse.' Ah, thank you for bringing that back, my little happy creatures," Williams quipped.

His death also deeply affected his local artists' community, far from the hype of Hollywood.

"He embodied what it meant to be humble," said Lucy Mercer, executive artistic director at Throckmorton Theatre, a small venue near Williams' home, where the actor was known to try out new material.

"He doused us in his love and positive glow and never asked for anything in return."

Williams will appear in the upcoming film "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb," playing the statue of Teddy Roosevelt who comes to life at night, and the holiday comedy "Merry Friggin' Christmas." He also was attached to a sequel to 1993 hit "Mrs. Doubtfire."

In his final posting on Twitter on July 31, Williams had wished his daughter Zelda a happy 25th birthday. Late on Monday, Zelda wrote on Twitter: "I love you. I miss you. I'll try to keep looking up."

HSC exams

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institutions of Dinajpur around 10:00am, Subodh Chandra Dhali, deputy chief information officer of the ministry, told The Daily Star last night.

All the examinees will get their results at the respective centres, websites of their respective education boards and through short message service (SMS) through mobile phones after 1:30pm, he said.

The examinees can get their results directly from the website, www.educationboardresults.gov.bd

A total of 1,141,374 examinees--606,293 boys and 535,081 girls--from 8,104 institutions across the country had registered for the examinations under 10 education boards.

Of them, over 9.24 lakh students sat for HSC examinations under eight general education boards and some 2.11 lakh students took the examinations under the madrasa and technical boards.

The examinations began on April 3.

Drug custodian

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"The kidney failure was suffered by those who had consumed Paracetamol syrup," Hanif mentioned in his testimony in court, citing reports published in national and international media at that time.

"Definitely we did not send the Paracetamol syrup samples just for routine tests to identify the ingredients," Hanif told The Daily Star on Sunday, in a reaction to the 1991 drug test mentioned in the judgment. "Rather, it should have been a toxicity test."

Still the 1991 test did not speak of detecting diethylene glycon, a poisonous chemical that saw propylene glycol replaced by dishonest drug makers around the globe for doubling profit.

Newspaper reports showed children continued to die throughout the country from the complexity even after 1991, prompting Shishu Hospital to test Paracetamol samples for the second time in November 1992. Brig Moksul sent the samples for test this time, read the verdict.

The 1992 test report found the chemical unusable in food or manufacturing drug. The judgment quoted a part of the report, "It is a poisonous chemical that may cause people to die."

The judgment revealed that the chemical was used in violation of the approved formula for producing Paracetamol syrup.

Hanif thinks things would have been different had the first test been properly done. "It could have saved many lives," he said. "But doctors continued to prescribe Paracetamol syrup on the drug administration's reassurance."

The court observed the "main reason" behind the deaths of a number of children at Shishu Hospital was the toxic diethylene glycol used in syrup.

The accused deserve the highest punishment provided in the law, it added. "Although punishment for murders should be death sentence, the existing law provides for no such provision." The judge also pointed out another shortcoming of the law regarding compensating the families of victims.

"The accused have committed crime against children, society and humanity as well," the judge summed up the offence in these words as he convicted the three Adflame officials.

Deliver MRPs

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said the PM.

She also said the government had selected five private banks to receive the money through online banking to make the deposit of passport fee easier. "People can deposit their fees in these private banks through credit card, debit card, mobile banking and directly in the bank booths," she added.

People willing to go abroad for business, education and treatment purposes were facing lot of difficulties and the government, with the assistance of the Army, solved the problem by introducing MRP, she said.

Director of the MRP project Brigadier General Masud Redwan gave a short description of the activities of the project while State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and local MPs spoke from Laxmipur.

Ensure security

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Talking to The Daily Star, member of the parliamentary watchdog Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury said the two departments had to take responsibility to maintain those illegally built level crossings, including installing bars and bearing the costs of deploying gatemen as per the rail code.

But in most cases, the two offices have not acted accordingly, mentioned the ruling Awami League lawmaker.

"The committee therefore asked the ministry to inform top officials of the two departments reminding them of their responsibilities," added Khalid.

Stop Yazidi 'genocide'

Urges UN rights monitors

AFP, Geneva

UN rights monitors yesterday called for the global community to take urgent action to avoid a potential genocide against the Yazidi community in Iraq.

Thousands of members of the Yazidi religious minority are trapped on a mountain in northwestern Iraq with little food or water after Islamic State jihadists overran the region.

"All possible measures must be taken urgently to avoid a mass atrocity and potential genocide within days or hours," said Rita Izsak, the UN's minority rights expert.

"Citizens need to be protected on the ground and escorted out of situations of extreme peril," Izsak said in a joint statement with fellow monitors.

"The responsibility to protect populations at risk of atrocity crimes falls both on the Iraqi Government and the international community."

Thousands of Yazidi refugees are stranded on Mount Sinjar, besieged by Sunni extremists from the Islamic State who control much of northern Iraq and eastern Syria.

"We are witnessing a tragedy of huge proportions unfolding in which thousands of people are at immediate risk of death by violence or by hunger and thirst," said Chaloka Beyani, the UN's monitor on the rights of displaced people.

"Humanitarian aid must be delivered quickly and no efforts should be spared to protect all groups forcefully displaced by this conflict," he said.

Islamic State fighters have targeted Christians, Shiite Muslims, Kurds and other groups in their brutal sweep across Iraq.

The militants have presented non-Sunnis with a "convert or die" option, said Christof Heyns, UN expert on arbitrary executions.

"We cannot stand by in the face of such atrocities. International actors must do all in their power to support those on the ground with the capacity to protect lives," he said.

His religious rights counterpart Heiner Beilefeldt said that freedom of faith was being "denied in the most gross and systematic way possible, through the attempted extermination of religious minorities."

Women are bearing the brunt, said Rashida Manjoo, who monitors gender-based violence.

"We have reports of women being executed and unverified reports that strongly suggest that hundreds of women and children have been kidnapped -- many of the teenagers have been sexually assaulted, and women have been assigned or sold to 'IS' fighters," she said.

It was a very bad

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"I gave an order for reviewing the verdict. There have been delays due to some problems. But I hope we will be able to ensure justice within the next month," said Sharma.

Fifteen-year-old Felani was shot dead by the BSF while she with her father was returning home from India through the Anantapur border in Kurigram on January 7, 2011.

Later, a BSF court acquitted the lone accused, BSF constable Amiya Ghosh, of the murder charge.

Felani's father Nurul Islam rejected the verdict.

Ashraf terms BNP a platform

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members were brutally murdered in 1975.

The three-time prime minister has publicly been cutting her birthday cakes on August 15 since 1991, when she became PM for the first time.

She was born to Eskander Majumder and Toiyba Majumder in 1945 at Sonagazi in Feni.

According to her marriage certificate, her birthday is Sept 5, 1945 and her first passport says it is Aug 19, 1946.

By celebrating her birthday on August 15,

Khaleda proved that she did not accept the independence of the country, Syed Ashraf alleged.

"The assassination of Bangabandhu in 1975 had divided the nation. We tried to reunite it several times before, but Khaleda Zia always rejected our calls," he claimed.

At the programme, Syed Ashraf also called upon his party men to remain united to the defeat all the 'evil forces'.

Later, a mourning procession was brought out from in front of Institution of Engineers and it ended near Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi, after encircling adjacent areas.

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২	এজেন্সী	বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ।
৩	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	উপ-পরিচালক (প্রশাসন)।
৪	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার কোড	প্রযোজ্য নয়।
৫	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলা	ঢাকা।
৬	দরপত্র আহবানের বিষয়	বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষের ৩য় ও ৪র্থ শ্রেণীর (সাধারণ পুরুষ) কর্মচারীদের প্রাপ্যতা অনুযায়ী ২০১৩-২০১৪ আর্থিক সালের গ্রীষ্মকালীন পোশাক-পরিচ্ছদ (শার্ট, প্যান্ট ও বেল্ট) সরবরাহকরণ প্রসংগে।
৭	দরপত্রের সূত্র ও তারিখ	
৮	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৯	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	সিএএবি'র নিজস্ব তহবিল।
১০	দরপত্র নম্বর	০৮/২০১৪-২০১৫।
১১	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের সংখ্যা	
১২	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	
১৩	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	১৪/০৮/২০১৪খ্রিঃ।
১৪	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	০৩/০৯/২০১৪খ্রিঃ সময়ঃ দুপুর ১২.০০।
১৫	সিডিউলের মূল্য	১০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা)।
১৬	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/০৯/২০১৪খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১৭	দরপত্র বন্ধ খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/০৯/২০১৪খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.১৫।
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