



Swedish minister Isabella Lövin due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin will arrive in Dhaka today to launch the six-year long Swedish Strategy for Development Cooperation in Bangladesh.

The new strategy focuses on support to four main areas -- good governance, inclusive growth, health, environment and climate change.

"The strategy means that Sweden intends to continue its excellent relations with, and long-term support to Bangladesh," said a press release of the Swedish embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

During her three-day long visit, Lövin will meet

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A grandfather and his grandson on the balcony of their roadside residence at RDA of Bogra. The frame was shot by Faisal Rume, the first prize winner in The Daily Star's photo contest 'inPixel' under the theme 'People'.

PHOTO: FAISAL RUMEE



Yet another arrest warrant for Latif Siddique

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again ordered police to arrest Awami League leader and former minister Abdul Latif Siddique in a case filed for hurting Muslims' religious sentiments.

The order came as officers-in-charge of Kalihati and Paltan police stations failed to submit any report to it by yesterday on the execution of the arrest order.

Earlier on October 15, the same court issued an arrest warrant against Latif as he failed to appear before the court as per its previous order issued on October 2.

The arrest warrant was issued after advocate Shah Alam, plaintiff of the case, submitted a petition to the court seeking Latif's arrest as he failed to appear before the court on October 15.

Earlier, more than seven arrest warrants from different courts across the country were issued against him.

Latif is under fire for the derogatory comments he made on Hajj and Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) in New York on September 28.

Latif, now in India's Kolkata, is facing more than two dozen of cases filed with different courts in several parts of the country over the comments.

He was removed from the cabinet as well as the Awami League presidium on October 12.

AL behind terrorism, militancy in country

Alleges Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that the ruling Awami League is behind militancy and terrorism in the country.

"AL has the arms; they have exploded crude bombs, attacked and fired gunshots during processions. They are responsible for the violence in the country. So, it can be easily said that AL is behind terrorism as well," Fakhrul said at a discussion at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal organised the discussion marking the 50th birthday of BNP's senior Vice

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DRINKING WATER, SANITATION Easy access must for sustainable dev

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Easy access to pure drinking water, sanitation and health services must be provided in rural areas to ensure sustainable development in the country, said discussants at a workshop yesterday.

The government's comprehensive plan and public-private partnership are the main prerequisites to ensure people's rights to water, sanitation and health services, they said.

The NGO Forum for Public Health, and the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) in support with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) organised the workshop in the capital to share experiences from their project on water, sanitation and hygiene being implemented in 47 unions of 13 districts.

BCAS Executive Director Dr A Atiq Rahman said the people's capacity must be enhanced to deal with the impacts of climate change.

NGO Forum Executive Director SMA Rashid urged the government to revamp different projects related to arsenic issue.

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Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Samia Ahmed Arpa, 4, daughter of Salim Ahmed of Monipur in the capital's Mirpur, has been suffering from heart diseases for the last three years.

She is undergoing treatment at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases.

Doctors suggested sending Arpa abroad for better treatment that needs around Tk10 lakh. As the family alone cannot afford the treatment, they requested the affluent for financial help.

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Body of missing girl found in flat

'Boyfriend' held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a missing girl was found in a flat in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday.

Khadiza Akter, 16, daughter of rickshaw puller Muslim Mia, who resides in Bijli Mohollah of Mohammadpur, had been missing since October 29.

Police quoting locals, said one Shuvo introducing him the husband of Khadiza rented the flat of a building at Dhaka Uddyan this month and the two had been staying in it since then. Sensing trouble, locals yesterday informed Rapid Action Battalion-2 of the matter, said sub-inspector Bulbul Ahmed of Mohammadpur Police Station.

The elite force found the body of the girl and arrested Shuvo. Police later recovered the body, the police official said.

Shuvo told Rab officials that he had a relationship with Khadiza and took her to the house with an assurance to marry her, said KM Azad, commanding officer of Rab-2. He said Shuvo claimed that as he refused to marry her, she committed suicide taking

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Malaysian coalmine explosion kills 3

Injures 29 including 2 Bangladeshis, in Cameron Highlands region

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three foreign workers were killed and 29 others, including two Bangladeshis, injured in a coal mine explosion in eastern Malaysia on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Pahang police, in compliance with the Malaysian prime minister's order, detained 39 illegal immigrants, including Bangladeshis, Indians and Myanmar, in the Cameron Highlands at the highlands on Saturday night.

The dead workers hailed from Myanmar, North Korea and Indonesia, reports Malaysia's English daily The Star. Sri Aman Police Chief DSP Mat Jusoh Mohammad said their

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Mahjabin committed suicide

Says autopsy report; her father rejects it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shamarukh Mahjabin, who was found dead in her in-law's house in the capital's Dhanmondi, committed suicide, said the autopsy report of Dhaka Medical College, which was received by police yesterday.

However, Nurul Islam, father of Mahjabin, rejected the report saying, "I said it earlier that the autopsy report would not be fair."

He filed a murder case accusing his son-in-law Humayun Sultan, Humayun's father Khan Tipu Sultan, former lawmaker from Jessore-5; and his mother Dr Jasmine Ara.

Assistant Prof Sohel Mahmud of the forensic department of DMC told journalists, "We got the reports of all the samples, collected for the autopsy, and reached to a conclusion that it was a case of suicide." Mahjabin, 26, was found dead on November 13. Later, her husband Humayun was arrested and sent to jail. Humayun and his parents claim that she committed suicide.

Unauthorised florists occupy Khamarbari footpath

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 20 unauthorised flower vendors with "high-level" blessings have set up makeshift shops occupying the footpath to the north of Anwar Park along Khamarbari road in the capital's Farmgate.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police evicted scores of them from the sidewalk just on the other side of the road along Khamarbari office complex around three months back to free the footpath and ease public movement.

This section of footpath stretching between Farmgate police box and Manik Mia Avenue remains highly busy with the heavy rush of pedestrians almost round the clock and such

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Some of the unauthorised makeshift flower shops occupying the footpath to the north of Anwar Park along Khamarbari road in the capital's Farmgate.

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Bills on formation

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Chakma, Marma and Tripura communities. In the "Bandarban Hill District Council (Amendment) Bill", the remaining members will comprise three from Marma, one from Chakma and Tanchangya, one each from Mro (Murang), Tripura and Chak, one from Boam, Lusai, and Pankhu, and one from Kiang and Khumi.

SC order on

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over the same allegation.

Yesterday, a five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain fixed today for passing orders after hearing the two appeals.

Meanwhile, the apex court also fixed today for resuming hearing on another appeal of Khaleda in Zia Charitable Trust graft case challenging an HC verdict that had upheld the charge framing against her by a lower court.

The Anti-Corruption Commission in 2009 filed the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case on charge of embezzling over Tk 2.1 crore by forming a "fake" trust which only exists on papers and filed the other case in 2011 on the charge of abusing power during setting up the charitable trust.

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