

Barisal Church pond almost filled ignoring vehement protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Despite protest by the Christians, an old pond belonging to Barisal Saint Peter's Church adjacent to Barisal District and Sessions Judge's Court was almost filled up yesterday.

On Saturday, 15 people were injured in an attack on a human chain formed by the community on the spot in protest against the move. The attackers allegedly led by a few pro-ruling Awami League lawyers snatched away banners, placards and festoons of the human chain, said the victims.

Advocate Anis Uddin Shahid, president of Barisal District Bar Association, however, denied the allegations.

Visiting the spot, The Daily Star found that the pond water overflowed, inundating the court premises and hampering the movement of people.

Speakers at Saturday's human chain said the Public Works Department on Friday started filling the 52 decimal pond for construction of a 10-storey court building. The pond was excavated for baptising Christians affiliated with the Church that was constructed in 1849 on 1.5 acres of leased land. PWD Executive Engineer Zakir Hossain said the bar association was filling the pond.

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Stronger regional diplomatic ties to unleash immense potential

Point out academics, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar diplomats at two-day international symposium

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Diplomats and academics from Bangladesh, India and Myanmar yesterday called for stronger ties to unleash the immense potentials in economic, energy, border and maritime cooperation.

Good Bangladesh-India relations, maritime dispute settlement and Myanmar opening up following decades of military regimes have created unprecedented development opportunities, they told a two-day international symposium, "Bangladesh's Engagement with India and Myanmar".

Dhaka University (DU) and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (Makaias), in association with Research and Development Collective (RDC) and India-Bangladesh Foundation, organised it at DU's Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban.

"No country can prosper in isolation. Countries of the region which face common developmental challenges must work together to fight common enemies of inequality, deprivation and poverty," said Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali.

He said Bangladesh was keen on economic integration, particularly with India and Myanmar, to bring about unprecedented prosperity for all three.

Terming Myanmar a gateway connecting South Asia with Southeast and East Asia, Mahmood said it was imperative for Bangladesh and Myanmar to continue having a peaceful and congenial relationship to enhance regional trade and investment cooperation.

He noted that Bangladesh has advantages in industries like pharmaceuticals, leather, ceramics, jute, agriculture and readymade garments, which can be exported to Myanmar.

Correspondingly, Bangladesh can gain from Myanmar's abundance of agricultural, natural and mineral resources.

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Rab personnel sweep Ramna Batamul in the capital, the venue of the cultural programmes that usher in the Bangla New Year, with landmine detectors and sniffer dogs yesterday ahead of Pahela Baishakh tomorrow.

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Tobacco companies flouting law thru open ads

Anti-smoking seminar told STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tobacco companies are putting on advertisements at shops across the country, although it is a "punishable offence", said anti-tobacco campaigners at a seminar yesterday.

According to the Smoking and Tobacco Products Usage (Control) Act, punishment for any sort of business activities to increase tobacco use is up to three months' simple imprisonment or Tk 1 lakh fine or both. But the law breakers are not facing any consequences.

Instead, tobacco companies openly award complementary prizes to customers, hold "job fairs" and debate competitions on university premises and sponsor concerts to attract the youth, said Hasan Shahriar, coordinator of Progga, which along with Atma organised the seminar at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

WHO Technical Officer Mahfuzul Huq said the

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LOAN DEFAULT CASE

Court asks Khaleda to appear on May 17

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked state-owned Sonali Bank Ltd to publish an advertisement in two national dailies asking BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and three of her family members to appear before it on May 17 in the Dandy Dyeing loan default case.

The three family members are Arafat Rahman Koko's wife Sharmila Rahman Sathi and their daughters Zafia Rahman and Zahia Rahman.

The order came as the defendants did not respond to the court's previous summons. On May 17, the court will also decide whether it will begin hearing the case in their absence.

On March 16, the same court granted a Sonali Bank's petition to include the four as defendants in the case on behalf of Koko, who died on January 24.

Dandy Dyeing Ltd borrowed Tk 12.16 crore from Sonali Bank Ltd's principal office in Dhaka on October 16, 2001. On October 2, 2012, the bank filed a money suit against 10 directors of the company, including BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and Koko, for defaulting on a loan amounting to Tk 45.59 crore including interest.

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TAHER, NONI'S WAR CRIMES CASE

They killed eight in Netrakona

Tortured some of them too, testifies first prosecution witness also a freedom fighter; April 15 fixed for prosecution's closing arguments against Afsar, Mahidur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Obaidul Haque alias Taher and Aatur Rahman alias Noni yesterday testified hearing from sources in 1971 of the duo's involvement in the killing of eight persons in Netrakona during the Liberation War.

Meanwhile, with the defence deciding against producing a witness for Afsar Hossain alias Chutu, one of two alleged Chapainawabganj Razakars including Mahidur Rahman, International Crimes Tribunal-2 fixed April 15 for the prosecution's closing arguments.

Stating that he fought in the Liberation War after training in Meghalaya, Nurul Amin also showed International Crimes Tribunal-1 a list of Razakars prepared by Netrakona District Muktiyuddha Command Unit, of which he is the commander, containing Obaidul and Aatur's names.

He said Obaidul and Aatur had joined the Razakar Bahini, the Pakistani occupation army's auxiliary force, which, along with peace committees, another auxiliary



Noni



Taher

force, was formed in Netrakona's thanas and unions by an 11-member Peace Committee.

The 11-member body was formed under the leadership of local Muslim League leader Fazlul Haque and Nezam-e-Islami leader Monjurul Haque in Netrakona in May 1971. Obaidul is Fazlul's son while Aatur Muslim League leader Hasan Ali Moktar's, said Nurul.

Of the eight victims, local Awami League leader Fazlul Rahman was tortured at Zila Parishad Dak Bungalow and killed near Trimohoni Bridge after the Pakistani army

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CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015

Allow Sumaiya as DSCC councillor candidate: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Zillar Rahman to allow Sumaiya Begum to contest in the Dhaka South City Corporation election as a councillor aspirant for reserved seat in ward no 19 after Zillar apologised before it for cancelling her candidature.

The HC passed the order following a writ petition filed by Sumaiya. In the petition, she said the returning officer concerned cancelled her nomination paper on April 1 for not signing the affidavit.

Zillar appeared before the HC as per its Thursday's order and offered unconditional apology, saying that he made the mistake in his order though he allowed Sumaiya during hearing her appeal, Deputy Attorney General Amatul Karim told The Daily Star.

The commissioner on April 4 rejected the appeal against the returning officer's decision.

General Meeting of Fiber Glass Association

A General Meeting of Bangladesh Fiber Glass Manufacturers & Exporters Association (Proposed) will be held on April 25th, 2015, Saturday at Ramna Restaurant, Ramna Park, Dhaka at 11.00 AM Sharp. All Concern of Fiberglass Producers, Traders, Importers & Exporters are requested to attend the Meeting on Scheduled time.

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Email: CCBA.BD@winrock.org by April 26, 2015.
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AMENDMENT NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned that the English spelling of **Oeko-Tex Limited** has been amended from "OEKO-TEX LIMITED" to "AUKO-TEX LIMITED".

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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