

Bangladesh, Serbia keen to revive ties

DIPLomatic CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Serbia emphasised reviving bilateral relations with a particular focus on economic cooperation.

The two countries also agreed to resume exchange of high-level visits to explore new areas of cooperation.

The remarks came at a meeting of the countries' foreign ministers on the sidelines of the Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) in The Hague yesterday afternoon.

Speaking with First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Serbia Ivica Dacic, Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali said Bangladesh and the former Yugoslavia enjoyed excellent bilateral relations as the latter played a formative role in securing international recognition for the independent Bangladesh during and after 1971.

Ali invited his Serbian counterpart to visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time, a invitation accepted by the Serbian foreign minister.

The Serbian minister suggested enhanced cooperation in the education sector, and possible visa waiver arrangements between the two countries.

The two ministers discussed the ongoing efforts to normalise relations between Serbia and Kosovo under a European Union sponsored initiative.

Mahmood Ali also had a meeting with Director General of Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Ahmet Üzümcü at the latter's office in The Hague.



Clockwise from left, Bangladesh Chhatra Union organises a rally joined by students, teachers and mass people on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting the sexual assault on women in the capital on Tuesday on Pahela Baishakh. Sammilita Sangskritik Jote at a rally at TSC of DU demanding punishment for the perpetrators. Engage Men and Boys Network, an organisation working for gender issues, forms a human chain at the base of Raju sculpture at the TSC. Some 30 to 40 rowdy youths assaulted and sexually harassed around 20 women for about an hour at the Suhrawardy Udyan gate near the TSC around 6:00pm.



PHOTO: STAR

Boy falls in well, dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A boy was killed as he fell into an abandoned well in Railway Staff Colony area of Parbatipur upazila in Dinajpur yesterday.

The deceased was Kawsar Ahmed, 9, son of Razu Ahmed, a resident of the area, said police.

Family members said Kawsar went near the well and accidentally fell into it around 11:00am. Later, fire-fighters recovered his body around 1:00pm.

Manju, Nasir

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She held the people hostage in the last three months of movement when innocent people were killed in firebombing, and the people will give her a reply, he said.

AL's Chittagong south district unit organised the discussion at party office marking Mujibnagar Day.

There were speculations that Khaleda might visit Chittagong to campaign for Manju.

'NO NEED FOR ARMY' Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday told journalists in Chittagong city that the April 28 city elections would be held peacefully without the deployment of army.

The government will give all logistic support to the Election Commission to help conduct a free, fair and transparent vote, he said at Chittagong Press Club.

The AL leader also said the use of money in election beyond the legal limit must be stopped so as to encourage honest people to seek candidacy. He added that the EC had not fully succeeded to stop it.

Several youths were assaulting a woman

Pahela Baishakh witness tells protest rally at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A young entrepreneur, who witnessed the beastly assault on women at Dhaka University on Pahela Baishakh, yesterday gave a vivid account of how eight to 10 youths tore apart the sari of a woman.

Hasinur Rahman Rikto who came with his girlfriend to TSC area to join the cultural festival said some of the youths were touching the woman, in her late 20s, from behind.

When the man accompanying her, presumably her husband, protested, three to four youths started beating him, said Rikto, addressing a protest rally at TSC.

The rest of the group took the woman aside and started claving at her sari. "Forty to 45 percent of her sari was ripped apart," he said, adding that her screams were drowned out by the loud honking of the vuvuzela,

played by some others of the group.

"There were many witnesses, but to my dismay all pretended that nothing serious was happening there," Rikto added.

Fearing that the "beasts" might attack his girlfriend too, they quickly left the scene behind the Raju sculpture and saw five to six policemen were busy controlling traffic close-by.

"Reaching there, we saw four youths were informing the policemen of the incident and asking them to rescue the woman," he said.

"Seemingly irritated, one cop instead asked the youth 'what is your problem?'" he said. Disheartened, they went away.

Feeling insecure, Rikto and his girlfriend left for his Laxmi Bazar residence in Old Dhaka.

"I was fuming inside because I could not do anything to rescue the woman," said

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Man hacked in Pirojpur Pahela Baishakh event

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A youth was hacked at a cultural programme marking Pahela Baishakh in Sadar upazila of Pirojpur on Thursday night, said witnesses.

Sogir Hawlader, 35, of Chungapasha village in the upazila, is a Jubo League leader, said locals. However, no leader of the youth front of the ruling Awami League was available for confirming his identity.

The programme under the banner of "Durgapur Tarun Shango" was being held on the Durgapur Primary School premises.

Some youths along with Masud Majhi, son of Durgapur Union Parishad chairman and also the district unit Krishak League President Chan Majhi, hacked Sogir in the neck, said several witnesses. The injured was taken to Khulna Medical College Hospital. The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately.

As Masud was not available for comments, Chan Majhi denied the allegation against his son when contacted.

Capitalism root cause

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Capitalism does not allow diversity, he said, adding that it was the main problem of Bangladesh.

"Indigenous communities as well as Bangalees are facing discrimination in various forms due to the practice of capitalism," he said.

He urged for work opportunities for indigenous people in their own tongue which would help them develop.

Columnist Syed Abul Maksud said ethnic minorities in Bangladesh have been living here for centuries.

However, their existence is under threat due to political, economical, social and religious problems plaguing the country, he said.

"If we really want to solve their problems, we need to study them and know about them," said Maksud.

The book "Khudra Nrihosthi Porichoy" was written by Mustafa Mazid. Bangladesh Adivasi Parishad President Rabindranath Soren chaired the programme where Rabindra Sangeet singer Rezwana Choudhury Bannya and Ershad Mazumder, among others, spoke.

Ilias Ali can be traced

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to meet family members of the missing BNP leader.

Ilias, former lawmaker and organising secretary of BNP's Sylhet division, and his driver Ansar Ali have been missing since April 17, 2012. Ripon said it was a very sad day for his family and the party. Like Ilias Ali's family, the party is also eagerly waiting for his return.

Youth killed by locals

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from the families, mostly of PWD staff.

The families had also been living there illegally, said PWD officials.

However, Khulshi police said the gang did not have any political affiliation.

On Thursday night, some 10 people, armed with fire arms and sharp weapons, vandalised Bataleshwari Kali Mandir and looted gold ornaments of around 1.5 tola of the deity, claimed Mali Para residents.

The locals managed to catch Saddam while others fled away.

President of Bataleshwari Mandir Committee Adhir Chandra Das filed a case against Ratan Sarker, Tapan Sarker, Jakir, Ershad, Saddam Hossain and Kanto Das and some unidentified persons.

Police sent the body to Chittagong Medical College morgue for autopsy yesterday.

Khulshi police said the accused are absconding and they will file a murder case soon.

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Tanro Limited has been wound up effective from and commencing on 15th April, 2015 as Members Voluntary Winding-up. Mr. Ramendra Nath Basak, FCA, Partner, Shiraj Khan Basak & Co. Chartered Accountants, R. K. TOWER, 86, Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road (312, Sonargoan Road), Level-10, Hatirpool, Dhaka-1205 has been appointed as the Liquidator of the company for the purpose of winding-up and distributing the net assets of the company and completing all proceeding required under Companies Act. 1994.

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