

# UN seeks to eliminate peacekeeping sex scams

AFP, United Nations

To eliminate sex abuse from UN peacekeeping missions, the first major review of operations in 15 years recommends that countries which flout children's rights be barred from blue helmet missions. A panel headed by Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos-Horta was tasked with rethinking peacekeeping at a time when UN missions are increasingly under threat and increasingly asked to manage conflicts. Ramos-Horta was tapped to carry out the mission last year before recent allegations implicated UN peacekeepers in sexual abuse in Haiti and Liberia, and French troops in Central African Republic. On Tuesday, he submitted his report to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. A summary of the report, obtained by AFP, recommends that troops from countries that flout the rights of children in armed conflict be excluded from UN peacekeeping missions. The United Nations publishes annual lists to shame countries with questionable records on children and armed conflict, and on conflict related sexual violence. The report also recommends that disciplinary action -- or the lack of it -- taken by troop contributing countries be disclosed. Six-month deadlines should also be imposed on investigations, compared to an average 16 months, and "an effective and adequately resourced victim assistance program" set up. Peacekeepers' immunity from prosecution must not mean impunity, and should not be extended to UN personnel alleged to have committed sexual exploitation and abuse, the summary recommended.

# Ramadan begins

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The decision was taken at a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee last evening after reviewing reports on moon sighting for the month of Ramadan, 1436 Hijri. Religious Affairs Minister and Chairman of the committee Motiur Rahman presided over the meeting held at the Islamic Foundation's Baitul Mukarram office in the capital. Religious Affairs Secretary Chowdhury M Babul Hasan, Director General of the Islamic Foundation Shamim Mohammad Afzal, among others, attended the meeting.

# 20 hurt as 'BCL' alleged that on-duty police personnel did nothing to save their female activists during the attack.

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The students' alliance claimed the attack left at least 20 of its activists injured. They were admitted to the 300-bed Narayanganj Hospital. No one was detained. Students were panicked after the incident. Additional police personnel were deployed on the campus. On the allegation of BCL's involvement in the "admission trade", Habibur claimed that there was no scope for such illegal practices in the college as the entire admission process is done online. He denied his involvement in the attack as well. Golam Mostafa, sub-inspector of Fatullah Police Station, claimed that no incident of attack took place on the campus yesterday. Contacted, Jibon Krishna Modok, general secretary of the teachers' association in the college, said he was not aware of yesterday's incident as it happened outside the campus. Meanwhile, the central committee of the Pragatishil Chhatra Jote in a press release has condemned the attack and demanded the attackers be arrested immediately.

# Shots fired by MP's son

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Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate's Court that he along with Bakhtiar and two other friends were going to Dhanmondi from Moghbazar by a black Prado jeep of Bakhtiar's mother, said court sources. There was a traffic jam on the road on the eve of Pahela Baishakh. As the vehicle got stuck in a tailback at New Eskaton, Bakhtiar, who was in a drunken stupor, became annoyed. He lowered a window of the vehicle, and shot five times from his firearm, Kamal said in his testimony. Kamal, also business partner of Bakhtiar, said he didn't hear anyone scream or moan in pain after the shots were fired. Magistrate Aminul Haque recorded Kamal's statement at his chamber after the witness was taken there by the investigation officer of the case filed in connection with the shooting and the killing of two persons. Rickshaw-puller Abdul Hakim and auto-rickshaw driver Yakub Ali were critically wounded after shots were fired at random from the jeep around 1:30am on April 14. Hakim died 16 hours after the shooting, while Yakub died on April 23. Meanwhile, Bakhtiar's brother

Ahmed Tanvir Alam appealed to the court for permission to take back their mother's black Prado jeep seized by police. The court directed the investigation officer to report within five days on whether the vehicle should be handed back to its owner. The Criminal Investigation Department of Police is carrying out a ballistic test to find out whether the bullets found inside the bodies of the two victims were fired from Bakhtiar's licensed pistol, said police. Briefing reporters at the DMP Media Centre yesterday, DMP spokesperson Monirul Islam said, "If the ballistic report proves that the shots were fired from Bakhtiar's licensed pistol, we will ask the authorities concerned to cancel his firearm licence." An official of the Detective Branch of Police said they were looking into whether Bakhtiar had obtained the licence with valid documents. Seeking anonymity, the official involved in the probe said they had collected a copy of the licence, and sent it to the authorities concerned on June 13 for scrutiny. Bakhtiar obtained the licence in March 2010 from the Dhaka District Administration on grounds of "personal security".

# First clash after WC

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Bangladesh, a team striving to get out of the bottom. The head-to-head statistics also paint a dismal picture for Bangladesh -- three wins against 25 defeats. The other game was washed out. For Dhoni, today's match will be just another game of cricket while his Bangladesh counterpart Mashrafe Bin Mortaza rightly said at a pre-match briefing yesterday that India were the overwhelming favourites. So, what do we expect from the game? From India's perspective, it's time to bury their opponents under an avalanche of runs, what Dhoni's men have been doing so ruthlessly against any team in the world, and win big to silence the critics, if there is any, in this part of the world. For Bangladesh, who have been playing eye-catching cricket, especially in the one-day version since the World Cup down under, it should be the first serious attempt to make a mere match into a kind of rivalry against their decorated neighbours. A tough ask, but they can draw inspiration from their overwhelming 3-0 success against India's perennial rivals Pakistan just over a month ago.

The secret of the Tigers' success of late is the inspirational presence of Mashrafe, who himself has made it a standard of giving 200 per cent even with his bad legs. Under his leadership, the Tigers have turned into a competitive unit which preaches collective effort instead of star vache. The Tigers will however miss one of their key World Cup comrades Mahmudullah Riyad, who scored back-to-back centuries and was controversially given out in the quarterfinals against India, due to a finger injury. The Bangladesh team management is yet to decide who will replace Mahmudullah in today's game. There are three players in the race -- Mominul Haque, Litton Das and Rony Talukder. Among them young wicketkeeper-batsman Litton, who impressed on his debut in the one-off Test against India last week, may win the last minute battle. In that case it will give the 20-year-old his ODI debut too. The series so far has been severely disrupted by rain as the lone Test ended in a draw after nearly three days were washed out. However there is a reserve day for each ODI, and if rain stops a day's proceedings, the game will continue into the following day.

# A lost city uncovered

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But Sanxingdui remained hidden for thousands of years, and was only discovered again in 1929. Archaeologists found two large sacrificial pits from the Shang Dynasty back in 1986, as well as unearthing of thousands of Bronze Age artefacts. Since then, a team of archaeologists have been working hard to put together a more complete picture of what appears to be a lost civilisation. Experts say they still do not know why the city's entire population suddenly left, although the latest speculation is that there may have been a major earthquake in the area. No writing or records from the ancient civilisation have been found, leaving archaeologists with few clues. Zhu Yaron, an official from the Guanghan City archaeological department, said: "As long as the walls have been identified the city can truly be designated as a city. Since ancient times all cities have been square shaped." He added that at present they had not found any tombs of emperors or high ranking rulers, but was sure these tombs were waiting to be discovered.

# Act now

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The minister also assured the seminar held at the auditorium of Public Works and Housing department that his government would execute every recommendation made by the commission yesterday. "No matter how hard it appears, I am going to execute all suggestions recommended by the commission," the minister said. Prof Dr M Monowar Hossain, executive director of Institute for Water Modelling (IWM), made a presentation on the Balu and Shitalakhya rivers. He recommended short-term, mid-term and long-term initiatives including continuing crash programmes on polluting industries, sensitising citizens on saving rivers, establishing treatment plants and ensuring full sewerage coverage of the Dhaka Water Supply Authority. Commodore M Mozammel Haq, chairman of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), made a presentation on the Turag and Buriganga rivers. He recommended that waste be treated before being discharged into the rivers and ownership of riverbanks be bestowed on the BIWTA. Engineer Waziullah, executive director of Centre for Environment and Geographical Information Service (CEGIS), said the government should make a master plan to save the rivers before taking any other initiatives. Md Alauddin, permanent member of the River Protection Commission, said the four rivers around Dhaka had become a symbol of river protection. If those rivers could not be saved, no other rivers would be spared by polluters and encroaches in future, he added. Md Rafiqul Islam, additional secretary of the shipping ministry, and Ahsan Habib Talukder, secretary, National River Protection Commission, also spoke.

# Experts warn of possible famine in North Korea

AFP, Seoul

North Korea's food supply faces a gloomy forecast this year due to a damaging drought which has sparked fears of worsening shortages in the impoverished communist country, experts said yesterday. Concern grew after Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Tuesday that North Korea has been hit by its worst drought in a century. "The worst drought in 100 years continues in (North Korea), causing great damage," it said, adding more than 30 percent of paddy fields across the country were " parching up". The North's main rice-growing provinces -- South Hwanghae, North Hwanghae, South Pyongan and South Hamgyong -- have been badly damaged by a severe drought, KCNA said. It is hard to get reliable information on the reclusive state, but South Korean weathermen said this year's rainfall across North Korea has been far lower than the annual average, especially in its traditional rice belt. "It is true that the northern part of the peninsula has been battered by a severe drought so far this year," Kim Young-Jin, an official at the Korea Meteorological Administration, told AFP. "The North's traditional rice belt encompassing South and North Hwanghae provinces has been hit hard, receiving less than half the rain of an average year," he said. Last week the South's unification ministry predicted North Korea's food production this year could fall by as much as 20 percent from last year if the shortage of rainfall lasts until early July. The prospects for this year are

distinctly gloomy, given a prolonged drought and lack of fertiliser, it said. North Korea has imported a large amount of fertiliser from China each year but fertiliser imports this year have dwindled significantly from a year ago, said Kwon Tae-Jin, a researcher at GS&J Institute, a Seoul-based think tank on agriculture. "I don't think the North's exaggerating ... The situation looks pretty serious," he said, adding drought has already damaged the spring harvest of wheat, barley and potatoes, which account for 10 percent of total production. In the past two years, North Korea has managed to avoid a food crisis despite a damaging drought, largely because of no summer flood and a favourable weather ahead of the main harvest season in the fall, Kwon said. "But I see the likelihood for the same luck to be repeated for three years in a row extremely low," he said. "The situation is serious" in the North's western region near Pyongyang, which produces nearly 70 percent of its entire crop production, he said. North Korea has suffered regular chronic food shortages -- hundreds of thousands are believed to have died during a famine in the mid-to-late 1990s -- with the situation exacerbated by floods, droughts and mismanagement. International food aid, especially from South Korea and the United States, has been drastically cut amid tensions over the communist state's nuclear and missile programmes. UN figures show up to 70 percent of the country remains food insecure and 28 percent of children under the age of five are stunted due to malnutrition.

# Saudi restrictions

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Saudi Arabia stopped issuing Umrah visas for the Bangladeshis on March 22 after allegations of smuggling of over 11,400 migrants in the guise of Umrah pilgrims was discovered. Some 53 private hajj agencies that allegedly smuggled people to the country using the Umrah visa were identified at that time. "Saudi Arabia has so far informed us of 4,000 people who did not return from the Arab country after visiting there on Umrah visas," Chowdhury M Babul Hasan, religious affairs secretary told The Daily Star yesterday. He said the ministry had started a probe into the allegations and as part of this, it issued show cause notices to the 53 agencies on June 11 and June 14, asking them to come up with replies. The agencies are mainly based in Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong. "If our investigation finds the allegations to be true, we'll take stern action against the agencies," he added. The actions include cancellation of their licences and monetary penalty, he added. The Bangladesh Hajj Mission in Jeddah had already requested the religious affairs ministry to take back the illegal migrants as the Saudi authorities said they would not issue Umrah visa until the Bangladeshis were taken back, ministry sources said. Asked, Mohammad Ibrahim Bahar, president of Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (Haab), said, "Some of those agencies are our members. We will investigate whether they are involved in human trafficking. If anyone is found involved, we will bring them to book." Umrah visas, which are issued only for 14 to 28 days, do not require any police verification and ministry certification. Unscrupulous local and Saudi hajj agencies can take advantage of this, said people involved in the business.

# BGB man shot

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one was "abducted" by the Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP). The BGB men had retaliated with gunfire leading to a fire fight but BGB officials could not say if any member of the BGP was injured. The BGP took Nayek Abdur Razzaq along with his firearm and left sepoy Biplob Kumar with a bullet injury to his arm. He was evacuated to Cox's Bazar General Hospital and later moved to the Combined Military Hospital in Chittagong. His condition was stable, said a BGB official yesterday evening. BGB's Cox's Bazar Sector Commander Col SM Anisur Rahman told The Daily Star yesterday evening, "During a battalion commander-level flag meeting between the BGB and the BGP at Teknaf at 10:00am tomorrow [today], it would be determined when BGP would return Nayek Razzaq and his firearm." A BGB headquarters press release said the fire fight took place when a seven-member BGB patrol team from Doldomia Border Outpost was on duty in two boats in the Jadimura canal. It said the BGB men were carrying out a routine check of civilian boats around 5:30am when Myanmar BGP soldiers showed up there and started firing on a BGB boat. Biplob Kumar sustained a bullet injury then, the press release said. There was a scuffle when both the forces came close. "By that time another BGB patrol boat reached the spot and the Myanmar BGP men disappeared taking Razzaq along with his SMG," it said. Rest of the BGB men had jumped into the canal and swum ashore. The press release said the BGB had immediately contacted Myanmar BGP

high officials and Myanmar police headquarters and asked for immediate return of Razzaq. "Myanmar BGP informed that Razzaq was fine and that he would be returned after a few formalities," the release said, adding that the BGB was in constant touch with all agencies concerned. Asked why BGP had opened fire, Cox's Bazar Sector Commander Col SM Anisur said it was due to a misunderstanding. "Although our troops were inside our territory, Myanmar BGP claimed that our force had crossed over into Myanmar territory and thought the boats were of smuggling syndicates," he added. He claimed that the relations between the two sides were fine. Meanwhile, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told journalists at the Secretariat yesterday that it was not a case of abduction, rather a result of a misunderstanding. "Probably their [BGB] transport [boat] got stuck in the fishing nets and crossed over into their [Myanmar] territory which led to the misunderstanding and some exchange of fire," he said. The BGB fired nine to 10 bullets, he added. He also said after finding out the reasons leading to the misunderstanding, the BGB and the BGP would be more alert to avert such incidents in future. On May 28 last year, the BGP without any provocation shot at a BGB patrol team at Naikkhangchhari border in Bandarban, leaving BGB nayek Mizanur Rahman dead. The Myanmar force then intruded into Bangladesh and took away his body, his firearm and ammunition, creating tension at the border.

### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 116 OF 2015

Md. Idris .....PETITIONER.

**-VERSUS-**

1. Minhaj Corporation Limited 2. Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms 3. Md. Shah Murad 4. Md. Shah Alam 5. Mrs. Farzana Murad 6. Md. Elias Murad Rahat 7. Md. Shamsuddin 8. Md. Shamsul Alam Faisal .....RESPONDENTS.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 read with Rules 8 and 263 of the Companies Rules, 2009 was filed by the above-named petitioner before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh praying for rectification of the share register book of the members of Minhaj Corporation Limited. The Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, presided over by Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, vide order dated 27.05.2015, was pleased to admit the above application. The Hon'ble High Court Division, vide the said order dated 27.05.2015, was also pleased to pass an order directing the respondent No.2 to produce the record of Minhaj Corporation Limited before this Hon'ble Court within a period of 4 (four) weeks. The Hon'ble High Court Division, vide the same order, was also pleased to pass an interim order of injunction, restraining the respondents from selling, transferring or entering into any agreement with regard to the properties of the respondent No. 1 company. The Hon'ble High Court Division fixed the matter for hearing on 05.07.2015. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble High Court Division on 05.07.2015 either personally or through his duly authorized Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned.

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# Man held for 'fake posts'

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uploaded photos of an oil tanker blast in Congo, trafficking victims lying on a ground in Thailand and self-immolation of a Chinese national. He also posted a clip of a film that shows a Buddhist monk opening fire on some people. During preliminary interrogation, Shakhawat admitted that he had uploaded the posts in a bid to spread communal violence, said Monirul. The law enforcers are trying to find out whether he acted on behalf of any vested quarter, the DMP official said, adding, "We are probing his source of finance and foreign links." A case has been filed against Shakhawat, who hailed from Kotchandpur upazila of Jhenidah, with Paltan Police Station. On September 29 and 30, 2012, fanatics attacked Buddhist homes and temples in Ramu, Ukhia, Teknaf and the sadar upazila of Cox's Bazar following a fake Facebook post demeaning the Quran. "We are deeply sorry for the error," reads the clarification written in Bangla. The DMP official said Shakhawat

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link with religion. "But he had falsely attributed those to 'atrocities of the Buddhists committed against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar,'" he told a press briefing at the DMP media centre yesterday. Shakhawat urged Muslims across the world to come forward and stand against these atrocities, he said. He also uploaded such postings on a Facebook page using an email ID: shossainbd77@gmail.com, Monirul added. Acting on a tip-off, a DB team raided Shakhawat's office at Purana Paltan on Tuesday and arrested him. They also seized a laptop, a desktop and a mobile phone. The news portal, however, uploaded a clarification on its homepage stating that it had "mistakenly uploaded some news and photos collected from other media". "We are deeply sorry for the error," reads the clarification written in Bangla. The DMP official said Shakhawat

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