

Chinese commerce minister arrives today
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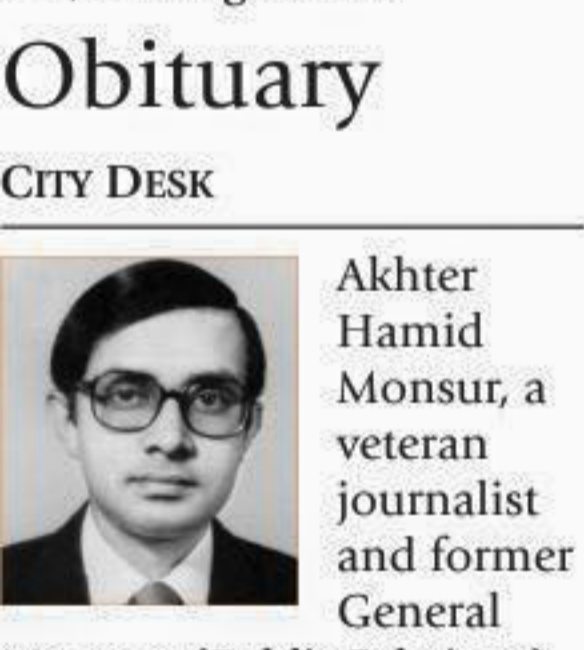


Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng will arrive in the capital today on a two-day visit. Gao is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and hold a meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhith to discuss Chinese investment and support in commerce, agriculture, and industrial and infrastructure development in Bangladesh, said diplomatic sources. A delegation led by Gao will hold a discussion with the Economic Relations Division regarding Chinese loan and assistance in some large projects in Bangladesh, officials said. A deal to construct a large convention centre at Purbachal with Chinese assistance is expected to be signed during his visit. Signing of the free-trade agreement (FTA) and setting up of a Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone (CEIZ) at Chittagong's Anwara will also be discussed.

Outgoing South Korean envoy meets PM
UNB, Dhaka

Outgoing South Korean Ambassador Lee Yun Young on Sunday met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office. The PM at the meeting stressed the need for good connectivity among the countries, which is important for economic development, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim said. The South Korean envoy said his country is the number one investor in the RMG sector of Bangladesh and both the countries could cooperate with each other in the IT sector also. PMO Secretary Suraiya Begum was present, among others.

Obituary
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Akhter Hamid Monsur, a veteran journalist and former General Manager (Public Relations) of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), died of cardiac failure at his residence yesterday morning. He was 68. He was suffering from Parkinson's disease for a long time. He left behind his wife and a daughter. He was buried at the Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in Mirpur. A doa mahfil will be held after Asr prayers on Friday at 20/7 Babar Road, Block-B, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207.

Crumbling embankment spells disaster for Ctg city

MINHAJ UDDIN, Ctg

The south portion of the embankment built to protect Chittagong city is crumbling in Patenga due to high tides of the monsoon, putting over two lakh people's lives and some major industrial settlements at risk. Besides, industrial settlements, including the Eastern Refinery Ltd, General Electric Manufacturing Company, Chittagong EPZ, Karnaphuli EPZ, Shah Amanat International Airport, and numerous other private establishments would also suffer irreparable damage. The 21.7km dyke was built between 1965 and 1970 from Patenga to Bhatiyari in Sitakunda upazila to protect the city from the Bay of Bengal on the west coast. It suffered massive damage during cyclones and tidal surges of 1970, 1985, 1988 and 1991. The Water Development Board (WDB) rehabilitated the embankment from 1992 to 1996. The 14 feet wide embankment is 8.5 to 8.7 metres high from mean sea level. During the rehabilitation, a

4.4km stretch of it in south-east portion was protected by a seawall and 4.2km by stones, as those areas regularly face strong waves. Clay makes the remaining part of the embankment. Currently, the embankment is particularly weak in Char Para, Jele Para and Khejur Tola areas. Momtaz Mia, a resident of Khejur Tola, said WDB contractors did not repair the embankment properly. About three months back, the authorities used sand bags to shore up the damaged parts. He claimed they even took sand from the sea right below the dyke, weakening the wall, adding that the sand bags were washed away during the first heavy tidal surge. Bidyut Kumar Saha, executive engineer of WDB, Chittagong

Circle, said, "Three points of the embankment were repaired spending Tk 1.2 crore in May 2014." He said they have handed over the custody of the embankment to the Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) since it will carry out a project to set up a four-lane road on top of the embankment. CDA has temporarily repaired the damaged part in Khejur Tola with sand bags, which can be washed away should a storm surge occur. No repair work has been carried out in the other damaged areas. Kazi Hasan Bin Shams, superintendent engineer at CDA and project director of the four-lane road work, said they will carry out permanent repairs when the four-lane project will get rolling in October.



The crumbling Chittagong city protection embankment in Patenga recently. The structure is not holding against strong tidal surges and its current state spells disaster for some 2.5 lakh people and major industrial settlements. PHOTO: MINHAJ UDDIN

SLAYING OF BANGABANDHU BNP now asks if Inu had any role in planning

JSD slams AL's Sheikh Selim for sparking the topic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday called upon Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu to quit if he "fails to clarify" before the nation his role in the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Referring to Awami League leader Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim's recent remarks, it said Inu and his Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal had created the ground for Bangabandhu's assassination. Sheikh Selim remarked Sunday that JSD had paved the way for the killing of his uncle Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "We want to tell Mr Inu that we alone don't talk about your misdeeds. The top leaders of the ruling party are also discussing daily the wrongdoings you committed during 1972-75. You should make it clear - what is the role you and the Gono Bahini had in the murder," said BNP spokesman Asaduzzaman Ripon. Addressing a press briefing at BNP's Naya Paltan central office, Ripon said the JSD chief should respond to the allegations. He also called Inu a "parasite minister," and said he was making unguarded remarks about BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia irrelevantly only to protect his ministership. "Although the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal had a negative attitude towards Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Inu and his party leaders are now busy calling him father of the nation in every sentence." Selim said the anti-liberation elements would never dare attack Bangabandhu had the Gono Bahini of JSD not created the environment by robbery and killings, even of MPs, in the name of protest against Sheikh Mujib. He also implicated Gono Bahini chief Col Taher, saying he was involved in the conspiracy to kill Bangabandhu. In a statement, JSD yesterday strongly protested Selim's comment. JSD Executive President Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal and General Secretary Sharif Nurul Ambia said Selim's comment not only lacked truth but also was provocative, when JSD's name did not come up anywhere in the trial for Bangabandhu murder. They also questioned the motive and link of the utterances of Selim and BNP against their party.

SC stays HC halt on transfer

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asked the government to submit a leave to appeal petition before it against the HC order in four weeks. The four-member bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order after hearing a government petition seeking a stay on the HC order. The petitioner's lawyer, Aneek R Haque, told The Daily Star that the tribunal of Tangail had to hand over the case to the military court following the SC order. Area Commander (Logistics) of Army Headquarters Maj Gen Mizanur Rahman Khan on May 11 sent a letter to the judge of the Tangail court, stating that the case against Nazir should be tried in a military court, since the accused was an army officer. In the letter, Mizanur also asked the Tangail court to transfer the case to the court-martial for its trial, he earlier said.

SC clears way

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the hearing. Anti-Corruption Commission lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star. ACC filed the case with Shahabgh Police Station on February 26, 2008, against 16 people including BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, Nizami and Mojaheed on charge of causing a loss of Tk 159 crore to the state exchequer by awarding a contract for operating the Barapukuria coalmine to a Chinese company through abuse of power. On December 14, 2011, the HC rejected two separate petitions filed by Nizami and Mojaheed for quashing the proceedings against them. Nizami and Mojaheed, who have been sentenced to death for committing war crimes in 1971, filed the appeals with the SC in 2012 against the HC verdict.

DCCs didn't follow billboard

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The onus of the city corporations' failure to reign in the illegal billboard business is on themselves," he said. "Genuine businessmen should not suffer for authorities' failure and irregularities." "All billboards stand illegal if the city corporations' advertisement rules are considered," said OAOA General Secretary Md Rashed, after reading out a written statement. The OAOA leaders demanded phasing out of the unipoles instead of a wholesale crackdown. BM Enamul Haque, chief executive officer of Dhaka City South Corporation, said the OAOA leaders raised the allegations because they were aggrieved. He claimed that they did not flout rules, adding that they had the capacity to remove at most three billboards each night.

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Guests and students of Presidency International School at the school's year-end and prize giving ceremony held at the Institute of Engineers, Chittagong yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

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