

CMP beefs up security for foreigners in port city

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Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) has tightened security for foreign citizens living in the city.

"CMP will provide escorts to foreigners working in the city and the three EPZs -- CEPZ, KEPZ and Karnaphuli EPZ -- if necessary or if they ask for it," said CMP Commissioner Abdul Jalil Mondal.

The decision to beef up security was taken after the murders of two foreigners within a week.

On Tuesday, an Italian citizen, Cesare Tavella, was shot dead in the capital, while three days later, Japanese citizen Kunio Hoshi was shot dead by three masked men in Rangpur.

Police sources said at present, over 3,000 (approximate) foreigners live in Chittagong city.

Contacted, CMP Commissioner Mondal said although they do not know the exact number of foreigners living in the city, they have located areas where the citizens reside or work.

All firms, educational institutions, factories and other organisations have been asked to submit names of any foreigner working or studying there, he added.

Mobile teams of police and DB have been deployed to investigate movement of suspicious vehicles or motorcycles, said the CMP commissioner.

Residential and industrial areas in Khulshi, EPZ, Panchlailsh, Pahartali, Patenga and Karnaphuli police stations, where foreigners reside or work, would be under surveillance of police, said Deputy Commissioner of Detective Branch of CMP Kusum Dewan.

A police intelligence agency is also working to identify the number of foreigners living illegally in the city, he added.

In the three EPZs, over 700 foreigners, including owners and officials, work, said Industrial Police Director Tofayel Ahmed Miya.



Garbage, mostly thrown by oblivious residents of adjoining houses, clogs up this storm drain in Bashabo in the capital, posing the risk of waterlogging in the area during sudden showers. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

NEWS IN brief

JU Senate polls on Sunday

JU CORRESPONDENT

The senate election of Jahangirnagar University will be held on Sunday, said a press release.

A total of 33 teachers will be elected through this election for the next three years. Ahead of the election two panels -- one backed by pro-BNP and a faction of pro-

British Council celebrates customer service week

CITY DESK

A five-day Customer Service Week started yesterday at The British Council, said a press release.

The event is devoted to recognising the importance of customer service and to honoring the people who serve and support customers each day.

Bangladesh Cricket Board President Nazmul Hassan Papon inaugurated the ceremony where British Council Director Barbara Wickham, Director Examinations

ACBSP evaluation team visits NSU

CITY DESK

An evaluation team from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), USA, visited the School of Business and Economics (SBE) of North South University (NSU) yesterday.

The team was under the supervision of Douglas Gilbert, Dolgormaa Jamiyan and Umesh Chandrasekhar.

Board of Trustees Chairman MA Kashem, Vice-Chancellor (in-charge) Gour Gobinda Goswami, and SBE Dean Mahboob Rahman welcomed the members of the evaluation team at NSU Campus.

Workshop on impacts of climate change on agriculture held at BIRRI

CITY DESK

A workshop on impacts of climate change on agriculture was held at the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRRI) in Gazipur yesterday, said a press release.

The objective of the workshop was to report the outputs of a joint research on "Impact assessment of climate change on production and market of rice in Bangladesh" and to identify possible areas for collaboration between the BIRRI and Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS).

BIRRI Director General Jiban Krishna Biswas, JIRCAS Programme Director Akinori Oshibe, Tokyo

Govt failed to ensure security

Claims Ershad, JP Secy Gen Ziauddin alleges govt keeps his leader just as an ornament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Special Envoy to the Prime Minister HM Ershad yesterday criticised the Awami League (AL)-led government for the "breakdown of law and order" and for failing to serve the constitutional duty of ensuring security, especially of foreigners.

No one is safe in Bangladesh, the former military dictator told a press conference at his Banani office in the capital.

The Jatiya Party chairman also congratulated Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina for winning the champions of the earth, and ICT sustainable development awards, saying these projected a good image of Bangladesh.

"However, terrorism, politicisation, tender grabbing and lack of good governance in the country have overshadowed the prime minister's efforts," he added. On whether he, as part of the government, will shoulder the responsibility of the present situation, he said it was a "sensitive" question he could not answer "at the moment".

Simultaneously, JP Secretary General Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu answered that the envoy post was just an "ornamental" one and that Ershad's main responsibility was to serve JP. JP should not take any responsibility of the government's corruption and misrule and expects people to take the right decision in the next polls, said Bablu. Ershad just nodded in agreement. He said it was necessary for JP to leave the portfolios and perform as a real opposition party. But it is not the time to leave the government, he added.

On whether ISIS was involved in the recent killings of the two foreigners he said, "Why will ISIS come here? They are fighting in Syria and Iraq...None could prove the allegation." He, however, declined commenting on the arrest of JP lawmaker MA Hannan over war crimes allegations, saying it was a sub judge matter.

Interagency co-op must for fighting wildlife trade

Workshop told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Interagency cooperation needs to be strengthened, while criminal justice system needs to be reformed to control illegal wildlife trade as wildlife offenders have a very strong international network, speakers said yesterday.

Illegal wildlife trade is booming globally day by day and the wildlife offenders are using very sophisticated technology as well as changing their trafficking pattern frequently. So, government officials also have to stay up-to-date with the latest technology trends and use of internet to track offenders, the speakers said at an international workshop titled "Wildlife Trade and CITES".

Representatives from the Secretariat of the CITES (Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and Interpol participated in the workshop held at the Forest Department's office in the capital.

Stressing the need for collaboration among countries, Dr Haruko Okusu, the

capacity building coordinator, CITES Secretariat, Geneva, said wildlife crimes can be controlled if countries reform their national laws in line with the CITES and ensure their implementation.

Sarwoer Alam, executive magistrate, Rapid Action Battalion suggested building a strong network among the national and international stakeholders.

John Kimani, criminal intelligence officer from the environmental sub directorate of Interpol, spoke at the event where Edward Van Asch, associate programme manager officer of International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime, Modinatul Ahsan from Wildlife Crime Control Unit, and Abu Naser Mohsin, assistant conservator of forest, presented papers.

Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed, secretary to the environment and forests ministry, was present as chief guest while Md Yunus Ali, chief conservator of forest, Forest Department, chaired the event also attended by police, Coast Guard, Border

3 Noakhali 'Razakars' held

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witnesses' statements and other documents.

The first charge says the five were involved in the killing of at least 100 people of Sreepur and Sonapur villages on June 15.

Amir, Abul and Joyal were involved in the abduction and killing of two people of

Pashim Karimpur and Debipur village on September 13, reads the second.

The third says Amir, Abul and Yusuf were involved in the abduction, torture and killing of at least nine people of Ramharitaluk, Debipur and Uttar Chakla villages the same day.



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