

Awami League govt media friendly: Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the present Awami League government "mass media and journalist friendly", Information Minister Hasanul Huq Inu yesterday told parliament that print and electronic media were now publishing news "without any kind of government interference."

"Print and electronic media are now enjoying freedom...", he said while replying to lawmakers' queries.

Inu said the present government totally believed in the "freedom of media" as the constitution guaranteed it.

He also said the government had given registration and licences to 716 newspapers, 31 TV channels, 24 FM radio stations and 32 community radio stations in the last seven years to ensure the free flow of information.

In another reply, Inu said the government had undertaken various programmes for promotion of creativity and production of quality films to restore the past glory of the film industry.

Government may lower fuel prices

Nasrul Hamid tells parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is "actively considering" lowering fuel prices, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid told parliament yesterday.

In a scripted reply, he, however, did not specify from when the reduced price would come into effect.

The government drew flak for not lowering the oil prices after the global market price plummeted since 2014 despite repeated urges and outcries.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, Nasrul said the government has planned to dig 57 exploration gas wells, 43 development

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Japanese, Bangladeshi firms team up for hospital in Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Japanese healthcare group will invest Tk 1,000 crore to build a 600-bed specialised hospital in the capital's Uttara, in partnership with a Bangladeshi group.

Hirota Ogawa, president of Japan's Ship Healthcare Holdings Inc.'s, and Dr Moazzem Hossain, chairman of Bangladesh's Aichi Medical Group, have signed an agreement in this regard at the capital's Sonargaon hotel yesterday.

"The paid-up capital of the Japanese group is Tk 500 crore, and authorised capital is Tk 500 crore. Aichi Medical Group will provide land," said Dr Moazzem Hossain.

The construction of the 10-storey hospital Ship Aichi Medical Services Ltd will begin on eight bighas of land on June 1, and

it will be ready in January 2018, he said.

It will have specialised treatments on cardiac, kidney and trauma diseases, Dr Moazzem told The Daily Star on the sideline of the agreement signing ceremony.

Some of the advanced treatment facilities will be kidney transplantation, robotic surgery and non-infected operation theatres, he noted.

Twenty percent of the patients will be provided healthcare services for free, said Ulfa Jahan Moon, managing director of Aichi Group.

"We expect fewer people to go abroad for treatment as our hospital will provide international standard services," she said.

Welcoming the investment from Japan, Health Minister Mohammed Nasim stressed the need for maintaining high quality services at affordable costs.



Ex-minister Enamul Haque passes away

UNB, Dhaka

Former Social Welfare Minister Enamul Haque Mostafa Shahid passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday at the age of 78.

Enamul, who had been suffering from kidney problems, breathed his last at Square Hospital around 12:30pm, said his elder son Nizamul Haque Rana.

Born in 1938 at Kutirgaon village of Chunarughat upazila in Habiganj, Enamul Haque was elected parliament member for six times with Awami League ticket from Habiganj-4 constituency.

He served as the social welfare minister from January 6, 2009 to March 14, 2014.

He was honoured with Ekushy Padak in 2013 for his contribution to the Liberation War.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury expressed deep shock at his death. Hasina also placed a wreath on his coffin at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

He will be buried in his family graveyard at Kutirgaon in the afternoon following four more namaz-e-janazas in Habiganj.

US alerts its citizens in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US Department of State yesterday updated its regular travel information and alerted US citizens in Bangladesh to the ongoing potential for extremist violence in Bangladesh.

The US, however, said the government of Bangladesh had taken steps to pursue extremists and strengthen security and thousands of US citizens visited each year without incident.

Nevertheless, US citizens should take precautions and be alert to local security developments, according to the travel alert.

Additionally, it said groups saying they represent Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) claimed responsibility for a series of threats and terrorist attacks targeting writers, publishers, and others in the media, including the murder of a US citizen blogger.

It said the US officials and their families currently were not permitted to visit many public places and attend large gatherings in Bangladesh, including events at international hotels.

The updated alert is almost similar to the November 10 2015 Travel Alert.

According to the previous and updated alerts, "terrorist attacks could occur against foreigners in Bangladesh, especially in large gatherings. The US government assesses that the terrorist threat remains real and credible, and

Duja expels VP for accepting BCL post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja) yesterday through a majority vote expelled a vice president for accepting a central committee post of Bangladesh Chhtra League (BCL), says a press release.

Rejaudulla Prodhon alias Reza Aakash, the Dhaka University correspondent of The Daily Samakal, took up the role of assistant secretary after BCL on February 22 announced its 301 member central committee.

Three more are reported to have taken up responsibilities as BCL assistant secretaries and another as deputy secretary.

Duja members, at a general meeting, stated that

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Minorities in need of more legal access

BLAST-RIB research dissemination programme told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a research dissemination yesterday stressed the need for easier and better access to legal issues for the marginalised and socially excluded communities to ensure their rights, arranged by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) and Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB), in the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

They said ethnic women without legal knowledge had been deprived of their land rights, just like most of the tea community people, who did not know where to go to seek justice.

Abstracts of researches conducted by eight fellows on indigenous peoples' land rights, and rights of the disabled and workers were presented at the programme. They were also awarded certificates for their work. "The land rights of the ethnic people have not been ensured under the existing law," alleged ethnic community leader Sanjeeb Drong, adding, "One cannot save a land without having an affiliation with influential people or money." Kazi Reazul Hoque of National Human Rights Commission, stressed raising the issues before the government bodies under a common platform. Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of BLAST also spoke while, RIB Executive Director

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OBITUARY
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