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'Change is going to happen in Cuba'

Says Barack Obama; meets Cuban President Raul Castro at the Palace of the Revolution in Havana; holds a joint news conference

BBC ONLINE

President Barack Obama is in Cuba for a historic three-day visit to the island and talks with its communist leader.

He is the first sitting US president to visit since the 1959 revolution, which heralded decades of hostility between the two countries.

Obama said change would happen in Cuba and that Cuban President Raul Castro understood that.

The two leaders met to talk about trade and held a joint news conference.

Castro denied that there are political prisoners in Cuba, telling journalists to "give him a list" and then they would be

released "tonight".

He also defended Cuba's record on human rights and pointed to problems in the US.

"We defend human rights, in our view civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights are indivisible, inter-dependent and universal," Castro said.

"Actually we find it inconceivable that a government does not defend and ensure the right to healthcare, education, social security, food provision and development."

Obama said the trade embargo would be fully lifted in Cuba, but he could not say exactly when.

"The reason is what we did for 50 years

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A HISTORIC MOMENT

US President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro shake hands during their first meeting on the second day of Havana's visit to Cuba in Havana yesterday. Obama is the first sitting US president to visit Cuba since the 1959 revolution, which heralded decades of hostility between the two countries.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Why Manna should not be granted bail

HC asks govt to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to explain within three weeks why Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna, now in jail, should not be granted bail in two cases.

The cases were filed with

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Dummy explosives went undetected

A visiting UK team member planted those to test screeners; govt signs 2-yr-deal with Redline for Shahjalal security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local screeners' failure to detect some dummy explosives and arms during a mock test conducted by a UK monitoring team was apparently one of the reasons behind the ban on Dhaka-London direct air cargo and warning of more such actions.

Briefing the media at Hazrat Shahjalal

International Airport yesterday, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said a member of the UK team "expressed satisfaction" during a meeting.

"But, before leaving, he [the UK official] planted some fake explosives and our screeners could not detect those," said the minister as he was talking to journalists

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WHAT WILL REDLINE DO

Deploy 29 of its staff, including 15 screeners

Train local screeners, Caab security personnel

Man cargo complex, passenger terminal for supervision

Place recommendations for improvement of airport security

Fakhrul, 32 others charged with arson

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Paltan police yesterday pressed charges against BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and 32 others in a case filed in connection with torching a vehicle in January last year.

Sub-Inspector Mominul Haque, who is the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, showing 37 people as prosecution witnesses.

The case was lodged with Paltan Police Station for allegedly vandalising and torching a vehicle in front of Rajuk Bhaban on January 6 last year.

BNP leaders -- Barkatullah Bulu, Khairul Kabir Khokon,

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Vessels make way through the murky water of the Shitalakkhya river in Narayanganj. Mindless dumping of chemical waste from nearby factories has turned the river water unusable. There is an urgent need to strengthen the efforts to save rivers from rampant pollution and ensure safe water for everyone, as Bangladesh, like all other countries across the globe, observes World Water Day today. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Advertorial

Specialized Milk for Diabetic Patients

Marks introduces Marks Diabetic Milk

Diabetes has spread alarmingly throughout the world. The number of diabetic patients makes more than 8% of the world population and it has crossed 10 million in Bangladesh.

Though diabetes is not a curable disease it can be controlled by maintaining a disciplined life and being careful about food intake. Diabetic patients need to be cautious about food selection as sugar in food causes rise in blood sugar level. Many diabetic patients do not drink milk and dairy products due to glucose stored in the milk naturally.

Recently, the leading powder milk brand in Bangladesh, Marks has launched a specialized powder milk drink for diabetic patients. The company at a recent program held in a renowned hotel announced that it has imported Marks Diabetic Milk directly from France. The prestigious Institut Pasteur of France has extensively tested Marks Diabetic Milk formulation before classifying it as low GI (Glycemic Index). The significance of Low GI is that Marks Diabetic Milk does not raise the blood sugar level rapidly like regular milk. Marks Diabetic Milk contains Omega-3, Omega-6 and is heart friendly. It is also helpful for losing weight. It is free from lactose and therefore those who do not drink milk due to lactose intolerance can also drink Marks Diabetic Milk.

When contacted regarding the importance of milk for diabetic patients, the principal dietician of Apollo Hospital Tamanna Chowdhury says, 'Milk should be an important part of the balanced food for the people of all ages'. She adds along with protein, calcium, magnesium, zinc etc milk is also a source of many vital vitamins and minerals. In line with the developed countries, launch of specialized diabetic milk is a good addition.

CAPSIZE OF CARGO VESSEL Govt bans Shela route

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The sinking of a coal-laden vessel on Saturday has prompted the government to ban again the operation of all vessels in the Shela River, a dolphin sanctuary in the Sundarbans.

Earlier, it had slapped a ban on the plying of commercial vessels for a month after an oil tanker sank in the river on December 9 in 2014. It, however, reopened the route in January last year, ignoring an outcry from environmentalists.

Even the forest department had protested the lifting of

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