

UN HR boss urges halting all executions

STAR REPORT

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has urged the Bangladesh government to halt all executions and institute a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.

Raising question in relation to international due processes and fair trial standards, the OHCHR expressed concerns about the fate of Motiur Rahman Nizami, who filed a review petition against his death warrant, due to be heard today.

"The trials...have not met international standards of fair trial and due process as stipulated in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)," Ravina Shamdasani, OHCHR spokesperson, said in a press briefing note issued on Friday.

"The UN opposes the use of the death penalty in all circumstances, no matter the gravity of the crime committed, and even if the most stringent fair trial standards were respected," the note said.

"We renew our call to the Government of Bangladesh to respect its obligations under the ICCPR, to which it acceded in 2000. Article 14 of the ICCPR details the right to a fair trial," the release said.

It adds, "The imposition of a death sentence following a trial in which these provisions have not been respected constitutes a violation of the right to life."



Drik Picture Library Limited and Pathshala forms a human chain at the base of Raju memorial on Dhaka University campus with their cameras wrapped in black cloth, inset, protesting the murder of its official and photographer Mohammad Irfanul Islam. He was found dead in the bushes beside Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road in Jalkuri area of Narayanganj on April 2, hours after going missing from the capital's Dhanmondi.

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Dhaka against wrong interpretation of Islam

Shahriar tells Geneva conference

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has said it rejects any narrow and misinformed interpretation of Islam, the religion of peace, and denounced the use of religion to justify violent extremist acts.

"Violent extremists do not belong to any religion," State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam told the "Geneva Conference on Preventing Violent Extremism-The Way Forward" at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Swiss Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter delivered the keynote statements as co-chairs of the conference held on Thursday and Friday, said a foreign ministry statement received on Friday night.

The conference was attended by ministers from Belgium, Cameroon, Mauritania, Sudan, the United Kingdom, the Maldives, Malaysia, Czech Republic, Guinea Bissau and Luxembourg, and representatives from international organisations.

Speaking at the high level segment of the conference, Shahriar said, "In Bangladesh, we maintain a zero tolerance approach to terrorism and violent extremism. We are also making progress in stemming the flow of terrorist financing."

Highlighting the need to address the root causes of terrorism and violent extremism, he highlighted Bangladesh's pro-poor and pro-people development strategy that include sustained investment in human development to reduce poverty, enhanced women's social

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Central bank looters govt's relatives

Ershad tells Jatiya Party council

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday identified persons "looting people's money" from banks as "relatives of the government", saying it was the reason they were not being tried.

"During the Jatiya Party rule, there was no such incident of looting from any state or private bank," he told JP's biennial council at Manikganj.

"Looting of public money is taking place in all banks let alone Sonali and Janata banks," said Ershad, also a special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, adding that some Tk 30,000 crore was looted from Bangladesh Bank.

He said Awami League leaders were worried about the elections as the union parishad polls had tarnished the government's image.

"Awami League men are snatching votes during polls. Their slogan is 'I will cast my vote and will cast your vote as well'," added Ershad.

NEWS IN brief

Manju, Shahidul made chairman, general secretary of JP (Manju)

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anwar Hossain Manju and Sheikh Shahidul Islam were re-elected chairman and general secretary respectively of Jatiya Party (Manju) at the party's triennial council at the capital's Institution of Engineers' Bangladesh yesterday.

Names of other members of the central committee will be announced later, M Salahuddin Ahmed, JP office secretary, told The Daily Star.

The inaugural session of the council was held in the morning amid festivity with Anwar Hossain Manju, also forest and environment minister, in the chair.

Over a thousand councillors and delegates attended the council with the theme "vow to materialise democracy, accountability, good governance and spirit of the Liberation War."

Leaders of different political parties including ruling Awami League, Samyabadi Dal and a faction of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal were present, among others, at the programme.

Some amendments were made to the party charter at the council.

From now on the term "general secretary" will be used in lieu of "secretary general."

LEADS holds workshop on environ awareness in capital

CITY DESK

LEADS organised a workshop for schoolteachers yesterday at a hotel in the capital as part of its third phase of "Environmental Awareness Campaign for School Children" themed "Our Environment Our Resource", sponsored by Envoy Group, sister concern of Sheltech.

Dr Enamul Haq, Muhammad Ariful Islam, assistant general manager of Envoy Group, ASM Kabir, chairman, and Romina Dewan Kabir, executive director of LEADS, were present.

Pannalal president, Birendra GS of Jagannath Hall Alumni Association

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pannalal Dutta and Birendra Nath Adhikary were elected president and general secretary respectively of Jagannath Hall Alumni Association of Dhaka University for 2016-2018, says a press release.

They were elected at a triennial conference of the association held on Friday at the senate building of DU.

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Insecurity of religious

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committed during the BNP-Jamaat alliance government surpassed that of any other time, she said.

The incumbent government has not ensured justice for the brutality before and after the 2001 general election although there are findings of investigations, said Kajol Debnath, president of Bangladesh Puja Uddhayan Parishad. The atrocity will go on as long as the culture of impunity stays, he added.

One political party considers religious minorities as vote bank, while the other thinks they would grab their property once the minorities leave the country, said Joyanta Kumar Deb, the Parishad's general secretary.

Priya Saha, general secretary of Bangladesh Mohila Oikya Parishad, cited the rape of a college student in Pabna and twin sisters in Noakhali, abduction of a female school-teacher in Faridpur, and murder of a newly-wed man in Sylhet in the past few months, and said there was no hope for justice with the inaction of local administration.

Narayan Chandra Chanda, state minister for fisheries and livestock, said people should build resistance against minority repression but they did not take the risk out of a sense of insecurity.

Asked why the government cannot ensure the security and justice for all the citizens, he said, "No government can guarantee 100 percent security of the citizen."

Citing Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) census, Pushpita said religious minorities constituted 30 percent of the population in the country in 1941 but it consistently fell down to 9.6 percent in 2011.

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