

Pranab's son meets Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday put emphasis on maintaining good relations with neighbours as well as strengthening regional connectivity and cooperation to further boost trade and business in the South Asian region.

The prime minister came up with the views when visiting Indian President Pranab Mukherjee's son and Lok Sabha Member Avijit Mukherjee called on her at her Jatiya Sangsad Office.

After the meeting, Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters.

"Countries in the world are now interdependent and maintaining good relations with neighbours could benefit all in the region," Hasina said.

Referring to Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) initiative under which the Motor Vehicle Agreement was signed, she said all the four countries will benefit from the move.

Speaking about border Haats, she stressed the need for setting up more border haats to stop smuggling as well as increase official trade between the two neighbours.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday attends an iftar party organised by a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) on the Jatiya Press Club premises in the capital. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, PM's Information Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, the faction's Secretary General Omar Faruk, Press Club President Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury and DUJ President Shaban Mahmud were present among others.

Economic deprivation to thwart SDG

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director of the Campaign for Popular Education, said Bangladesh could achieve the inclusive development goals by making use of the SDGs.

CPD Executive Director Prof Mustafizur Rahman said the platform would attempt for environment-friendly SDG implementation based on equality.

The platform will promote the slogan "Leave no one behind", said Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, convener of the platform.

SDGs are universal and inclusive, and they integrate education, health and environment, he said, adding, the goals are designed to end overall social and institutional transformation.

The 17 SDGs that the UN adopted last September for 15 years are an ambitious development agenda, he said.

The citizen's initiative would catalyse coordination of the SDGs with Bangladesh's national Five Year Plan

and other policy plans and ensure the efficacy, relevance and accountability of the government's new policies and reform programmes.

Objectives of the platform include monitoring the SDGs' achievement, identifying the challenges to implement and update the decision makers with a view to utilising the allocated fund, ensuring transparency and social accountability.

The platform would focus on the SDGs relevant for Bangladesh and help ascertain priorities, oversee the progress and give analytical options.

The upcoming events of the platform include a national dialogue on the SDG on peace, justice and good governance; town hall meetings with local people, and meetings with the international development partners and workshops for the partner organisations.

The platform would draw up its programmes primarily for five years and for implementation would estab-

Obituary

CITY DESK

Prof Mominul Haq, dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences of the Bangladesh University of Business and Technology, died from old age complications in a Dhaka hospital yesterday, aged 72.

He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter, says a press release.

He joined erstwhile Government Intermediate Technical College in 1970. He also served two universities abroad from 1976 to 1986.

He also joined the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) as an assistant professor of Physics in 1986.

He was buried at Uttara Sector-12 graveyard.

Another round

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The minister said this while talking to reporters after attending an iftar party arranged by Bangladesh Ain Samity on the premises of Dhaka University's Kazi Motahar Hossain Building.

About the killing of Fahim in a gunfight, he said his associates killed him so that he could not disclose their names.

Earlier in the day, Fahim, who was on a 10-day remand in connection with the attempt on the life of college teacher Ripon Chakrawarty, was killed in a reported gunfight between his associates and police at Miarchar in Madaripur Sadar upazila.

Amid a string of secret killings, the police department launched a crackdown on militants on June 10 and arrested nearly 12,000 people, including 194 suspected extremists, in the weeklong drive.

NEWS IN brief

Unite against secret killings: Sangskritik Jote

DU CORRESPONDENT

Protesting the recent targeted and secret killings across the country, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote rallied in capital's Shabagh yesterday.

Its leaders urged the progressive and democratic political and cultural organisations to unite against such crimes.

Prof Muhammad Samad, also president of Jatiya Kobita Parishad, said public awareness and government's proper steps are urgent to prevent the killings.

Theatre personality Ramendu Majumder, and the Jote president Golam Kuddus, among others, spoke.

Three BCL men hurt in factional clash at Ctg college

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three Bangladesh Chhatra League men were injured in a clash between its two groups at Chittagong Government College yesterday.

The activists of a faction of the college unit were welcoming the admission seekers while another group entered the campus chanting slogans.

Being obstructed by each other, both the groups had an altercation, leading to the clash, college sources said.

Yusuf, Biswajit and Kaysar took primary treatment, said the college unit BCL leader Mahmudul Karim.

Chawkbazar police Officer-in-Charge Aziz Ahmed said they drove both the groups away.

1 held with 1.3kg of heroin in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives arrested a man with 1.3 kilogrammes of heroin in the capital's Khilkhet on Friday evening.

On information, a police team raided a flat on Road-2 of Nikunja and nabbed Saiful Islam, 34, of Feni, says a press note of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

It says police found 340 grammes of brown heroin in a packet and 980 grammes of white heroin in another packet.

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