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We're not enemy, corruption is

TI boss to govt, voices concern over recently enacted law on foreign-funded NGOs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Transparency International yesterday expressed concern over a provision of the recently enacted foreign-funded NGOs law, saying it would reduce the "space and possibility of action of civil society".

"Our message is to the government -- we are not the enemies. The enemy is corruption. The enemies are the corrupt," said José Carlos Ugaz Sánchez-Moreno, chair of the TI's Board of Directors.

Speaking at a Meet the Media event, he said the graft watchdog wanted to support the government in all its anti-corruption efforts, but the organisation could not



José Carlos Ugaz

remain silent after watching things going wrong.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) hosted the programme at the Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University.

The Jatiya Sangsad on October 5 passed the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Bill-2016 with a provision (section 14) that stipulates that making "derogatory" remarks on the constitution and constitutional bodies by foreign-funded NGOs will be an offence.

Protesting the provision, local and foreign NGOs had urged President Abdul Hamid not to sign the bill, saying it would

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and visiting World Bank President Jim Yong Kim during a programme at the capital's Osmani Auditorium yesterday. The government and the WB jointly organised the programme to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

PHOTO: BSS

Communist leader Ajoy Roy no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Veteran leftist politician Ajoy Roy passed away yesterday in the capital. He was 88.

Ajoy, president of Sammilita Samajik Andolon, was also a coordinator of a platform against communalism and militancy.

After a prolonged illness, he breathed his last around 5:00am. His wife Joyonti Roy was with him then. The couple have two daughters and a son.

Pankaj Bhattacharya, president of Oikya Nap and also political colleague of Ajoy, told The Daily Star that Ajoy had been suffering from several diseases for the last couple of months. He was released from Birdem hospital last week and had an appointment with doctors at that hospital for a check-up yesterday morning.

But early in the morning, he had some breathing problems. His family members took him to the Birdem hospital where doctors declared him dead, said Pankaj.

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JMB now regrouping with Salehin at helm

The group is collecting funds through robberies, says top counter terror official

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The mainstream JMB, which has been out of scene for quite a long time, is trying to regroup under a new chief.

Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), the banned militant outfit, issued a statement around two months back announcing Salauddin Ahmed alias Salehin as its ameer, said Monirul Islam, counterterrorism chief of DMP, yesterday.

The outfit is now managing funds through robberies, added the official.

The disclosure comes months after a JMB offshoot, "Neo JMB" as law enforcers call it, reportedly carried out two deadly terror attacks in Gulshan and Sholakia.

On February 23, 2014, Salehin and two other top

militants -- Rakib Hasan Russell alias Hafez Mahmud and Jahidul Islam alias "Boma" Mizan -- were snatched away in a prison van ambush by militants in Trishal upazila of Mymensingh.

Salehin, who law enforcers believe used to shuttle between India and Bangladesh, narrowly escaped arrest when Kolkata police in a drive at a JMB hideout at bordering Bongaon in West Bengal arrested Trishal attack mastermind Anwar Hossain Faruq on September 25 this year.

Salehin, sentenced to death over the killing of a Christian youth in Jamalpur, was Sylhet-Mymensingh regional chief of JMB.

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NAZIM MURDER

'Leader of killing team' detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police claim to have arrested the chief of a five-member militant team that hacked and shot dead online activist Nazim Uddin Samad in April.

Rashidun Nabi Bhuiyan, an operative of militant outfit Ansar Al Islam, was picked up in the capital's Sayedabad bus stand area around 11:35pm on Sunday, police say.

"He led the operation and himself hacked Nazim," Monirul Islam, counterterrorism chief of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), told reporters yesterday. All five attackers carried machetes and one of them had a firearm. The team fled firing several shots after the attack as people were approaching the scene, Monirul added.

In autopsy, it was found that Nazim was shot on the left



Rashidun

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Museum in a phone box

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A Yorkshire village in UK has created what could be the world's smallest museum by transforming a disused phone box.

The attraction in Warley, near Halifax, only has enough room for one visitor at a time.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Dhaka South City Corporation authorities demolish illegal structures near Janapath intersection in Sayedabad yesterday. Top right, decades-old illegal truck stand in the same area being freed from the occupants, and the intersection after the drive, bottom right.

PHOTO: STAR

DSCC reclaims land of illegal truck stand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) authorities reclaimed around 50 decimals of public land after evicting an over three-decade old illegal truck stand at Janapath intersection in Sayedabad yesterday.

"It was our second attempt yesterday which became successful in ending the decades-old illegal occupation of the public land," said Khalid Ahmed, chief estate officer of the city corporation, who conducted the drive.

Drug peddling and anti-social activities had been going on there for a long time, he said.

The land was occupied with scores of goods-carrying trucks, around 30 concrete and semi-concrete structures housing small businesses and truck owners' and workers' union offices, he said.

Immediately after the eviction, the city corporation started construction of boundary walls with the help of police.

Replying to a query, Khalid said the truckers could use the truck stand in Sayedabad.

When he was asked what they were going to do with the reclaimed land, he said it would be developed for markets

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TERROR REMARK AT BRICS
China defends all-weather ally Pakistan

PTI, Beijing

A day after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Pakistan a "motherhood of terrorism", China yesterday strongly defended its all-weather ally, saying it is against linking any country or religion with terror and asked the world community to acknowledge Pakistan's "great sacrifices".

In a sharp reaction to a question about Modi's characterisation of Pakistan at the BRICS Summit in Goa, spokesperson of the Chinese foreign ministry Hua Chunying said China

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