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## HOUSING ON AGRI LAND SC stays HC permit for Unique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for six weeks a High Court (HC) order of October 25 which had allowed housing company Unique Property Development Ltd to establish a housing project, Sonargaon Resort City, and to construct Unique Hotel and Resort in Narayanganj's Sonargaon upazila.

The SC also asked the HC to hear and dispose of in six weeks a March 2, 2014 rule of the latter upon the government authorities concerned and the company to explain why earth filling for the projects should not be declared illegal.

A four-member bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order after hearing a petition recently filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers

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## Modi lauds Dhaka's disaster management

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday hailed Bangladesh's community-based cyclone preparedness programme as "a global best practice".

"... after the 1991 cyclone, the government of Bangladesh launched a large community-based cyclone preparedness programme. It led to a significant reduction in loss of lives from cyclones. It is now recognised as a global best practice," he said in his inaugural speech at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Ministers, officials and environmental activists from over 60 countries participate in the three-day conference where Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya is leading the Bangladesh delegation.

Maya said Bangladesh constructed 3851 cyclone and 142 flood shelters to save vulnerable people from cyclones and floods, adding, it has over 55,000 trained volunteers under "Cyclone Preparedness Programme" and 32,000 volunteers for urban disaster risk management.



Narendra Modi

## Delhi urges Dhaka for minorities' safety

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In the wake of recent attacks on Hindus and vandalism of their temples in Brahmanbaria, India has urged Bangladesh to ensure safety and security of the members belonging to the minority community and their properties and shrines.

"The Indian high commission in Dhaka is in talks with the Bangladesh authorities and we have requested them to ensure the safety and security of minorities, their temples and properties..." external affairs ministry's spokesman Vikas Swarup told a weekly media briefing in New Delhi yesterday.

## Monem Khan family's structures demolished

DNCC frees 10 kathas of land occupied for over five decades

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) yesterday demolished structures on 10 kathas of land in Banani occupied, as per Mayor Annisul Huq, for over five decades by the family of former East Pakistan provincial governor Abdul Monem Khan who had opposed Bangladesh's birth.

The structures include an automobile showroom, two rooms for security guards and boundary walls of holding no 110 on Banani Road 27.

The holding comprises a house, a mosque and a school on over five bighas of land allotted in the name of Monem Khan and his family members, who call it Bagh-e-Monem.

Containing some fruit bearing trees, the recovered land lies west of the Banani graveyard and 36 feet into Bagh-e-Monem from Banani Road 27's footpath and merges with the airport road. Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) had entrusted the recovered land to the erstwhile Dhaka City Corporation as a green area.

DNCC and Rajuk jointly took possession of the recovered land three days back, fenced it off with corrugated metal sheets and started constructing a concrete wall.

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## Protest against B'baria attack continues

DU CORRESPONDENT

Sammilito Samajik Andolon (SSA) and Bangladesh National Hindu Grand Alliance yesterday condemned the recent attack on the Hindus in Brahmanbaria and demanded exemplary punishment of the attackers.

At separate human chains in the capital, they also demanded an impartial probe into the incident.

At the human chain of SSA in the capital's Shahbagh, Pankaj Bhattacharya, president of Oikya Nap, urged the government to stand beside the victims for the sake of the spirit of the Liberation War.

Ziauddin Tariq Ali, SSA acting president, urged all to come forward to resist such kind of attack.

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## PRESERVING COMMUNAL HARMONY Police HQ issues six directives for all units

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With allegations arising of law enforcers' negligence in preventing the Brahmanbaria mayhem, Police Headquarters issued a six-point directive on all units yesterday to take prompt steps against those who instigate the destruction of communal harmony.

A vested quarter with an ill motive is trying to destroy communal harmony by hurting people's religious sentiment posting provocative and indecent photos and comments in social media like Facebook, it said.

On Sunday, around 200 religious bigots attacked at least five temples and vandalised and looted about 100 Hindu houses in several localities in Nasiragar upazila in Brahmanbaria over a Facebook post purportedly from the account of one Rasraj Das.

The attackers also beat up over 100 people. Afterwards, similar incidents occurred in Barisal, Chittagong,

Sunamganj, Habiganj and Gopalganj.

It asked preventing the spread of such content and holding meetings with organisations of professionals and political, social and religious leaders in respective areas.

Police will chalk out programmes to create awareness so that people do not pay heed to rumours and to prevent any agitation centring rumours, it added.

If any tense condition arises, police officials will engage community policing units to mitigate the situation, it said.

In a statement forwarded to the media, it forbade people from posting comments, photos or speeches hurting religious sentiments.

Terming such acts an "offence", it warned of stern action under existing laws.

Shah Mizan Shafiur Rahman, superintendent of Dhaka District police, told The Daily Star that they already arranged several

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### DISEASES CAUSED BY CONTAMINATED WATER

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis E

Rotavirus infection

**How does it spread:**  
Drinking contaminated water or eating certain raw seafood that were contaminated by faecal matter. The virus can spread easily from one person to another - if a patient does not wash his/her hands after using the toilet, then the virus can spread by simply touching objects.

**How can you prevent it:**  
- Practicing good hygiene,  
- Drinking purified water,  
- Getting the appropriate vaccination (if recommended by your physician)  
- By boiling or chlorination water  
- Adopting good hand washing and sanitation measures

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**Egyptian Style Fatta**

### Ingredients:

- 500 gm veal feet without bone, 1 pc Arabic bread (pita bread)
- 140 gm basmati rice, 20 gm garlic
- 5 gm cardamom, 5 gm bay leaf
- 5 gm white-pepper powder, 10 ml white vinegar
- 10 ml corn oil, salt as required

### Procedure:

Take the properly cleaned, hairless, veal feet. Place in a pot of water and add cardamom and bay leaf, allowing them all to simmer for four hours. Once it's done, stop cooking and add seasoning.

Next, make some steamed rice and croutons, along with the Arabic bread.

Finally, assemble the rice, croutons, veal feet in one dish and add some sauce with brown garlic and white vinegar.

## Mouthwatering Mediterranean Delicacies



**Chicken Beyti Kebab**

### Ingredients:

- 200 gm chicken, 10 gm onion
- 10 gm garlic, 10 gm Arabic spice (crushed paprika, cinnamon, cardamom)
- Salt to taste, 5 gm black pepper powder
- 20 gm red capsicum, 5 gm paprika
- 20 gm yellow capsicum
- 20 ml olive oil, 4 pcs Toshka

### Procedure:

Mince some chicken and make sure that it is not too watery. Set aside and chop some onion, capsicum and parsley.

Get rid of excess water from the chopped vegetables and add with the chicken. When they are all mixed well, add seasoning, saffron and then shape the meat into pieces fit for a kebab.

Finally, set the kebabs to grill until they turn a fine golden brown. Serve immediately, with toshka, grill capsicum, harissa and garlic mayo.



**Kebab E Mahi**

### Ingredients:

- (These ingredients include the spices for the marinade)
- 100 gm white snapper, 50 gm scallops, 50 gm shrimps
- 30 gm mixed capsicum, 2 gm pepper
- Salt as required, 1 pc lemon
- 30 gm onion, 20 gm garlic
- 20 ml olive oil, 8 gm sumac powder
- ½ gm saffron

### Procedure:

First, assemble the shrimps, sea scallops and white snapper, together. Marinate these items for an hour. Then assemble some mixed capsicum, onion, tomato and cut them all into cubic shapes. When done, put them all into the skewer as follows: shrimps, capsicum, scallop, onion, white snapper and tomato.

Alongside, prepare some rice with tomato paste, cinnamon, cumin, coriander, seasoning, green peas and olive oil.

Grill the kebab until it turns a nice golden colour. Afterwards, put the kebab in the oven for 3 minutes at 180 degree Celsius.

Serve with harissa sauce and brown rice.



Recipes prepared by **Md. Moniruzzaman, Head Chef, Olea Restaurant, Le Meridien, Dhaka.**

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