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Japan raises interest on loans for Bangladesh as it is now a lower middle income country

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Director Anurag Basu announces a project on the legendary singer

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He defends use of Twitter for attacking US media

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MISERIES IN HAOR

Graft, not rain or rats, to blame

Finds ACC, sues 61 officials, contractors over dam construction, two arrested

WHAT THE WATER RESOURCES MINISTER SAID EARLIER

Excessive rain is responsible for flash floods and damage of embankments in haor areas, not negligence of BWDB officials.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Months after flash floods spelt untold miseries for people in the country's haor areas, the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued 61 people, including engineers of Bangladesh Water Development Board and contractors, for purposeful mismanagement and corruption in the construction of dams.

The ACC also arrested suspended BWDB executive engineer Afsar Uddin and contractor Bachhu Mia from the capital's Motijheel area for their alleged involvement in irregularities in constructing embankments in Sunamganj, worst hit by the late-March deluge.

The anti-graft body also asked the government to take stern action against the secretary at the water resources ministry, BWDB director general and 14 other officials for showing "gross negligence in discharging duties".

The ACC made the move on the basis of its findings in a probe into alleged irregularities in constructing and maintaining dams in haor areas.

The water resources ministry and the BWDB, however, have all along tried to tone down public and media outcry over the alleged irregularities. They rather put the blame on excessive rains and rats for the damage of embankments.

But the ACC findings reinforced the media reports that there had been

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This is no river or waterbody. This is the main road between Sadar and Fenchuganj upazilas in Sylhet. Much of Fenchuganj upazila is now under water due to rising floodwaters. With road communications cut off in many areas, people have no other option but to go about their daily business by boat, as seen in this photo taken at Paschim Bazar yesterday.

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Shelve Rampal project to save Sundarbans

Green activists ask govt again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green activists yesterday reiterated that the government should backtrack on the proposed Rampal power plant to be built in the vicinity of the world's largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans, with a session of Unesco World Heritage Committee ongoing over the listing of "heritage sites in danger".

The United Nations and the International Union for Conservation of Nature have already warned the government not to build the plant, but the government is adamant to go ahead overlooking concerns expressed at home and abroad, they said at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

The National Committee to Protect the Sundarbans and Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) held the press conference to inform the media about the 10-day 41st session of the heritage committee beginning yesterday in Krakow of Poland.

Speaking at the press conference, economist Prof MM Akash said that whether the Sundarbans was on the list of "World Heritage in Danger" would be known by July 12, on the concluding day of the

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Secys want all even after retirement

Press for govt houses, vehicles, house helps; PM warns govt officials against corruption

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Secretaries at a meeting with the prime minister yesterday requested the government to provide them with various facilities like vehicles, residences and house helps even after their retirement, said sources.

They also called upon the government to allow executive magistrates to run mobile courts which the High Court declared unconstitutional, and to raise the retirement age of public servants from 59 to 62.

Besides, they wanted exclusive monograms on their official cars.

Addressing the meeting held at the Cabinet Division, PM Sheikh Hasina issued a 17-point directive to the top bureaucrats. These include taking effective steps at the field level to contain militancy and drug peddling, removing inter-cadre disparities and strengthening efforts to establish good governance.

During her introductory speech, she categorically mentioned that salaries and allowances of public servants have been raised during her tenure, and said the corruption of the employees has to be stopped.

PM'S ORDERS

- Effective steps to curb militancy, drug trafficking
- Run Chittagong Customs House 24/7
- Remove inter-cadre disparity

SECYS' DEMANDS

- Authority to run mobile courts
- Raising the retirement age to 62
- Raising the number of senior secys

The PM also asked the secretaries to ensure that all project directors stay at their stations and ordered 24-hour operation of Chittagong Customs House to speed up export and import services.

Earlier, she held another such meeting on April 7, 2014.

As secretaries said mobile courts are needed to effectively maintain law and order and check crimes like adulteration of food, the PM asked them to wait for the verdict of the Supreme Court in the related case now pending with the Apex Court.

In a judgement on May 13, the High Court observed that executive magistrates can't run

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The local mayor and his men took down the stalls at the historical Rath Mela in Dhamrai, after police asked the organisers to temporarily close the event over security reasons.

Mayor shuts 400-yr-old Hindu fair

Cops cite security threat; locals see MP-mayor rift behind it

RAFIUL ISLAM

The 400-year-old Rath Mela, a fair integral to Hindu festival Rath Jatra Utsab, in Dhamrai was shut down Saturday night allegedly over a rift between the local lawmaker and the municipal mayor.

Organisers and locals said police had asked them to suspend the festival for two days from yesterday morning, citing security concerns.

The fair is a 21-day event and is the biggest Rath Jatra festival of the country.

But Dhamrai Municipal Mayor Golam Kabir and his men went to the venue on Saturday night and

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সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সিটি কর্পোরেশন আইন ২০০৯ এর ৯২ ধারার ৫ম তফসিলের ৪৩ উপ-ধারা মোতাবেক সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অন্যুদন ব্যতীত যে কোন ধরনের বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রদর্শন বা প্রচারনা দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ।

"দেয়াল লিখন ও পোষ্টার লাগানো নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন ২০১২" দ্বারা সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় দেয়ালে লিখন এবং পোষ্টার লাগানো নিষিদ্ধ করা হয়েছে। এ আইনের অধীনে সংঘটিত অপরাধের জন্য অর্থদণ্ড টাঃ ১০,০০০.০০ থেকে টাঃ ৫০,০০০.০০ অথবা ১৫ দিন থেকে ৩০ দিনের কারাদণ্ডের বিধান রাখা হয়েছে।

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