

Form JS body to find out why Hindus left country

Demands Hindu-Bouddho-Christian Oikya Parishad
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Bangladesh Hindu-Bouddho-Christian Oikya Parishad General Secretary Rana Dasgupta yesterday demanded that the government form a parliamentary committee to find out why many of the Hindus left the country.

Expressing concern, he said, "Hindus are leaving the country when a party with the Liberation War spirit is in power." He was exchanging views with journalists at Narail Press Club. Rana Dasgupta said 12 Hindu families of Narail left the country in the last six months.

Before the meeting, he visited the house of carpenter Neel Komol in Sholpur village of Narail Sadar.

Neel Komol died on July 30 after he had been beaten by his neighbour over grabbing of his land the day before.

Also a public prosecutor of International Crimes Tribunal, Rana Dasgupta said grabbing of Hindu properties, insecurity and deprivation of justice are the main reasons behind their departure.

He alleged that a section of the ruling party people is instigating communal violence.



Participants at a discussion on indigenous women yesterday.

Indigenous women, girls face violence for govt negligence

Discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 32 indigenous women and girls faced different types of sexual and physical violence from January to June this year, while 10 of them were raped and three others were killed after rape, according to findings of Kapaeng Foundation.

Six women and girls were sexually harassed, two kidnapped, three physically tortured and eight became victims of attempted rape during this period, said the Foundation, adding that most of the cases of violence were perpetrated by non-indigenous people.

The findings were disclosed at a discussion yesterday jointly organised by Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, Kapaeng Foundation and Bangladesh Indigenous Women Network (BIWN) in the capital's The Daily Star Centre on the eve of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, to be observed on August 9.

In 2016, more than 58 indigenous women and girls faced such violence, and non-indigenous people were involved in 85 percent of violence while law enforcement agency members were involved in two percent of the incidents, the Foundation's project officer Falguni Tripura said in her presentation.

Established in 2004, the Foundation is working for promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous people.

At the event, Adivasi Forum President Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma said the indigenous women and girls face such violence due to the government's negligence and unwillingness to ensure their rights.

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SUING OF BARISAL EX-UNO Cabinet Division investigation in progress

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A five-member team of the Cabinet Division has started investigating the suing and brief arrest of former UNO of Barisal Tariq Salman for publishing a portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

As part of the task, the team yesterday visited Barisal city and talked to at least eight people including the complainant, the lawyer of the accused, and six policemen who were related to the incident.

Talking to reporters at Barisal Circuit House, the team head, M Bazlul Karim, additional secretary of the Cabinet Division, said they were given 15 working days to submit the report. "We're halfway through. But we'll apply for an extension."

He did not say when the investigation started.

"We've already talked to some people in Dhaka and are now collecting evidence and statements of the complainant of the case lodged against Tariq Salman, lawyers who defended him, and on-duty policemen..." he said.

"We will try to find out the facts about the suing of Tariq Salman."

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Nur files damages suit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Khan Jahan Ali Ltd's Chairman Nur Mohammad, the prime accused in a case filed over seizure of liquid cocaine from Chittagong port in 2015, filed a Tk 100 crore compensation lawsuit.

On behalf of the company and Nur, Abu Tayub Ali Refay, an attorney of Khan Jahan Ali Ltd, lodged the case

with the court of third Joint District Judge Md Abdul Quader.

Nur was released from Chittagong jail after securing bail on July 11.

In the case statement, names of seven organisations including exporter, owners of the vessels that brought the container, freight forwarding agents and three individuals were

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Govt gets two more weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has got two more weeks to issue a gazette on disciplinary rules for lower court judges.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court adjourned for two weeks the hearing on the Masdar Hossain case,

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