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Affairs. Several Bangladeshi media outlets reported that the Pakistan High Commissioner in Dhaka, said the video on its Facebook page and that it was taken down following a public outcry.

The government of Bangladesh issued a formal note of protest to this self-motivated and misleading video post and calls for an immediate withdrawal of the footage from the Facebook page reportedly maintained by the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka, said the foreign ministry in a statement.

"The Pakistan high commissioner has expressed sorrow, saying the incident had been 'unintentional' and that the High Commission in Dhaka 'did not know the situation', acting foreign secretary Kamrul Anshan told reporters. Kamrul, who had summoned the Pakistan envoy, said, "We told him that the High Commission in Dhaka proclaimed the independence of Bangladesh and the Liberation War was led in the name of Bangabandhu."

"History is history. One cannot change it by spreading propaganda," Kamrul said. He also strongly cautioned the Pakistan high commissioner that repeated breach of diplomatic norms by Pakistan would harm bilateral relations.

The Pakistan envoy was also told to bring the matter to the notice of the authorities concerned in Pakistan. While handing over the protest note, Kamrul told the high commissioner that it was an instant and purposeful abuse of the social media by the High Commission in Dhaka.

"Nothing can be farthest from the truth than claiming that the architect of Bangladesh's independence was the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman did not want Bangladesh's independence or that Bangladesh's independence was declared by him or by anyone other than the great leader himself."

"Any such misadventure from Pakistan or for that matter any quarters in Pakistan would threaten normal relations and foreign ministry press release read.

"The high commissioner was reminded that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic speech on March 7, 1971, when he declared Bangladesh's independence was the struggle for our freedom, the struggle in this time is the struggle for our independence. It bears testimony to his independence and Bangladesh's independence movement and the struggle for Bangladesh's long freedom movement culminated in the declaration of independence by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 26, 1971, and Pakistan's subsequent surrender at Dhaka on December 16, 1971."

Unesco yesterday included Bangladesh's March 7 speech in the World's Cultural and Natural Heritage International Register, a list of the world's important documentary heritage.

Veteran war-crimes researcher Shaukat Kabir said that he shared the video, the Pakistani high commissioner, specifically its high commissioner, has challenged the official position of Pakistan on the 7th of March.

SC LETTER TO ACC HC verdict any day on its legality

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The High Court is set to deliver a verdict any day on the rule that questioned the legality of a letter from the Supreme Court authorities to the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The letter had said it would not be appropriate for the ACC to take action against Justice Md Joyal Abedin, a former apex court judge who went into retirement on December 31, 2009.

The court began the hearing earlier in the day. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam appeared for the state, advocate Khurshid Alam Khan stood for the ACC, while barrister Moinul Hossain argued for Justice Joyal.

The HC also heard expert opinions from three amici curiae (friends of court) -- advocates Zaid Ahsan Uddin, Prof. M. Nazim and AM Aminuddin.

On October 9, the HC issued the rule asking the then SC registrar general, the then additional registrar, Justice Joyal and the ACC chairman to explain as to why the order should not be considered illegal.

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Bhutan is the best in the region at 75th position, followed by India, 100th, Nepal, 105th, Laos, 111th, the Maldives, 136th, and Pakistan, 147th.

Last year, in the WB ranking, Bhutan was placed at 73, followed by Nepal, 107, Sri Lanka, 110, India, 130, the Maldives, 135, and Pakistan, 144. This means they are among the South Asian countries with only India's ranking improved.

Bangladesh scored 40.99 out of 100 this time. Its score on 10 indicators was 40.84 last time. Zahid Hussain, lead economist at the WB, Dhaka office said, "Other countries showed much faster than Bangladesh and consequently our ranking slipped down a notch despite slight improvement in our distance to target (DTF) score."

The biggest fall in our Starting-a-Business indicator due to an increase in the registration cost before starting a business. There has been a significant improvement regarding dealing with construction permits, but this is not enough to offset the deterioration in starting a business.

We need to move much faster in implementing the reform action plan" being developed by Bangladesh Investment Development Authority through better interagency coordination and more intensive monitoring of reform efforts.

Bangladesh should address the issues, on which its ranking is close to the bottom like getting electricity, enforcing contracts and registering property, Zahid said.

Every year, the WB's Doing Business report sheds light on how easy or difficult it is for a local entrepreneur to open and run a small to medium-size business when complying with relevant regulations.

The report points out changes in regulations affecting the life cycle of a business: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and doing insolvency.

Bangladesh's grade registered major fall on -- starting a business, 131 from last year's 122, getting credit, 159 from 157 last year, protecting minority investors, 76 from 70, paying tax, 152 from last year's 151.

Scores on some other indicators -- registering property, enforcing contract, trading across borders -- remained same.

However, on some other indicators, Bangladesh's position improved like getting electricity.

The score on dealing with construction permits has gone up by a significant 8 percentage points this year. The top five countries on the list are New Zealand (score 86.55), Singapore (84.57), Denmark (84.06), Korea (83.92) and Hong Kong (83.44). The worst five performers are Somalia (19.98), Eritrea (22.87), Venezuela (30.87), South Sudan (32.76), Yemen (33).

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CPC confce begins today

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Association (CPA).

The CPC is the annual conference of the CPA, formed in 1911. The event would bring together parliamentarians, parliamentary staffers and decision makers from 26 members of the Commonwealth countries.

At present, 52 countries are members of the CPA. Although the conference will kick off today with the arrival of delegates, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is expected to be the patron of this year's CPC, will formally inaugurate the event on November 5 at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban's South Plaza.

Speaker Shrin Sharmin, chairperson of the CPA, will preside over the opening ceremony, while Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Mia will lead the Bangladesh delegation.

The speaker yesterday told reporters that Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali will brief the foreign delegates on the Rohingya issue on November 5 so that they could understand the issue better.

"Bangladesh wants the world community's support, and this message can be delivered at this briefing session," she said, adding that many foreign lawmakers also wanted to know about the issue. "That's why we are holding the briefing session."

The session will be held at Bangladesh International Convention Centre.

The theme of the 63rd conference is "continuing to enhance the high standards of performance of parliamentarians."

Before the conference's formal inauguration, small branches conference and meetings of steering committee, regional secretaries and different sub-committees of the CPA will be held at city's Radisson Blue Hotel.

There will be eight workshops on different global issues including climate change, poverty reduction, effective

parliament and sustainable development will be held at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre during the eight-day event.

Members of the CPA will elect their new chairperson for a three-year term in the conference, which will conclude with the adoption of a number of resolutions.

Over six lakh Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh following persecution by Myanmar security personnel in the country's Rakhine State since August.

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"I think it'll take a while for people and systems to get used to it," Lok K Ling, who tried to use two self-service machines before giving up and going to a manned counter, told AFP.

At the boarding gate, several travellers also had trouble getting used to the facial scanning technology and were redirected to manned counters.

Changi, often voted the world's best airport, is among hubs worldwide rolling out new technology as the flight intensifies for long-haul travellers.

Along with hubs such as Hong Kong and Dubai, Singapore is scrambling to attract the growing army of travellers -- on trips such as Australia to Europe -- who can choose the routing of their journeys.

A growing number of mainland Chinese are also visiting Southeast Asia, and there is competition between Singapore and other local hubs, such as Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur, to attract the new passengers.

BB rushes to approve it

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Anwarul Azim Arif, former vice-chancellor of Chittagong University, was made the SIBL chairman in place of Md Anwarul Haque.

Belal Ahmed, vice-chairman of NRB Global Bank, replaced Md Ansal Hoque as chairman of the new executive committee.

Arif and Ahmad will represent two sectors of SIBL's Alam Group in the SIBL board.

The two new SIBL directors the chief executive took charge yesterday morning.

Arif and Osman paid a courtesy call on BB Governor Fazle Kabir and Deputy Governor SM Moniruzzaman at the central bank headquarters in the afternoon.

Arastoo Khan, chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh, accompanied them.

When journalists approached central bank spokesperson Subhan Karim at the BB headquarters around 3:00pm, he said he would comment on the changes in the SIBL only after discussing the matter with the governor. He then entered the governor's room.

Around 10 minutes later, Subhankar came out and said he would speak to reporters on condition that none of them would ask any question.

He said the country's banks operate as separate entities; their mergers in their boards in line with the Company Act, and this issue does not fall under the jurisdiction of the BB.

He, however, said one has to take approval from the central bank for bringing the trust of director.

The BB gives NOC to a person if he or she is not a defaulter with any financial institution, said the BB spokesperson.

Explain

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owned a six-story building in Dhaka and 3.26 acres of land in Gazipur and Myensinging, said Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, ACC's public relations officer.

It is not possible for a third-class government to have such a fortune "through salary and legal means", Pranab said, adding that the wealth through "meter tampering."

The minister said the charges court in Rangamati sent contractor Mujibur Rahman to jail in connection with a graft case.

Patients suffer

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committee was probing the incident.

"It was totally an irrational programme which would damage the image of all the hospital employees," said a senior doctor on condition of anonymity.

"Assaulting doctors is not acceptable. Similarly, suspending treatment of patients for some reasons and pressing home some demands is not justifiable either," he added.

The hospital sources said 2,500 tickets are sold to patients, mostly on average, but the number came down to 552 yesterday.

With tickets in hand, some patients were seen walking around the hospital. Many expressed frustration about not getting tickets and treatment.

Khairun Nahar, aged about 70, along with her daughter, Sheelu rushed to the outpatient department around 10:00am, but the interns didn't provide treatment to her.

Hopeing that the protest would end soon, the two waited outside the department for about two and a half hours. At one stage, Khairun Nahar fell unconscious.

She was later taken to the emergency complex, witnesses said.

At the hospital, around 45, fell unconscious in front of the outpatient department around 1:30pm. However, some protesting interns came forward and gave her primary treatment.

PROTEST CONTINUES
Holding placards, some interns said they were continuing with the movement as it became difficult for them to

provide proper treatment to patients with lax security.

"We are giving service to people, but we have no security at our workplace. We can't save your life under security threat," said a trainee doctor on a loudspeaker at the sit-in.

"It is the doctors' duty to try to serve the patients. Doctors don't want to kill anyone as they have no enmity with patients. A patient might die during treatment. But why the doctors will be assaulted?" questioned another intern.

Yesterday's protest started around 2:00pm when the outpatient service at the hospital came to a close as usual.

Doctors launched the movement on Sunday, staying away from work at the emergency complex for three hours.

The hospital authorities filed a case with Shahbagh Police Station accusing four named and seven to eight unnamed people in connection with the assault on interns. Police on Monday arrested the protesters Iqbal Hossain, Taha, Riad Uddin, Maksud Ahmed and Fank Hossain, and sent them to jail through a Dhaka court.

Mosharraf Hossain Sijan, general secretary of the DMCH Interns Association, told The Daily Star that they were staging protests to press home their five-point demand.

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The International Advisory Committee (IAC) is responsible for recommending whether or not a document should be included in the Memory of the World International Register.

The IAC during its meeting on October 24-27 recommended the March 7 speech for inscription on the Memory of the World International Register.

Mueller

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manner in which he set out his case suggest his probe is sweeping, strategic and stepped in detail. And it's clear he's just getting started.

"The criminal justice system being vindicated here is there's a large-scale ongoing investigation of which this case is a small part," said Aaron Zelinsky of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The probe is a major effort, but hearing for former campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos that was suspended on Monday.

In fact, Mueller's medical portfolio has suggested that Trump or his staff has much to fear from Mueller, a foe who is far more consequential than his folding GOP primary rivals, a tainted Hillary Clinton or the "fake" media -- all of which has struggled to find answers to his unorthodox approach.

Bangabandhu's March 7 speech

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wage a decisive struggle against the Pakistani oppressors. The speech set the tone for the Liberation War that Bangladesh's struggle began later that month on March 26.

"Ebar sangram amader mukti sangram, ebar sangram swadhinar sangram (The struggle this time is a struggle for our freedom and this time is a struggle for independence)," Bangabandhu proclaimed in a thunderous voice at a mammoth rally at the Racecourse Maidan (now Suhrawardy Udyan) that day.

"Turn every house into a fortress, resist the enemy with everything you have... Having mastered the lesson of sacrifice, we shall give more blood. God will finish [us] off," he shall free the people of this land," Bangabandhu went on to proclaim.

The speech touched every Bangalee's heart across the then East Pakistan and Bangladesh, and mobilised the whole nation, excepting a few pro-Pakistani elements, to prepare for the Liberation War.

The world will now get to know more about the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and our glorious Liberation War," Foreign Minister Abul Hasan Mahmood All said in the press release.

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Cops let

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Nayanpur where she was raped again. Rahman tried to rape her but she managed to flee, the girl claimed.

She said police kept her at the police station for 24 hours on Monday morning to Tuesday morning in the name of medical tests. She claimed that police, influenced by the accused and his family, were dilly-dallying with the case.

About keeping her waiting, Sub-Inspector Zaki Hossen of Dhaka City Police Station said an initiative was taken to arrange a marriage between the girl and Rubel, but it did not materialise.

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