

JERUSALEM AS CAPITAL Dhaka expresses concern

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has expressed deep concern at the recent announcement by the United States recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and urged all to take pragmatic approach for peace and stability in the region.

"Bangladesh stresses on preserving the legal status of Jerusalem within the framework of relevant UN resolutions," said a foreign ministry statement yesterday.

Bangladesh reaffirms its position in favour of establishing the Palestine state on the basis of the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, it said.

Bangladesh urged all parties concerned to take a pragmatic approach to the Middle East peace process in reaching a two-state solution for peace and stability in the region.

A chorus of international leaders criticised the Trump administration's decision on Wednesday to officially recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, calling it a dangerous disruption that contravenes United Nations resolutions and could inflame one of the world's thorniest conflicts.



This truck ends up on a road divider on Dhaka-Aricha highway as the driver apparently was too busy talking on his mobile phone and failed to notice the divider. The driver and his helper sustained minor injuries, said witnesses. The duo fled the scene, leaving the vehicle. The photo was taken in Savar's Hemayetpur area around 6:00am yesterday.

Competency main focus

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The cabinet also thanked all those involved in the recent inclusion of traditional art of Shital Pati weaving of Sylhet in the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity, said Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiqul Alam, at a briefing at Secretariat.

He said a proposal was placed at the cabinet to rename "Park Road" at

Baridhara after Cambodia's late King Norodom Sihanouk.

During Hasina's visit to Cambodia, the two countries have decided to name "Park Road" in Dhaka's diplomatic zone after the Cambodia's late king and a road in Phnom Penh after the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The cabinet also approved the draft of the speech to be delivered by the

president in the next year's first parliament session.

The speech would highlight nine subjects, including the overall situation of the country and the macroeconomic scenario, various programmes for the ICT sector's development and steps taken for the country's socio-economic development, said the cabinet secretary.

Level playing field not created

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A level playing field for all the candidates is yet to be created. Election Commission is yet to create a conge-

nialed atmosphere for holding a free, fair and acceptable election."

Rizvi alleged that the ruling party people are trying to intimidate voters

and harass the BNP candidates.

He demanded deployment of army with magistracy power during Rangpur city polls.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sheikh Abdus Sattar, father of The Daily Star photo-journalist Sheikh



Nasir, passed away at Khulna Medical College Hospital last night. He was 80.

Hailing from Ichakhali village of Gopalganj, Sheikh Abdus Sattar was a resident of Jabdipur of Khan Jahan Ali in Khulna.

He left behind four sons and a daughter.

He will be buried in Khulna after his namaz-e-janaza today after the Juma prayers.

Worker burnt in Ctg factory gas cylinder blast

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A worker sustained critical burn injuries after a gas cylinder blasted in a local mosquito coil factory in Chittagong city's Bakalia area last night.

The injured - Md Humayun, 25, son of Abul Mazen, of Hatibandha under Lalmonirhat - was admitted to the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), said Abdul Hamid of CMCH Police Outpost.

Quoting an attendant of the victim, Nayek Hamid said the gas cylinder exploded in Ananda Coil Factory in Kalamia Bazar area while he was working there.

HC upholds death

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others are absconding.

The HC bench of Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha and Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam delivered the verdict after hearing the death reference of the case and the appeals filed by Habibur and Babu challenging the trial court verdict.

Assistant Attorney General Bashir Ahmed told The Daily Star that the HC affirmed the conviction and sentences of the accused as the allegations brought against them of their involvement in killing Momin have been proved beyond reasonable doubt.

On July 20, 2011, the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4, Dhaka, had sentenced then OC Rafiqul, Shakhawat and Tareq to death and life imprisonment to six others in the murder case.

Advocate Yusuf Hossain Humayun, Advocate Sheikh Baharul Islam, Advocate Touhidur Rahman and state appointed lawyer Shafiqur Rahman appeared for the convicts.

ACC chief frustrated over

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Iqbal said the ACC will form a surveillance team to closely monitor activities of the government and NGOs. On the basis of its report, corruptors will be brought to book, he added.

ACC Commissioner AFM Aminul Islam and GIZ consultant Richards Miles also spoke.

Nine parties

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and some other political parties did not give any reply to the commission.

According to EC roadmap, EC has responsibility to check whether the registered political parties have been operating in the light of registration conditions.

The registration process started in 2008 and 42 parties have registered so far. However, registration of Freedom Party was scrapped in 2009 and Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami's registration became illegal in a court verdict in 2013.

OBITUARY

F H M Nazrul Islam, M/N-1025, an Honourable Member of Cadet College Club Ltd and an Ex-cadet of Mirzapur Cadet College breathed his last on 06 December 2017 (Inna.....Rajeun). He was 65. He was Director, Opex Group. He left behind his wife, two daughters to mourn his death. May his departed soul rest in eternal peace. AMEEN.

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Boost diplomatic efforts

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department of Dhaka University said rivalry between big countries like China and India has to be taken into consideration as their interest in the region is determinant to resolving the crisis.

Dominance of geo-economics, political economy and connectivity have to be understood as India has strongly supported Myanmar over Rohingya crisis bringing to the fore the terrorism issue, while China has its "Belt and Road" initiative in the region, said Prof Delwar.

"There is a kind of Myanmar-centrism in regional politics which made them strong," he added.

Brig Gen (retd) Shafat Ahmed, a researcher on Myanmar issues, said the Southeastern country has been showing an indifferent attitude towards Bangladesh while diplomacy with taking help of friendly countries will be required to soften the relationship.

He stressed the need for taking a long-term plan to deal with the Rohingya crisis.

Prof Laifur Yasmin, teacher of IR department of DU, said although locals warmly welcomed the Rohingyas, the former is now facing different problems to host them.

Gonoshasthya Kendra founder Dr Zafullah Chowdhury said Bangladesh has failed and become friendless in the diplomatic process of resolving the Rohingya crisis.

Chairing and moderating the symposium, Prof Akmal Hussain, former chairman of IR department of DU, said Bangladesh has failed to make its long-term allies like India and China and regional countries Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka, understand the issue.

Questions should be raised about Bangladesh's diplomacy and its effectiveness, he said.

Court asks OC

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magistrates and police were "false and fabricated", said the investigation report.

The couple should be sued for their "misleading and false statement", said the investigation officer Mahbul Haque.

On July 3, Farida Akter filed a case with the police station alleging that her husband Farhad Mazhar was abducted and the abductors demanded Tk 35 lakh for his release.

But it was "a lie" and it was "false, fabricated and concocted", the IO added.

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