

PM visits Mohiuddin Chy's residence

UNB, Ctg

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited the residence of late Awami League leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in Chittagong city and consoled his family members.

When the motorcade of Sheikh Hasina reached Mohiuddin Chowdhury's Chashma Hill residence in Sholoshahar area around 4:00pm, Mohiuddin's wife Hasina Mohiuddin, also Chittagong Mohila League President, his two sons AL central organising secretary Mahibul Hasan Nawfel and Borhanul Hasan Chowdhury Salehin received her.

During her 40-minute stay, the prime minister announced that she would give Tk 5 lakh to each of the 10 families who have lost their loved ones in a stampede during the qulkuil of Mohiuddin at Rima Convention Centre at Askar Dighirpar in the city on December 18.

She handed over the cheques for financial assistance to the victim family members. The prime minister also embraced and consoled them there.

Mohiuddin, former Chittagong City Corporation mayor and city Awami League president, died on December 15 at the age of 73.

DMP boosts

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The law enforcement agencies will make block-raids, set up check-posts and keep strict vigilance on big installations, including the city hotels, he added.

Uninterrupted electricity supply would be ensured in the church areas, he said, adding that no hawkers would be allowed in the church areas.

Members of the police force would be deployed at important places across the capital, he added.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her visit to the residence of deceased Awami League leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in Chittagong city yesterday.

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Coordination can curb crimes

Say MPs at meeting about roles of law enforcement agencies in border areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawmakers of constituencies across the country's border yesterday stressed the need for more coordination among the border force and different law enforcement and intelligence agencies to prevent smuggling and crimes at the border.

Many of them urged the government to strengthen Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) by recruiting additional manpower, setting up more border outposts, and ensuring smooth transport system in bordering areas for effective patrolling.

The lawmakers were exchanging views at a programme held at BGB headquarters in the capital to find a way out to solve the problems like drug and arms smuggling and border killings.

Thirty-three lawmakers participated in the programme with Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal in the chair.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, two secretaries at the home ministry, chiefs of police, Rab,

Coast Guard, special branch of police, Department of Narcotics Control, and top officials of BGB and home ministry also took part in the programme.

The lawmakers also asked for an updated law to deal with drug related crimes, said a number of participants.

After the meeting, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal briefed the media.

Replying to a query, he said the authorities concerned will take steps in line with the suggestions, including strengthening coordination among BGB, Rab, police and other forces at the border.

The home boss said a time-befitting and updated act for narcotics control is on the card.

When a journalist drew his attention about alleged involvement of some BGB men and ruling party men including a lawmaker in yaba smuggling, the minister said no one is above the law.

"We are taking action upon receiving complaints," he said.

Many participants spoke about the yaba smuggling through Cox's Bazar's Teknaf upazila -- an area that falls under the constituency of lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodhi, a number of lawmakers told this daily.

Bodi, who also spoke in the meeting, said the deep sea, not Teknaf, is being used to smuggle yaba into the country.

"Since Teknaf has earned a bad name [for smuggling], I propose deploying additional members of the forces to stop it," he told The Daily Star after the programme.

The Daily Star also contacted a number of lawmakers, who were present at the meeting, over the phone.

Nobi Newaz, lawmaker from Jhenaidah-3, said many BGB men are detaining cattle traders on suspicion that they were trying to intrude into India. This practice is actually creating panic and fear among the local people, he said.

Even cows are being taken away from their houses suspecting that

those were smuggled from India, he said, adding, "I demand an effective policy to deal with such issues."

Golam Rabbani, lawmaker of Chapainawabganj-1 [Shibganj], demanded effective roles of BGB and the law enforcement agencies to prevent arms smuggling ahead of the next general election.

Apart from other proposals, Shirin Akter from Feni-1, stressed on awareness-raising programmes among people in bordering areas to control drugsmuggling and other crimes.

MP Shibli Sadiq of Dinajpur-6 constituency said he proposed a rehabilitation programme for people in the bordering areas who are involved in smuggling and crimes.

In the programme, the lawmakers expressed gratitude to BGB, Coast Guard, Rab, police and other agencies for their heartiest effort to deal with the Rohingyas who had recently taken shelter in Bangladesh fleeing persecution in Myanmar.



Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith hands over scholarship papers to a recipient. Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) at a ceremony in the capital's Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium of Mirpur yesterday awarded scholarships to 3,019 meritorious and insolvent undergraduate students. From right, DBBL Chairman Sayem Ahmed; Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq; Bangladesh Bank Governor Fazle Kabir and DBBL Managing Director Abul Kashem Md Shirin.

DBBL awards scholarships to 3,019 students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) yesterday at a programme awarded scholarships to 3,019 meritorious and underprivileged students, who passed HSC or equivalent exams in 2017, and are studying at graduate level.

The bank organised the event at Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in the capital's Mirpur.

Congratulating the students, Finance Minister AMA Muhith, the chief guest at the ceremony, advised them to acquire knowledge so that they can serve the nation.

Law Minister Anisul Huq urged the parents to let their daughters complete higher education. He asked the private organisations such as DBBL to contribute more in the education sector.

Tanzila Akhter, a first-time scholarship recipient, said, "When I got selected for Buet, I was both happy and sad since I did not know how to manage the admission fee. DBBL scholarship has helped me continue my education."

Bibi Kulsum Lipi, a second-time scholarship recipient, said, "The DBBL scholarship helped me pursue my dream of higher education."

Sayem Ahmed, chairman of board of trustees, DBBL, said there is no alternative to education. DBBL tries to provide education for those who are meritorious and in need of financial aid.

Since 1997, a total of 50,679 students at higher secondary and graduation levels have received scholarships under the programme. Of them, 21,187 students are receiving the scholarships at present, according to the organisers.

It is designed to promote prevention and active rejection of child marriage as a personal responsibility and focuses on positive actions and promotes collective movement for larger social change, the release said.

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Road crashes kill 4

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed in road accidents in the country in last two days.

Our Narayanganj correspondent reports, Rahela Begum, 65, of village Arial in Tangbari upazila of Munsiganj, died when a Dhaka-bound car ran her over while she was crossing Dhaka-Narayanganj link road in Chadmari Fatulla area of Narayanganj yesterday afternoon.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, two persons were killed in separate road accidents in Naogaon on Saturday evening.

Nabir Uddin, 70, of Karaidanga village in Naogaon Sadar upazila, was killed when a tractor lorry hit him on Joypurhat-Dhamoirhat road at Piraldanga village.

Rabbi Mia, 23, son of Moslem Uddin of village Zagatsingpur in Dhamoirhat upazila, died on the spot when a lorry hit him on the same road in the village.

Our Chaitapinawabganj correspondent reports, Sajeman Ali, 60, of Sat Roshia village in Shibganj upazila, died when a tractor hit his bicycle at Dadonchak while he was crossing a road yesterday.

Police seized the tractor.

AG gets death threat again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam once again got a death threat yesterday.

He said he received five letters sent by some unknown persons. The letters, which had the same handwriting and contained almost similar message, reached his office in the afternoon, he said.

Deputy Attorney General Bishwajit Debnath said the letters threatened him with grenade attack.

The letters also said he will be killed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will not be able to protect him.

A general diary has been filed with Shahbagh Police Station in this connection, Mahbubey Alam informed The Daily Star.

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Campaign against child marriage gets global recognition

CITY DESK

Two Public Service Announcements (PSA) have recently received the Accolade Global Film Competition award.

The two awarded PSAs were honoured in the categories of Public Service Announcement and Contemporary Issues/Awareness Raising, according to a press release.

With the slogan "Raise the beat to end child marriage", the "Dhol" campaign was launched in 2017 by the Bangladesh Ministry of Women and Children Affairs and Ministry of Information, Unicef, UNFPA and other partners.

The campaign declares child marriage as unacceptable and highlights that everyone has a role to play to stop such practice.

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SNAPS & snippets

Khulna AFC heart instt performs angioplasty on 106-yr-old woman

CITY DESK

AFC Health Fortis Heart Institute in Khulna performed primary angioplasty on an elderly woman to re-establish blood circulation to her heart.

Then Primary PCI procedure was done with support of Temporary Pacemaker. The patient was discharged from the hospital in good condition and is doing well, says a press release.

Dr SM Mamun Iqbal said, "As far as I know, there is no reported case in medical history which says this procedure was performed on such an elderly patient. We can say it's a success for our country."

The 106-year-old woman from Bagerhat was moved to AFC Health Fortis in Khulna after a heart attack. When her heart beat was found to be irregular, she was rushed to Cath Lab where after an emergency angiogram, the PCI procedure was conducted.

Green University signs MoU with Binary University, Malaysia

CITY DESK

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Green University of Bangladesh (GUB) and Binary University, Malaysia, to create and enhance the academic relationship between the two universities.

The MoU will cover some important areas like research and development, student as well as faculty and staff exchange programmes and scholarship programmes.

The MoU was signed by Serajum Munira, director of Green University Centers, and Tan Sri Dato Professor Joseph Adaikalam, executive chairman of Binary University, on Wednesday.

Prof Golam Samdani Fakir, vice chancellor of GUB, convened the ceremony while Associate Professor Asif, dean of Binary Graduate School, gave a presentation.



Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Hiroyasu Izumi, 4th from right, at a ceremony to hand over around US \$60,000 worth of audio-visual equipment for educational exhibition to Bangladesh National Zoo yesterday. Kazi Wasi Uddin, additional secretary of fisheries and livestock ministry; Dr Ainul Haque, director general of Department of Livestock Services; and Dr SM Nazrul Islam, curator of Bangladesh National Zoo, were also present at the ceremony.

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International Tender Notice

International sealed tenders are hereby invited from renowned foreign manufactures or their local agents/suppliers for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of the following equipments and providing relevant training to the operating personnel of Bangladesh Film Censor Board. The details are as follows:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Information
2	Agency	Bangladesh Film Censor Board
3	Procuring entity name	Vice Chairman, Bangladesh Film Censor Board
4	Procuring entity code & district	3371, Dhaka
5	Invitation of Tender for	Goods (01 No. Digital Cinema Projector with Necessary Accessories).
6	Invitation Ref. No. & date	No. 15.59.0000.005.07.003.17-1485, Date: 20.12.2017
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
9	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
10	Tender package No.	GD-01 (2017-18).
11	Tender package name	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of a (01 No.) Digital Cinema Package on Turnkey Basis and Providing Training including factory visit/ pre-shipment inspection.
12	Tender publication date	26.12.2017 (on or before).
13	Tender last selling date	14.02.2018, 15:00 hours (BST).
14	Tender submission date and time	15.02.2018, 15:00 hours (BST).
15	Tender opening date and time	15.02.2018, 15:30 hours (BST).
16	Name and address of the office	Bangladesh Film Censor Board, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-9), 37/3/A, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
	Selling tender document	Accounts Section, Bangladesh Film Censor Board, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-9), 37/3/A, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
	Receiving tender document	Bangladesh Film Censor Board, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-9), 37/3/A, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
	Opening tender document	Board Meeting Room, Bangladesh Film Censor Board, Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level-9), 37/3/A, Eskaton Garden Road, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
17	Place, date, time of pre-tender meeting	Board Meeting Room, Bangladesh Film