

Celebrate Durga Puja without fear

Says home minister

UNB, Dhaka

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said members of law enforcement agencies are destroying militant dens one after another as people of the country do not offer them shelter.

The minister said this after visiting Ramna Kali Mandir puja mandap in Dhaka, on the occasion of the ongoing Durga Puja.

He said there is no safe shelter for militants in the country. Their latest den in Narsingdi was also demolished with two female militants surrendering to police.

Encouraging the Hindu community to celebrate puja without any fear, he said, "You have nothing to fear as people and the administration are beside you."

Senior police officials and leaders of the Hindu community were also present.

Akhtar Hossen

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authorities to stop such incidents in future.

He told this newspaper that he was driven by his conscience to start the hunger strike.

"Such question leaks deprive the deserving candidates, which is unfair," he said. He will end his strike only when the authorities assure him of conducting the admission test afresh, he added.

Leaders of quota reform movement expressed their solidarity with Akhtar and threatened to launch tougher agitations, if the university authorities do not hold fresh admission tests to the unit.

No one from the university authorities met Akhtar, as of filing this report till 7:00pm yesterday.

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Demanding repeal of sections that suppress freedom of speech under the Digital Security Act, members of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists yesterday stage a sit-in in front of Jatiya Press Club.

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'Ghost cases' reflect falling professional standards of police: TIB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday said the filing of "ghost cases" accusing the dead and those living abroad indicates police's inefficiency and negligence in duty.

Expressing deep concerns over the cases, it urged law enforcers to refrain from such "suicidal activities".

Citing newspaper reports on the "ghost cases", TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said these activities by a section of police is a worrying example of a fall in their professional standards.

"This is nothing new that a section of the law enforcement agency gets influenced due to direct or indirect pressure or instructions. For a long time, it has largely become our political culture to use police and other government agencies for political purpose. Yet, the responsibility of implicating persons, who have no connections to the events, in cases can't be blamed on political influence only," he said in a statement.

"Even though police have been forced to

act upon political influence, it is the responsibility of the force to explain to the people why the dead and persons absent in the country or at the place of occurrence were made accused in the cases."

Dr Iftekharuzzaman said, "On one hand, the use of political influence on law enforcers is an impediment to rule of law; on the other hand, we are very concerned because people will lose confidence in law enforcement agencies and rule of law if inefficiency and professional weakness continue to remain in the police force."

The graft watchdog urged political leaders to help all government organisations including law enforcement agencies br free from influence.

Recently, police have filed numerous cases against BNP-Jamaat men across the country, many of the accused being deceased and paralysed persons.

Against the backdrop, the inspector general of police (IGP) has directed the "unit commanders" to scrutinise why such people were made accused in cases filed for planning subversive activities.

Conspirators' dreams won't come true: Hanif

BSS, Kushtia

Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbub-ul-Alam Hanif yesterday said the dream of those plotting to foil the forthcoming parliamentary elections would never come true.

"Some people are hatching conspiracies centring the upcoming national election to foil it... But their dream would never come true. People will resist all types of conspiracies with an iron hand," he told journalists before attending a meeting of his party activists at his residence in Kushtia.

Awami League's Kushtia town unit General Secretary Ataur Rahman Ata, district unit General Secretary Faruquzzaman and Organising Secretary Sheikh Hasan Mehedi, among others, were present.

Hanif urged party leaders and activists to remain alert against all types of conspiracies over the polls.

BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK ACC quizzes 5 officials over loan scam

UNB, Dhaka

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday quizzed five Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDBL) officials allegedly for giving Tk 50 crore loan to ineligible individuals and obscure companies.

On October 7, a notice was sent 10 BDBL officials for interrogation at ACC office yesterday in first phase, and again tomorrow, said ACC spokesperson Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

The 10 officials include two deputy managing directors, three senior officers, three former general managers and other officers, he added.

As part of the investigation, general managers Nazmul Bari, Khalilur Rahman Chowdhury, ASM Ziaul Haque; adviser Khondaker Mahmudul Hasan and deputy general manager Solaiman Ali were quizzed yesterday.

Earlier, Dr Zillur Rahman, former managing director of BDBL, also faced similar allegations. Then ACC decided to investigate the allegations against him after initial scrutiny in February.

ACC Assistant Director Gulshan Anwar Prodhon is investigating the loan scam and summoned the 10 officials.

The names of the companies in question are MM Vegetables, Dhaka Trading House, Tatka Agro Industry Limited and AHZ Agro Industries Private Limited.

Teachers have

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sociology department, also criticised the role of teachers' bodies of different universities, saying they are only concerned about their personal interests.

Among others, Prof Kamrul of Physics, Md Azam of Bangla, and associate professor Rushad Faridi of Economics departments of Dhaka University; Prof Al Rajee and Manansh Chowdhury of Jahangirnagar University; and Prof Nasir Uddin Ahmed of Jagannath University also spoke at the occasion.

Two more

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On the day of the fire, Azizul Haque, 27, a worker at a poultry feed factory and younger brother of Anjuara, and his wife Muslima Aktar, 20, died at DMCH.

Fire officials suspect that the blast and the fire occurred due to a gas leak in the kitchen.

Meanwhile, Lalon Khan Limon, a cousin of Anjuara, said the treatment is expensive in the burn unit, and it is difficult for the families to afford the cost. Now the relatives are giving support, but it will not be possible for them to continue the treatment this way, he added.

Sheikh Russel's anniversary of birth today

BSS, Dhaka

The 54th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will be observed today.

On this day in 1964, Russel, also the youngest brother of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was born in the historic Bangabandhu Bhaban at the capital's Dhanmondi.

Russel was brutally assassinated on August 15 in 1975 along with most of his family members, including his father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, when he was a class IV student of University Laboratory School.

Different socio-cultural organisations including associate bodies of the ruling Awami League have taken various programmes to observe the birthday of Sheikh Russel.

To mark the day, Awami League will place floral wreaths at 8:00am today at the graves of all martyrs including Russel who had been killed on the fateful night of August 15 in 1975.

Besides, recitation of fateha, milad and doa mahfil will also be held by party members.

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has requested party leaders, activists, well-wishers, supporters and people from all spheres of life to observe the birthday of Sheikh Russel in a befitting manner.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed vendors for supply of 5250 units of TAB for the Organization.

The tender schedule for 5250 units of TAB can be collected from the HR Division (8th Floor), ASA Central office (23/3, Bir Uttam, A.N.M. Nuruzzaman Sarak, Shyamoli, Dhaka-1207) from 10:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M. on all working days from 17th October 2018 to 22nd October 2018. The bids can be dropped into tender box at HR Division (8th Floor), ASA Central office (23/3, Bir Uttam, A.N.M. Nuruzzaman Sarak, Shyamoli, Dhaka-1207) up to 3:00 P.M. on 31st October 2018. The tender box will be opened at 3:15 P.M. on the same day in presence of the bidders if any.

The ASA authority reserves the right to accept, reject and cancel any or all tenders in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Authority, ASA

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United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Bangladesh is seeking applications to fill the following Fixed Term positions:

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- Programme Analyst, SRHR (Government and Field Liaison)-NOA-** <https://www.unfpa.org/jobs/national-post-programme-analyst-srhr-government-and-field-liaison-dhaka-bangladesh-noa>
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- Programme Assistant (Humanitarian), Dhaka, Bangladesh, G-5** - <https://www.unfpa.org/jobs/national-post-programme-assistant-humanitarian-dhaka-bangladesh-g-5>
- Finance Assistant, Dhaka, Bangladesh, G-5-** <https://www.unfpa.org/jobs/national-post-finance-assistant-dhaka-bangladesh-g-5>
- Driver, Dhaka, Bangladesh, G-2 (5 positions)-** <https://www.unfpa.org/jobs/national-post-driver-dhaka-bangladesh-g-2-5-positions>
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How to Apply:

For Details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, Please visit the links mentioned against the job title. Application should be received no later than **17:00 hrs, 29 October 2018 (Dhaka Time)**

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Look after senior citizens: Speakers

1 in 5 will be an elderly person by 2050

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should take special measures to ensure rights and dignity of senior citizens, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

Currently, elderly people account for around eight percent of the country's population. The number is expected to increase sharply and reach around 20 percent by 2050, they said, citing various statistics.

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) organised the seminar titled, "Protecting the rights of the older people: Intergenerational coordination", at a Dhaka hotel, supported by Human Rights Programme of UNDP Bangladesh.

NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said there is a rise in the average lifespan and by 2050, one in five persons in the country will be a senior citizen. Special measures coupled with social awareness and government policies are crucial to ensure their welfare, he said.

In addition, the country can utilise their experience and expertise, rather than making them feel isolated or discriminated, he added.

Speaking as chief guest, Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation, said people from all generations will have to join hands in ensuring their (the elderly) overall welfare.

Rabeya Sultana, country director of HelpAge International, said, "We have a good number of elderly population, who are 60-70 years old, and are still capable of working and contributing towards the economy."

But society considers them a burden, she said, adding that the rights of senior citizens should be included in curriculum.

Eminent author Selina Hossain said it has to be made sure that the elderly do not feel isolated or neglected. Also, like other countries, old homes here should provide them with various indoor and outdoor facilities, which would help them remain active.

Sudipto Mukherjee, country director of UNDP, Bangladesh, and Asa Britta Torkelsson, country director of UNFPA, also spoke at the seminar.

ZIA CHARITABLE GRAFT CASE Khaleda won't get justice, fears Nazrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP senior leader Nazrul Islam Khan yesterday voiced doubts that the party's Chairperson Khaleda Zia will not get justice in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case, as the verdict was written "before completion of the trial process".

"Khaleda Zia has been in jail in a fabricated case. The verdict in another case will be given on October 29. Why will it be pronounced on October 29 since the judgement was written long ago?" he said.

Speaking at a discussion, the BNP leader said the judge who acquitted Tarique Rahman had said he was given a written verdict, while former chief justice SK Sinha narrated how pressure was created on him to change his verdict. "After knowing these things, it's a kind of stupidity to expect justice."

Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB) arranged the programme at Jatiya Press Club, marking the 11th death anniversary of its former president Prof MA Hadi.

ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN Vacancy Announcement

The Asian University for Women (AUW) is an independent international institution of higher learning for women from across Asia, currently looking for suitable candidates for the following positions:

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