



"MY HOME IS AS GREAT AS THE PADMA BRIDGE TO ME"

Whether for your home or the Pillars of Padma Bridge
We forge steels with the same expertise

COUNTRY'S NO. 1 STEEL EXPERT

BSRM
building a safer nation



MATARBARI POWER PLANT
Cox's Bazar

PROUD CONSTRUCTION PARTNER

SHAH CEMENT

SOLVING ROHINGYA CRISIS

BNP calls for national unity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday reiterated its call for forging national unity among the political parties and civil society members to resolve the Rohingya crisis and ensure the refugees' repatriation to Myanmar.

Placing a 10-point recommendation, the party alleged that the government had failed on the diplomatic front.

"We all know that the government has no moral stance as it is unelected. So to fill up the moral gap, the government has to unite all the political parties, civil society members and other stakeholders to mount pressure on the Myanmar government to take back the Rohingyas," Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, the party's secretary general, said.

The BNP leader also urged the United Nations, international organisations and the global community to come forward to resolve the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Fakhru's comments came at a seminar titled "Plight of the Rohingya and role of Bangladesh", which was organised by the party at a city hotel.

Delegates from embassies or high commissions of the United States, United Kingdom, China, India, Canada, France, Australia, Japan, Pakistan, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and some other countries also joined the seminar. None of them, however, made any statement.

BNP's standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury presented the keynote paper where he placed the 10-point recommendations. He discussed the context of the Rohingya exodus, former UN secretary general Kofi Anan's report on the matter and his solutions for it.

SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



Workers unloading new textbooks from a truck in front of a secondary school in Sylhet's Dakkhin Surma upazila yesterday afternoon. The National Curriculum and Textbook Board has been dispatching the textbooks to make sure that every school student gets a new set of books on the first day of next year.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Court bins case against Star reporter

STAR REPORT

Finding no cogent ground, a Bandarban court on Tuesday summarily dismissed a case filed under the Digital Security Act against The Daily Star correspondent in the district.

The case was filed against Sanjoy Kumar Barua for using the word indigenous in a report published on July 28.

"The Bangladesh government discouraged the use of the word *adivasi*. But it didn't discourage using indigenous, and its meaning is not *adivasi* in Bangla," Senior Judicial Magistrate Mohammad Hasan said in his order.

Therefore, it is not evident that the accused committed any offence by using the word indigenous in his report, the order added.

In his complaint, Mohammad Ibrahim alleged that Sanjoy's report -- three indigenous villages face land grabbing -- destroyed peace in the Chattogram Hill Tracts.

The court observed that

SEE PAGE 10 COL 3



Anwarul Islam to be next cabinet secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior Secretary to Bridges Division Khandker Anwarul Islam is going to be the next cabinet secretary, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told reporters yesterday.

He will replace Mohammad Shafiqul Alam, who will be appointed as alternative executive director of the World Bank as Muhammad Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan's tenure in the WB ends in October.

The new appointments will be effective from November 1, Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiqul Alam told

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

REVOKING KASHMIR AUTONOMY

Indian SC to hear petitions against govt action

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court said yesterday it will hear challenges in October to a government order revoking the autonomy of contested Kashmir, and it allowed an opposition politician to visit the region that has been under lockdown for weeks.

India stripped the Muslim-majority region claimed by both India and Pakistan of its special status this month, and also divided Jammu and Kashmir state into two, to the fury of many of its residents.

More than a dozen petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court questioning the legality of the action, which the government said was aimed at developing the region at the heart of animosity with Pakistan for decades.

A panel of judges headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi yesterday said the court would hear the petitions starting in the first week of October.

"How the court decides these cases will have a deep bearing on the destiny of democracy in India," Suhrith Parthasarathy, a Chennai-based lawyer, said in an article for the Hindu newspaper.

The court also ordered the federal government to submit a response within seven days to a plea by Anuradha Bhasin, the editor of the daily Kashmir Times, who has sought a relaxation of a government ban on telephone and internet services in Kashmir since August 5.

Some landline telephone connections were restored last week. The government has said the restrictions were necessary to maintain law

SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

BLOCKING MOSQUITO BITES

Graphene-lined clothes show hope



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Clothes lined with graphene could stop mosquito bites and help prevent the spread of deadly diseases such as malaria, new research suggests.

Since its discovery in 2004, graphene has been touted to improve everything from water filtration to solar cells. This is made possible by the remarkable properties of the one-atom thick material, which is 200-times stronger than steel, more conductive than copper and as flexible as rubber.

Now, scientists say the super thin material blocks chemical signals in sweat that encourage the blood-sucking insects to bite. Tests also showed that the material is

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

RIFAT MURDER

Statements of IO, SP don't match

HC observes regarding Minni's involvement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that a statement from Barguna SP on Minni's involvement in her husband's murder does not sufficiently corroborate the case docket (CD) of the investigation officer.

"She [Minni] may or may not be involved in the incident, but we are not finding sufficient corroboration between the statement given by the SP at a press conference and the statement recorded by the IO in the CD," the court said.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman made the observation while hearing a petition filed by Aysha Siddika Minni seeking bail in the Rifat Sharif murder case.

After concluding the hearing, the HC bench fixed today for delivering the verdict on the petition.

Speaking at a press conference in his office on July 18, SP Maruf Hossain said they arrested Minni as they found her link with the murder.

The court did not disclose the statement recorded in the CD.

During yesterday's hearing, Deputy Attorney General Sarwar Hossain Bappi replied to the HC observation, claiming that the SP did not talk about Minni's involvement at the first place. The SP replied to queries from journalists (at the press conference), he said.

SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



Shafiqul made new DMP commissioner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Additional Inspector General Md Shafiqul Islam has been appointed as the new commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The appointment ended

SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 29

| | Fajr | Zohr | Asr | Maghrib | Esha |
|--------|------|-------|------|---------|------|
| AZAN | 4:30 | 12:45 | 4:45 | 6:33 | 8:00 |
| JAMAAT | 5:05 | 1:15 | 5:00 | 6:36 | 8:30 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



SHOULDERING RESPONSIBILITY

Strengthening generations, preparing them to strengthen and support decades on end. Laying the foundation of a prosperous Bangladesh.

BASHUNDHARA CEMENT
BONDING GENERATIONS

5700 PSI

www.bashundharacement.com
16339