



Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque was welcomed, among others, by Bangladeshi Deputy High Commissioner in Delhi Rokebul Haque, Assistant High Commissioner in Agartala Kirit Chakma, and officials from the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs in India's Tripura, at Agartala border zero point yesterday. The minister went there to join a programme, organised by the Tripura government.

Bangladesh to succeed in achieving SDGs by 2030

Hopes land minister

BSS, Dhaka

Land Minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury has expressed his optimism that Bangladesh will do well in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

"I am quite confident that we will do very well in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," he told a seminar at the Long Gallery of Northern Ireland Assembly building (Stormont) in Belfast on Thursday, said a press release yesterday.

Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh High Commission in London Muhammad Zulqar Nain was present at the event, among others.

Saifuzzaman said the present government has been working relentlessly to build a poverty-free, non-discriminatory and prosperous Bangladesh.

The seminar titled "Bangladesh: A Golden Journey to Development" was sponsored by Mairtin O Muilleoir MLA, Chris Lyttle MLA and Mike Nesbitt MLA of the Northern Ireland Assembly and

organised by Study Circle, a UK-based research organisation.

Former Supreme Court Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and International Affairs Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Dr Shammi Ahmed were present as speakers.

The event was chaired by Study Circle President Syed Mozammel Ali.

The speakers highlighted the development and progress of Bangladesh as one of the world's fastest growing economies.

They praised the recent development in Bangladesh and also suggested that the issues related to good governance, climate change, the role of women in politics,

Rohingya crisis should be addressed for ensuring sustainable economic growth.

Local political representatives, members of the Northern Ireland business community and charity and voluntary sectors, members of the local Bangladeshi community, academics, journalists and diplomats were present at the seminar and participated in the discussion.



DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES

Tk 2,690cr e-judiciary project on cards

BSS, Dhaka

The government, as part of its vision to establish a "Digital Bangladesh", is moving ahead with a plan to apply information and communication technology (ICT) in the judicial system to improve further the legal services.

"The ministry has undertaken an e-judiciary project involving Tk 2,690 crore to introduce digital system in judiciary, automate administrative system and trial process, establish e-courts and increase ICT knowledge and efficiency of the judges, lawyers and officials concerned," Law Minister Anisul Huq told the news agency yesterday.

He said the plan was approved by the project evaluation committee (PEC) on November 14, 2018. It is now waiting for final nod of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec).

Anisul expressed his ministry's firm stand to digitise the country's judicial system to serve people in a better way as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has recently instructed the officials concerned to set up virtual facilities in all

prisons across the country to stop movement of prisoners from jail to court.

"The virtual system would allow a judge to conduct court procedures through video conferencing, keeping the prisoners in jail," Planning Minister MA Mannan earlier quoted the prime minister as saying.

She gave the instruction while chairing a meeting of the Ecneec on September 3, held at NEC conference room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

According to the law ministry sources, main activities of the e-judiciary project include developing enterprise architecture for judicial services; developing enterprise resource planning (ERP) software; recording testimonies through videoconferencing and recording digital evidence; establishing virtual private network (VPN) for all the offices under judiciary; upgradation of data-centre of Law and Justice Division, and establishing a network operation centre.

"Under the project, data centre of the Supreme Court would be upgraded and

a network operation centre would be established," said law ministry spokesperson Dr Md Rezaul Karim.

"A total of 1,400 courtrooms across the country would be turned into e-courtrooms. Micro data centres will be established in 63 districts except Dhaka and an interconnection will be established between the data centres of Law and Justice Division and the Supreme Court," he added.

The law ministry official further said 2,000 tabs and laptops will be provided to judges, court record rooms will be automated, case records and verdicts will be preserved digitally, and a biometric attendance system will be established.

Also, a proposal will be placed to formulate new acts and amend the existing ones to establish the e-court room system under the project, he added.

To implement the project, 170 people will be appointed while officials and staff related to the judiciary will be given necessary training, added the official.

Three killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and another was injured in road accidents in two districts during the last two days, according to BSS.

In Gopalganj, a youth was killed and another injured as a pickup skidded off a road and plunged into a ditch in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased is Mithun Sarker, 28, from Bagerhat.

Bhanga Highway Police said the accident occurred on the Dhaka-Khulna Highway at Gopinathpur. The victims were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared Mithun dead.

In Sylhet, two motorcyclists were killed in separate incidents in the district on Thursday, reports our correspondent. The deceased are Kudrat Ullah, 40, of Companiganj; and Sharifur Rahman Kala Miah, 24, of Biswanath upazila.

Police said Kudrat Ullah was injured on Thursday evening on Sylhet-Bholaganj Bangabandhu road when a Sylhet-bound truck hit a motorcycle.

He was rushed to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead at midnight. Police seized the truck. Meanwhile, jeweller Sharifur Rahman was killed in another road accident in Biswanath.

Woman's body found in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman, aged around 25, from Bholanathpur area of Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj on Thursday.

Mahmudul Hassan, officer-in-charge of Rupganj Police Station, said after locals found the body in the bushes, they informed police, who then sent it to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the criminals strangled the girl to death on Wednesday night and left the body. More information will be revealed after the autopsy, the OC added.

40,000 tonnes of fertiliser

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coming days. The capacity of the warehouse is 13,000 tonnes. So, there's no extra space to store the fertilisers. Besides, warehouses on rent aren't available," he said.

Quamrul Ashraf Khan, owner of contractor firm Poton Traders Ltd, said, "The amount of fertiliser being imported is greater than the capacity of the warehouse." Meanwhile, Pankaj Kanti Majumder,

deputy director of Department of Agricultural Extension, said a huge quantity of fertiliser is needed in Khulna region.

"The imported fertilisers are kept covered in the open for lack of enough space in the warehouses in Khulna," he pointed out.

"The fertilisers may be damaged if kept under the sky. Those can remain in good condition if preserved in an airtight space," he added.

Fight with

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other student struck Majedul hard, leaving him unconscious, they added.

Nearby students called for the teachers, as none were present inside or near the classroom.

After witnessing the incident, the teachers called police, they added.

Majedul was taken to the local health complex where the on-duty physician declared him dead.

Police detained the other student the same day and he is currently under their custody, said Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP), Special Branch, Md Aminul Islam.

Majedul's body was sent to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy, the additional superintendent said.

Victim's father filed a case against the student on Thursday night, Aminul Islam added.

Salon employee beaten

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Rony at the salon.

An Ansar member providing security at Gazipur's Shaheed Taj Uddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital said around 12:30am that night, some people brought Rony to the hospital. Upon learning of Rony's death, they tried to flee. Ansar members at the hospital managed to catch Amin and Rimon, and handed them over to police. Law enforcers held their three colleagues the same night.

Rony's sister Jhorna Begum claimed that the arrestees beat up Rony inside the barbershop, leaving him critically injured.

Shaheed Taj Uddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital's resident medical officer Pranay Bushan Das said Rony was already dead when he was brought to the hospital. His body bore injury marks, the doctor said.

Citing an initial interrogation, Gazipur Metropolitan Police's acting Sadar OC Shamir Chandra Sutradhar said all the arrestees used to work with Rony at the salon.

Rony was allegedly harassing his colleague Laizu's sister-in-law, and this led to the beating, he said quoting arrestees.

No case was filed in this regard till filing this report at 8pm yesterday.



The road beside Karwan Bazar kitchen market is being used as an extension to the market and a parking lot, narrowing space for vehicular movement. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Man dies of dengue

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325 are in Dhaka and 468 outside.

The official number of deaths caused by dengue this year is 57, though the unofficial figure is well over twice of that.

The first outbreak of dengue was in 2000, when 93 people died and 5,551 patients were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

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class-character in Abul Mansur Ahmad's literature, b) Context and progressiveness of Abul Mansur Ahmad's journalism, and c) Politician Abul Mansur Ahmad's thoughts on state and today's Bangladesh.

In each category, first prize winners will receive Tk 10,000, a certificate and a crest each.

Second prize winners will get Tk 5,000, a certificate and a crest each, and third prize winners a set of Abul Mansur Ahmad's books, a certificate and a crest each.

Dengue warning

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gradually turning into an all-weather health hazard to the people of this country," the report said. "Even though the World Health Organization has referred to dengue as a major international public health concern, Bangladesh has done little in the way of preventive public health works to stave off the disease," it said.

The report said since there are no known cures for the disease, public works including well-organised solid waste disposal, improving water storage practices, regular insecticide deployment and effective public health education, are crucial.

"Dengue poses as much of an epidemiological challenge as it presents a challenge to good governance and public administration. An epidemic is largely a failure in public health administration. No country has been able to eliminate this dangerous disease. However, it is possible to keep it under control," the report said.

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