METROPOLÎTAN/NEWS Nation on verge of ruination

Hasina tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government has politicised all sectors including sports pushing the country on the verge of ruin-

"It is not fair to treat socio-cultural and sports organisations from political point of view. If any government does so, the country will not advance." said Hasina, also Awami League (AL) President, while speaking as chief guest at a discussion on the premises of Abahani Krira Chakra at Dhanmondi in the

Abahani Samarthak Goshthi, the fans' group of Abahani Club, organised the discussion marking the 57th birth anniversary of Sheikh Kamal, slain eldest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

The AL chief said Abahani, a

premier club of the country founded by her brother Kamal, has been victimised by previous governments including the ruling alliance after the assassination of Bangabandhu in

due to politicisation

"Since then they have been conspiring to destroy the club but its supporters have saved the club from all evil designs," she said.

Hasina handed over Sheikh Kamal Gold Medals and prize bonds worth Tk 5000 among five sportsmen and organisers Mohammad Rafiq, (Cricket), Arif Khan Joy (Football), Afzalur Rahman Sinha, late Zahidur Rahman Pushkin and Rezowan Mujib Siddique Boby.

Earlier she placed wreaths at the monument of Kamal on the Abahani premises and observed one-minute

The former prime minister called upon the youths not to follow the path of becoming rich through corruption like the 'Prime Minister's family members', rather

they should engage themselves in extra-curricular activities like sports and cultural activities to become worthy sons of the soil.

Refuting an allegation brought by the prime minister in parliament that Kamal was caught red-handed during a bank robbery, Hasina termed it as 'false' propaganda against him.

"If the son of a prime minister needs money, he does not need to loot a bank and the present prime minister's sons, who have made thousands of crore taka in illegal ways, are the appropriate examples," the AL chief said, adding if Kamal would have wanted he could be the owners of many industries like the sons of Khaleda.

"One of Kamal's associates Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku is now a minister in Khaleda's cabinet. So has she appointed a bank dacoit as her minister?" Hasina posed a auestion.

She said Kamal as the son of

President dedicated himself in building the newborn nation's sporting and cultural arenas.

"When I left Bangladesh for Germany in 1975 to see my husband there, Kamal requested me to bring some Adidas boots for his football team, and nothing else," said Hasina in an emotion-choked voice recalling her long attachment with her younger brother.

The AL president urged all including the fans of Abahani across the country to extend their helping hands and co-operation to gear up its activities.

Chaired by Abahani Director Sheikh Mohammad Jahangir Alam. the discussion was also addressed by its Chairman Salman F Rahman. Kazi Shahed Ahmed, Harunur Rashid, AHM Mostafa Kamal, Bazlul Haque Beg and AKM Muhituddin.

Mementoes donated to Liberation War Museum

DU CORRESPONDENT

Mementoes of liberation war were handed over to Liberation War Museum at a ceremony vesterday.

These included photographs magazines, leaflets, booklets, documents and weapons used by freedom fighters in the war.

Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) AK Khondokar received the mementoes from the donors.

Politician Dewan Farid Gazi donated photographs on the operations of freedom fighters and joint Bangladesh-India forces and mass graves at Shalutikor and Lalmati in Sylhet

Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon donated two photographs on observing February 21 in 1964 where among others Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were present.

Freedom fighter Mahbubur Rahman Selim also donated some photographs of freedom fighters during their training.

Another freedom fighter Habibur Rahman Sunny contributed a number of time pencils, detonators and electric fuse used by freedom fighters of Sector - 3. Noor Mohammad, a teacher

from Noakhali, donated some

magazines including Samacher (October 30, 1970), Sonar Bangla (August 27, 1971) and Muktijuddho (December 10, 1971). He also presented some leaflets

and booklets that were published during the turmoil period of 1954

After the donation ceremony, Liberation War Museum authorities gave crests to its new initiator members and establishment members for their contribution to the development of the museum.

Those who received crests are Buet teacher Prof Nizamuddin Ahmed, educationist Dr Siddiqur Rahman, Advocate Salauddin Abdullah, President of Dhaka Club Limited Selim Bhuiyan, Enamul Hoque and Zebun Nessa Shaker.

Jamuna Bank Limited received a crest as establishment member.

DFID provides IT equipment for Amader Gram project

The Department for International Development (DFID) of the British government has provided IT equipment for Amader Gram ICT4D Project for its e-village network programme, says a press release.

The equipment include server stations, computers, laptops, network accessories with modems, map and design plotter and laser printers

These equipment will be used by rural youths, aiming at building knowledge-based society at the grassroots level

It is expected that through this project 100 remote villages of Bangladesh will be covered by a sustainable model approach of Amader Gram Knowledge Centers where 300 youths, half of them are female, are to be self-employed.

ICT appliances in remote villages

Based in Bagerhat district, the Amader Gram ICT4D Project is serving the rural community with



Shikkhak Karmachari Samannay Parishad stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding 100 per cent salary from the government exchequer.

Be more accountable to strengthen democracy

Speakers urge politicians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar vesterday urged the politicians to be more accountable to strengthen democ-

They stressed the need for making parliament more effective to discuss various issues construc-

The seminar titled 'How are we under parliamentary democracy system' was organised by the Society for Bangladesh Development Strategy (BDSS) at the National Press Club in the city. Law Minister Moudud Ahmed

He said democracy in the country is yet to be matured. We should not expect much right now as our democracy is not matured yet and our economy is

attended the seminar as chief quest.

tient in this regard," he added. He however urged all to work together to achieve much more from a nascent democratic system

"Democracy is comparatively

marginal. We should not be impa-

stable now. But the politicians are not committed enough," said Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, former minister

He said under the existing democratic system people are suffering due to corruption and price hike of essentials Citing a Transparency

International Bangladesh (TIB) report former education minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam said there are 122 smugglers in the present parliament. 'The politicians need to purify

Major (Retd) M A Mannan, gen-

eral secretary of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, said the alliance government does not work for the welfare of people. "We are discussing the issue as

themselves," he commented.

people are not happy under this government," he said. Dr Asaduzzaman, chairman of

University Grants Commission (UGC), said democracy is meaningless when lawmakers fail to discuss important issues in parliament

"We hear only meaningless discussions in parliament," he alleged Anisul Haq, former president of

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said general people have no respect for politicians now

He said the tenure of a parliament should be reduced to four

Dr Hemayet Uddin presented a keynote paper at the discussion.

Dr Osman Gani, chairman of BDSS, conducted the seminar while Qazi Fazlur Rahman, former education secretary, chaired the session.

Syed Margub Morshed, former secretary, Sadeq Siddiqui, additional secretary general of Jatiya Party (Monju), Dr Giasuddin and Dr M A Mannan, presidium member of Bikalpadhara Bangladesh, also

Four killed in Noakhali road accidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least four people, including one child and one woman, were killed and 11 others injured in separate road accidents at Chatkhil and Begumganj in the district yesterday.

The dead were identified as: Sonia, 4, Rahima Akter, 35, Tipu, 19 and one unidentified transport worker.

The injured were admitted to Chatkhil Upazila Health Complex and Noakhali General Hospital sources said

Witnesses and police said the accident occurred when a threewheeler lost control and fell into a roadside ditch at Parcot Union of Chatkhil upazila, leaving Sonia, Rahima and Tipu dead on the spot and injured four others.

An unidentified man was killed and seven others were injured when a loaded truck skidded off the road and fell into a ditch at Banglabazar of Chowmuhoni-Lakshmipur road of

M A Khan's death anniversary today



Mahbub Ali Khan, former Staff and minisagriculture, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at "Mahbub Bhaban," House #40, Road #05, Dhanmondi R/A in the city at 7.15pm.

Relatives, friends, admirers and associates of MA Khan have been requested to attend the milad and pray for salvation of the departed

Rear Admiral M A Khan Memorial Committee, Sylhet and UK has chalked out various programmes, including milad mahfil, special prayers and distribution of foods among the poor on the Darga premises of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R). Seminar and discussions on his life and works and distribution of sweets at different orphanages will also be

arranged. Bangladesh Navy will arrange milad mahfils at its bases in Dhaka. Chittagong, Khulna, Kaptai and

Mongla. "SUROVI," a voluntary organisation, will also organise milad mahfils at its branches

Sontosh Gupta

Today is the second death anniversary of the eminent journalist and litterateur Sontosh Gupta, says a

Sontosh Gupta, former senior assistant editor of Dainik Sangbad. rhage on August 6 in 2004 at the age

On the occasion, Sontosh Gupta Smriti Parishad will offer wreaths at his memorial at Postogola crematorium in the city at 9:00am today.

Mahmuddunnabi Chowdhury



11th death anniversary of Mahmuddunnabi Chowdhurv. former president of Chittagong Chamber of

Today is the

Commerce (CCC), says a press

Mahmuddunnabi, father of former commerce minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, was elected member of parliament with Jukta Front ticket in 1954 from Double Mooring Sitakunda constituency and served as communication and relief & rehabilitation minister.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the Meher Group

Obituary

Aftab Uddin, a noted social worker and retired police officer, passed away due to old age complications at the Apollo Hospitals in the city on Friday at the age of 80, says a press

He was buried at the family graveyard in Moulvibazar

Qulkhwani



Khurshid Ahmed Khan. former executive vice-

residence at Confidence Tower, Apartment No-13/D, 5/Kha at Satmasjid Road in the city after Maghrib prayers tomorrow, says a

He passed away due to old age complications on August 4 at the age

been requested to attend the



Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Federation forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday to press their 11-

Alliance with war criminals condemned

JU CORRESPONDENT

Criticising alliance with war criminals or autocrats, Asaduzzaman Nur MP at a seminar yesterday said "Assuming power could be a target for politician. But it should not be achieved by making alliance with anyone and everyone."

Bangabandhur Adarsha O

Muktijudhyer Chetanay Bishwasi Progotisheel Shikkhak Samaj (BAMCBPSS), a platform of Pro-AL teachers at Jahangirnagar University (JU), organised the seminar titled "Bangabandhu and today's Bangladesh" at the seminar room of proposed Zahir Raihan Auditorium on the JU campus to mark the 31st death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

BAMCBPSS President Prof Amir Hossain Khan presided over the seminar while Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir presented a keynote paper in

Prof Abdul Bayes, former vice chancellor of JU, and Advisory committee member of Awami League Prof Sultana Shafi also spoke on the occasion.

Time: 3:00pm Workshop

tuberculosis'. Venue: Brac Centre. Time: 12:00noon.

Discussion Economic Reporters Forum will hold a discussion on 'Country's investment trend and the role of Board of Investment (Bol)'. Venue: National

Brac organises a workshop on

'Participation of the media to control

Press Club. Time: 10:30am **Discussion**

discussion to mark the Hiroshima-Nagasaki day. Venue: BILIA auditorium. Time: 4:00pm

Bangladesh Peace Council will hold a

Publication ceremony The publication ceremony of Rabindra

Nath Tagore's 'Gitbitan', written in Brielle system for visually impaired people, will be held. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Sampling distribution

distribution programme'. Venue: Dhaka campus of the university, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30pm. Anniversary

programme Dr Shaheedullah Gyanpith organises a

programme to mark its 7th founding anniversary and the 121st birth anniversary of Dr Muhammad Shaheedullah. Venue: National Museum. Time: 4:00pm.

International Islamic University

Chittagong organises a 'Sampling

Discussion Doctors Association of Bangladesh

organises a discussion to mark its 17th founding anniversary. Venue: Dr Shaheed Milon Hall, BSMMMU. Time:

Qulkhwani of

president of Pragati Insurance Ltd and president of Rotary Club of Dhaka North East, will be held at his

Relatives and admirers have

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Aminor girl aged two and a half vears who went missing at Mohammadpur area in the city 12 days ago, was found dead yesterday. Frantic efforts of her father, a poor vegetable vendor, came to an end when Sabequnnesa Tuli's body was found in front of a children park, about 150 yards off their house at Zakir

Hussain Road at Mohammadpur, yesterday morning.

There were several marks of

injury on her chest. Police suspect that the baby girl was killed some time on Friday night. Tuli's father Abu Taher Sarkar filed a general diary with Mohammadpur Police Station as she had gone missing from in front

of their house on July 24, The parents continued announcements through loud-speakers over the past few days,

AL plots against 4-party alliance

Says Shamsul

Bss, Dhaka

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday said the main opposition Awami League is hatching a conspiracy against the BNPled four-party alliance as it has realised that the people would not vote for them in the forthcoming

"It is not so easy to confuse the people by spreading falsehood against BNP at home and abroad, as they know well who is good and who is bad," he said at the foundation stone laying ceremony of an auditorium-cum-community centre in Tongibari, Munshiganj

The minister said the alliance government strongly believes in development-oriented progressive politics and the people would again voted them to power. Referring to the massive devel-

opment achieved in all sectors

during the last five years, he said the

people would correctly evaluate such a wonderful contribution of the four-party alliance during the coming election. The people have seen develop-

ment this time and it is unique by all counts compared to what they have seen before," he said. The information minister

referred to AL's various political programmes and said such destructive and anti-people activities had utterly failed to earn minimum support from any quarters.

ceremony on the Liberation War Museum premises in the city yesterday.

in city after 12 days

Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon hands over a memento to Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) AK Khondokar at a

Missing baby girl found dead

Tuli's family alleged that she was stolen and later was murdered. Mohammadpur Police Station said an unnatural death (UD) case was

Asked why a murder case was not filed despite signs of murder, he

> filed an UD case". None was arrested in this connection till filing of this report at 8:30



Moderately heavy falls likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rajshahi and

Dhaka divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also expected at places over the country. Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

at Dinajpur and lowest 22.2 degree Celsius at Khulna The sun sets in the capital at 6:39pm today and rises at 5:30am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

Highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

major cities and towns yesterday were:				
City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.5	23.5	94	83
Chittagong	31.8	24.8	88	85
Rajshahi	32.2	24.8	79	92
Khulna	32.0	22.2	97	94
Barisal	29.5	25.3	82	98
Sylhet	30.0	24.0	94	84
Cox's Bazar	31.5	23.0	80	83



ceremony at Golapbagh in the city recently. Jubak Swastha Seba Karjakram organised the event on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week. Md Nasir Uddin Titu, Dr Farhana Haq, Firoza Mannan Kachi and Anisuzzaman Arzu