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Opinion poll on performances in JS
Approval ratings 43 pc for PM,
14 pc for Opposition Leader

By Staff Correspondent

Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia have 'approval ratings' of 43 per cent and 14 per cent respectively as regards to their performances as Prime Minister and as Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad.

These 'approval ratings' were reflected in an opinion poll, conducted by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP), a local think-tank, on 1,525 people of voting age from different professions in urban and rural areas throughout the country last month. Thirty-six per cent of the respondents were urban and sixty-four per cent rural people. The survey was conducted to elicit views on the last 12 June parliamentary elections, election of a 'non-party eminent person' as President of the country, Indemnity Ordinance, 'approval rating' of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and loan defaulters, says a release of BUP.

On the performance of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, 43 per cent expressed 'satisfaction,' which may be interpreted as

'approval rating' for the premier, says the BUP release. Twenty-eight per cent said they consider her leadership and actions as Prime Minister, 'by and large, on the right track' but they would like to see how she performs in future before expressing a firm opinion. Another 23 per cent refrained from expressing opinion while six per cent expressed 'dissatisfaction.'

On the other hand, fourteen per cent of the respondents expressed their 'satisfaction' at the performance of Begum Khaleda Zia as the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and 23 per cent said she was 'generally on the right track' but they preferred to see how she performs in future before expressing a firm opinion. Thirty-eight per cent refrained from expressing opinion while 21 per cent expressed 'dissatisfaction' with her leadership and actions as the Leader of the Opposition.

About election of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as President, 87 per cent of the respondents said it was 'a good move' while only two per cent disputed

it and five per cent declined to give their opinion. Six per cent said that they had no knowledge or opinion about it.

Eighty-seven per cent of the respondents viewed that the killers of Bangabandhu and other political leaders 'must be tried' while seven per cent 'disagreed.' In a similar survey conducted by BUP in June-July last year, 66 per cent had expressed their opinion in favour and 16 against the trial of the killers.

Sixty-seven per cent of the respondents expressed their 'satisfaction,' 10 per cent 'dissatisfaction' while 23 per cent made no comment when they were asked to say how they view the return of Awami League to power after 21 years.

Fifty-eight per cent said Awami League gave priority to national interests while the percentage for BNP, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami were 21, 13 and 5 respectively. Twenty per cent felt that AL did not give priority to national interests, while 27 per cent felt the same about BNP and 32 per cent about JP.

'Talks to end CHT problem soon'

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury suggested that an acceptable solution to problems in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) should be reached through dialogue, reports UNB.

"Both our party and the government are aware of and alert about the problems with utmost concern and we are pledged-bound to solve the long-standing issue," he said while addressing a seminar in the city on Monday.

Chowdhury said the national committee constituted by the government with Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah as its head would soon begin a dialogue to find out an acceptable solution to the CHT problem. The seminar on 'CHT Peace Process and On-going Steps' was organised by the Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council (CHTNCPC).

It was also addressed by UNB chairman Amanullah Khan, National Coordinator on Human Rights KM Haque Kaiser, Osman Ghani, Ruhul Amin, Swapna Chakma, Shashi Kanti Talukder and Kazi Mosharraf Hossain. Council President Saiful Islam Dildar presided.

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What's on today....

Workshop: A national workshop on Telecommunication policy of Bangladesh will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:45 pm.

Exhibition on Andre Malraux: A 10-day exhibition on Andre Malraux, organised by the French Embassy to commemorate the 20th death anniversary of the French writer, philosopher and statesman, will be inaugurated. Chief guest: State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader. Venue: Children's auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag. Time: 11 am.

AI discussion meet: Amnesty International, Bangladesh has arranged a discussion meeting on 'Rights of the Child and Amnesty International'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. House: 510, Rd: 7, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Science Lecture: A lecture on 'Light energy: Its action and utilisation' will be given by Prof AJ Mahmood. Venue: National Museum of Science and Technology, Agargaon. Time: 4 pm.

Scouts reception: Bangladesh Scouts (BS) will accord a reception to Manzoor Ul Karim, Chief National Commissioner, BS on the occasion of his receiving the 'Silver Elephant' award. Venue: BS National Headquarters, 70/1 Purana Paltan Line, Kakrail. Time: 4 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka midtown: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: The White Castle Restaurant, 20, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: 12/6, Pallabi, Mirpur. Time: 6:30 pm.



Visitors on the opening day of a 12-day painting exhibition by Indian women artists at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery in the city yesterday.

—Star photo

Indonesian cultural evening Nov 23

By Staff Correspondent

'Dharrna Wanita' (Indonesian Civil Servants Wives Association) and the Indonesian Embassy in Dhaka, in cooperation with the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and Singapore Airlines, will hold a charity Indonesian Cultural evening Nov 23 at the Winter Garden of the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, says a press release.

Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs, is expected to inaugurate the function as the chief guest at 7 pm.

Renowned artistes from Indonesia will perform traditional dances and songs. Delicious Indonesian cuisine will also be served. The proceeds will be donated to the Assistance for Blind Children (ABC), Bangladesh.

Cards for the evening will be available from the Indonesian Embassy and the ABC office at 167 Green Road, Dhaka.

Utsav programmes

An exhibition of Indian handicrafts will begin today as part of the 13-day Utsav — The India Festival '96.

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain will open the show at 4 pm at the gallery of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), 137-138 Motijheel C/A.

The exhibition will run till Nov 30 and remain open daily from 2 pm to 7 pm.

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Painting show by Indian women artists begins

A 12-day painting exhibition by eminent Indian women artists, titled 'The Self and the World', began at the conference hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The exhibition, part of the India Festival 1996, was inaugurated by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader as chief guest. The Cultural Secretary of India, BP Singh, was present as special guest.

Some 51 works of 18 noted Indian women artists are on display in the exhibition.

Death anniversary of Lt Samad today

The 25th death anniversary of freedom fighter Lt Ashfaq Samad, Bir Uttam, will be observed today, say a press release.

Quran khwani, doa and milad mahfil will be held today after Asr prayers at his mother's residence at 147, Green Road in the city.

Shahid Lt Samad was a member of the first batch of commissioned officers of Swadhin Bangla.

He embraced martyrdom on this day in 1971 while leading a charge to free a bridge from Pakistani troops at Joymanihat, Bhurungamari in Rangpur.

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