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**PM asks MODC members
Take part in nation
building activities**

RAJENDRAPUR, Gazipur, Mar 4: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today lauded the role of the members of MODC during war and peace time and hoped that they would also play a vital role in building the country, reports UNB.

"Your courageous and glorious role will encourage the new generation to be imbued with patriotism," she said at a reunion of the members of MODC (Ministry of Defence Constabulary).

The function was organised to celebrate the founding anniversary of MODC at its headquarters in Rajendrapur Cantonment in the morning.

The Prime Minister called upon the MODC members to participate in nation building activities, saying "Your family members and relatives staying in the villages will also be benefited if we can build up the country and its economy."

"It is my firm belief that if we work together we can build up a poverty and hunger-free Bangladesh," she said.

Hasina recalled with gratitude the sacrifices of the members of MODC during the Liberation War.

Chiefs of the three services, local parliament members including Rahmat Ali and Akhteruzzaman also attended the function.

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PM's Question Time

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The government in collaboration with the UNDP, would organise the workshops at the six divisional headquarters. Representatives of the lawyers, judges, journalists, public leaders, intellectuals and others concerned would participate in the workshops, the prime minister said.

Union complexes
Sheikh Hasina told the Jatiya Sangsad that one union complex would be set up in each

Nasim
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weekly had remarked that "some Nikrishto (inferior) people are sitting in parliament" and "Ekushey Padak is bogus".

The AL lawmaker said, he had submitted a notice on the issue on February 24 and demanded the setting up of a parliamentary committee in this regard.

The Chair assured the lawmaker that once he received the notice, he would give a ruling on the matter.

The posts and telecommunications Minister then took the floor to say that Shafiq Rehman through his writings had defamed all 330 MPs, the whole House and the 12 crore people of the country.

Citing an instance, Nasim said, Anwar Zahid, a former minister had also once appeared before the JS Privilege Committee to seek an apology for his derogatory remarks.

Similarly, Nasim said, the Speaker should summon Shafiq Rehman to appear before the Committee.

But two BNP MPs, taking part in the debate on the issue, did not agree with the minister.

Maj (ret'd) Akhteruzzaman of BNP said, "If we threaten and beat people, it is very natural someone may call us Nikrishto."

Another BNP legislator, Maj (ret'd) Hafizuddin said, "if any MP beats people inside thana, if any MP leaves the country after murdering one's partner and if any MP plunders money from banks, then none would call them Nikrishto (superior).

**Urea price
all-time low
this year**

The retail price of urea recorded an all-time low this year in Bangladesh in a decade, reports BSS.

This was observed at a high-level meeting of the advisory committee of fertilizer held at the conference room of the Ministry of Industry yesterday.

Presided over by Chairman of the Advisory Committee M Anisuzzaman, the meeting was attended by the Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, and Agriculture and Food Minister Matia Chowdhury.

The meeting was informed that average retail price was Tk 245 per bag of 50 kg this year. It was Tk 253 last year and Tk 290 in 1994-95 fiscal year.

The meeting stressed the need for uninterrupted supply of electricity from midnight to six in the morning and supply of diesel to operate the irrigation pumps and tube-wells.

The meeting was informed that Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory is expected to resume its production by mid-April as gas could be supplied to the factory by that time.

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Investigated the matter in October. Subsequently Khan was asked to show cause on February 3 under the Government Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1985.

He challenged the government's order on February 16 in a writ petition before the High Court. A division bench of the High Court comprising Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice M A Aziz issued a rule nisi on the government to show cause within two weeks. It also stayed the operation of the government show cause order for four weeks.

The rule was not returned until yesterday, he was told by his lawyers, Dr Kamal Hossain and Dr M Zahir are representing him.

**200 bags of urea
seized in Bhola**

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Mar 4: Police seized 200 bags of urea from a shop at Borhanuddin bazar of Bhola district yesterday.

According to police, the urea was seized when the fertilizer was being unloaded from a truck. The shopkeeper could not produce documents for the fertilizer.

The truck driver was also arrested.

**Train dacoity
in Sirajganj**

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 4: Dacoits swooped on a local train at Mulduil Station early today and looted cash and valuables of the passengers, reports UNB.

At least 15 passengers were injured, three of them critically, during the attack.

Witness said a gang of 15-16 robbers stormed the Ishwardi-bound train at about 1 am and committed dacoity at gun point. The passengers, however, caught a dacoit and handed over him to police.

Three of the injured were admitted to a local hospital.

2 stabbed

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Udyan (garden) near an entry gate close to the Bangla Academy shouting "catch him... catch him..." at about 7 pm. They ran through a crowd in the garden where some young men were gossiping.

Within a couple of minutes they vanished in the garden leaving the two persons injured. The cause of the attack and how the two youths were stabbed could not be known immediately.

Ramna police said they did not have any information in this regard.

**Enamul Kabir, Matin new
JUTA President, GS**

From JU Correspondent
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Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir won the post of president defeating his rival Prof Anwarul Haq Sharif by one vote. Prof Kabir received 116 votes.

Prof Nazma Siddiqui got 129 votes to become the vice president defeating Zaheduddin Khan Mahmud who received 98 votes.

Dr M A Matin was elected general secretary receiving 122 votes and his rival, Dr Amir Hossain secured 105 votes.

The posts of treasurer and joint secretary were won respectively by Prof Obaidur Rahman and Khaled Hossain.

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Road accident

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An unknown youngman, who was knocked down by a speeding truck at Madhya Badda at about 7 am, also died on way to the DMCH.

The bodies were sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

In Laksam, a bus fell into a field at Fayejanj on the Dhaka-Noakhali road yesterday, killing a shepherd and injuring 20 passengers, five critically.

Police said Ali Akbar, 26, of the village died on the spot as the Dhaka-bound bus from Chatkhil skidded off the road while trying to overtake a truck and fell on the youngman at about 1 pm.

Twenty bus passengers were injured. Five of them were admitted to Laksam Thana Health Complex.

Police seized the bus, but the driver fled the scene.

A truck rammed a rickshaw on the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Jhenidah yesterday, killing two people and severely wounding two others.

Rescuers said the Dhaka-bound truck loaded with molasses hit the van at Hatgopalpur, 12 km from the district town at about 6 pm.

Ramjan Ali, 32, driver of the van and an inhabitant of Kalagram village, died on the spot.

The injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

Japanese aid

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Official sources said apart from attending the consultative meeting, the present economic mission will visit several project sites. The mission members visited the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge project site yesterday.

Other members of the Japanese team are Etsuo Kozawa, Deputy Director at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Masami Mori of the Ministry of Finance, Shinji Nomura of Economic Planning Agency, Kohel Sato of Economic Cooperation Bureau, Hiroshi Kaneko of the Ministry of Construction, Harutoshi Hayasaka of the Ministry of Transport and Kikuo Nakagawa of OECF.

**JCD leader
slaughtered
in Sirajganj**

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 4: A local leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was slaughtered by miscreants at Kaliaharipur village in Sadar thana early today, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of unidentified hoodlums picked up Nazrul Islam Nuri, 28, an executive member of Sadar thana unit of JCD, at gunpoint from a pharmacy in Kaliakandapara bazar at about 7 pm on Monday.

At about 8 this morning, police recovered the slaughtered body of Nuri from Bagbari crematorium, some one kilometre off his residence.

Nuri, son of Abdur Rahman Nuri, was a second-year student of Sirajganj Law College.

SSC exams

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appearing in the examination. A total of 1,36,819 students at 155 centres under Jessore Board, over 1,22,673 examinees at 154 centres under Comilla Board and 63,953 candidates at 75 centres under Chittagong Board are expected to appear in the examination.

SSC examinations are also being held at five centres outside the country in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dohar, Abu Dhabi and Tripoli for the examinees living abroad, Abdul Latif, controller of examinations of Dhaka Board informed BSS yesterday.

The examinations will complete on April 5, and the results are expected to be published within 90 days, he said.

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