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Bangabandhu's birthday

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Children's Day. Various socio-cultural and political organisations including the ruling Awami League have also taken up different programmes to celebrate the day.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have given separate messages on the occasion. In his message, President Shahabuddin Ahmed said the celebration of the birthday of the father of the nation will inspire the nation with a fresh vow to build the country.

He said Bangabandhu's sincerity and uncompromising attitude in protecting the interest of the countrymen and establishing democracy forged unity among the people who fought a bloody Liberation War to wrest independence.

"Emergence of Bangladesh as an independent and sovereign country is a glorious part of contemporary history and Sheikh Mujib will be ever remembered as a successful personality of this history," he said.

In her message, the Prime Minister called upon the nation to take a fresh vow to make the people happy by achieving economic emancipation, uphold the spirit of independence and democracy and build a Sonar Bangla as dreamt by the Father of the Nation.

She said Bangabandhu kept all the dreams of the countrymen in his mind and transmitted those into the nation. "His courageous, unforgettable and historic leadership had imbued the nation with and inspiration of emancipation."

Paying rich tributes to the father of the nation, Sheikh Hasina said he led the nation towards its cherished goal of independence ignoring the torture on him in prison in Pakistan and threat of death sentence.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the programmes at Tungipara today. She will receive President Shahabuddin Ahmed there this morning.

Ministers, MPs, diplomats, and people from all strata of

Farmers gherao Rajbari power office

RAJBARI, Mar 16: Hundreds of farmers, demanding regular power supply to their deep and shallow tubewells, gheraoed the power office here today, reports UNB.

They also brought out a procession in the town before submitting a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner's office.

Book fair

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Seba Prakashani, Agami, Muktohdara, Dibya, Samay, Kakoli, Pearl, Shikha, Shahitya Prakash and Samay also did good business.

Most of the people at the stalls said that business was moderate, some said 'as usual' while some others said 'dull'.

Bangla Academy's revenue earning from the fair was more than Tk 15 lakh, which could be increased to Tk 20 lakh if, according to the officials, the Academy could supply its dictionaries.

The Academy's Bangla-English and English-Bangla dictionaries were in short of supply and a large number of intending buyers did not get those.

At least 100 new books could not reach the fair due to problems in printing, binding and text book printing, publishers alleged.

Mir Shawkat

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lice against Mir Shawkat Ali and 14 others alleging that on December 24, 1996 when he and his company were on duty in front of National Press Club, a violent procession of Bangladesh Nationalist Party came in front of the National Press Club at 4:45 pm on 24.12.96 and hurled brickbats on the police without any provocation. They also tried to damage vehicles. Despite repeated request by the police to refrain from such activities, the unruly processionists became more violent and attacked the police in which two police constable were seriously injured.

PM: Power failure

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Prime Minister Hasina said the government was trying hard to overcome the present crisis in the power sector and hoped for an early solution of the power problem.

"We are very much aware of the sufferings of the people and wholeheartedly trying to solve the power problem shortly," she told the discussion meeting, arranged by Bangabandhu Parishad on the eve of 77th birth anniversary of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, to be observed today.

The Prime Minister said the government had announced a power policy and opened the sector for the private entrepreneurs to generate power.

It takes time to set a plant for generating power and the government is taking steps to solve the problem as soon as possible, she said and called upon the people to show tolerance at this hour of inconveniences.

Recalling the contribution of Bangabandhu in building the war-ravaged Bangladesh, the Prime Minister said within a very short time the father of the nation rebuilt the country.

Bangabandhu was killed when he started his work for the economic emancipation of the people and after that the people of the country became victim of bad politics, she observed.

The game of capturing power was started after the killing of the father of the nation and people of all strata, including

2 girls rescued from brothel

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 16: Two teenage girls were rescued from a brothel here today.

Narayanganj police, in co-operation with Salma Ali, Executive Director of the Jatiya Mohila Ainjibi Samity, raided the house of one Doulat Khan in Tanbazar red-light area and rescued Shirin, 14, and Rozina, 15, from 'madam' Jahanara alias Janu. But the woman escaped.

Police said, an unidentified person lured the two girls, one from Mymensingh and the other from Sherpur, with the offer of employment but sold them to the brothel.

BNP programmes

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will organise a discussion on Zia.

March 26 — Placing wreaths at Savar National Mausoleum, offering feteiha at the mazar of Shaheed Zia, colourful rally and cultural function.

March 27 — Meeting at Kalurghat, Chittagong to be organised by Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

Teesta water-sharing

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network system, planned along with the barrage for supply of irrigation water to the crop fields, is the largest irrigation project in the country.

A permanent agreement with India for sharing the Teesta waters would allow unhindered and optimum use of the Teesta Barrage.

At the upcoming meeting of the JRC, Bangladesh will seek India's participation in the construction of the proposed Ganges Barrage Project, India's assurance in this regard was already given in the last meeting of the Joint Economic Commission held in New Delhi last week.

An important item on the agenda of the JRC meet would be review of the progress of the Indo-Bangladesh accord on the Ganges waters. The meeting would also discuss the progress made and the problems encountered since the signing of the accord.

A detailed report is expected to be presented at the JRC meet by the Bangladesh-India Joint Committee (JC) formed immediately after the signing of the water treaty to review the data of water availability at Farakka and the discharge made from Farakka point vis-a-vis the treaty.

The JRC would also be apprised of the water monitoring reports from the four observation points set up in accordance with the accord — at Farakka point, the Feeder Canal, the Navigation Lock and the Hardinge Bridge.

At the end of the JRC meeting, the two sides are likely to make an official announcement on the outcome of the talks and also make a statement relating to the actual progress of the Ganges water sharing accord, based on review of the monitored data till the end of the current month.

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Press Note on question leakage

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and police supers to be more vigilant on the security of preservation of question papers.

The Education Ministry also constituted a four-member enquiry committee headed by National University VC Prof Aminul Islam.

The committee will primarily examine which question papers were leaked out. Then it will make a review of the entire process of preparation, compilation, printing, packaging, transportation and preservation at all stages under safe custody of the question papers of all public examinations.

It will also find out the faults in the process of preservation of the question papers and formulate necessary recommendations in this regard. It will try to identify the people responsible for this year's question paper leakage.

The Press-Note assured that the government is determined to take stern action against those who create indiscipline in the academic life of students.

The government expressed sympathies for the examinees and the guardians for their inconveniences because of the question leakage and hoped that the remaining examinations would be held as per schedule.

"If the allegations of question leakage are proved in future, necessary steps will be taken for the interest of the people and all concerned be informed there of through media at short notice," said the Press-Note.

Power supply

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After emergency steps taken by the PDB yesterday, power is now being supplied from the Khulna 60 MW unit, Bheramara 30 MW unit, Barisal 40 MW unit, Rangpur 20 MW unit, Syedpur 12 MW unit, Bogra 3 MW unit, Thakurgaon 10 MW unit and Baghabari 35 MW unit.

UNB adds from Sirajganj: Power supply to the country's northern region was disrupted due to a technical fault in the grid of a tower at Karitola in Shahjadpur thana on Friday.

Officials said the power supply was restored from Baghabari power station at 3 pm yesterday after necessary repair.

Some 35 megawatt power is expected to be supplied to 16 northern districts from this station in a day.

Another UNB report from Pabna says: Local businessmen laid a siege to the district Power Development Board yesterday, demanding uninterrupted power supply to the area.

The businessmen, including owners of different mills, demonstrated in front of the office from 12 noon to 2 pm to press the demand as the power supply in the area remained cut off from Friday night following the collapse of two towers near Ishwardi.

অফটাব অটোমোবাইলস্ লিমিটেড

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রাইট শেয়ার ইস্যু প্রসঙ্গে

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