

MEGACITY

Hasina steps up polls campaign

UNB, Dhaka Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought 'bumper vote' for Awami League in the next election in proportion to the 'bumper harvest' in the country. 'Vote for the boat ... Boat will carry the bumper crops from the field to the barns of the people,' she said at a public meeting at Basabo Shaheed Alauddin Park last afternoon stepping up election campaign for her party.

Referring to BNP chief Khaleda Zia's remarks, Hasina said people would cast 'deficit vote' for BNP as the past BNP government left the country with a food deficit of 40 lakh metric tons. 'How she (Khaleda) could seek 'bumper vote' after leaving a food deficit of 40 lakh metric tons ... It's Awami League that deserves 'bumper vote' for consecutive five seasons' bumper crops,' she told her cheering workers and supporters.

The Prime Minister said at the moment the country has a reserve of more than 10 lakh metric tons and it would go up to 20 lakh metric tons with the harvest of Boro paddy. 'We're not only surplus food, we have also built a food safety net ... We won't need to seek aid from external sources to combat natural calamity. We will be able to face any future calamity from our own reserves.'

'Pro-liberation forces must be united to resist Razakars' BSS, Dhaka premises of his official residence in the city yesterday. Over 200 leaders and workers of these political parties of Madan upazila led by valiant freedom fighter Lt. Col. (ret'd) Shahjahan Uddin Bhuiyan joined Bangladesh Awami League, an official handout said.

Zillur Rahman welcomed their joining to Awami League and called upon all to uphold the main spirit of the War of Liberation by electing the pro-liberation forces to power in the coming general elections in the greater interest of the national development as well as democracy.



A 12-day calligraphy exhibition began at the National Museum in the city yesterday. Dhaka Shahitya Sanskrit Kendra organised the show.



Samajtantrik Chhatra Front staged a demonstration in the city yesterday to press their different demands.



Maple Leaf International School organised a cultural show at the Shishu Academy yesterday to mark the birth anniversaries of poet Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam.

President hails opening of phone exchange at Jatrabari

BSS, Dhaka President Shahabuddin Ahmed appreciated the inauguration of a 12-thousand line digital telephone exchange at Jatrabari and said that the people will be benefited with the opening of the new exchange. A Bangabhaban press release said the President said this while talking to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who inaugurated the Jatrabari digital exchange by making the first call to the President at Bangabhaban. President Shahabuddin thanked the Prime Minister for inaugurating the exchange which was a long time demand of the people. He also thanked the Telegraph and Telephone Board officials and engineers for completing the work successfully.

The President also talked to the Post and Telecommunications and Home Minister Mohammad Nasim and appreciated the work. An aspiring young businessman, Mubin was also a pioneer developer in Gulshan. He left behind his wife and one son.

Obituary

Mubin Enam Chowdhury (Mobby), son of Major (Retd) Enam Chowdhury, died of a heart attack in Ajman, U.A.E. on May 28. He was 38, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely UNB, Dhaka Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today. Met Office predicted little change in day temperature over the country.

DHAKA TODAY

Folk Music Festival 'A four-day folk music festival will begin. Folk artist Abdul Latif will inaugurate the festival. Organiser: Bangladesh Shikpakala Academy. Venue: Shaikat Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library. Time: 6:30 pm.

Painting Exhibition A week-long painting exhibition by 7 Japanese and 7 Bangladeshi young artists will begin. The exhibition titled '3rd Young Artists Exhibition of Japan-Bangladesh' will remain open from 2 pm to 8 pm daily till June 9. Venue: Zainul Gallery Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Time: 5 pm (Inaugural ceremony).

International congress Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Bangladesh will inaugurate an international congress. Chief guest: Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10:00 am.

New German Film Festival On the inaugural day of the week-long festival of New German Cinema celebrating the 50th anniversary of Goethe-Institut in Germany and 40th anniversary of Goethe-Institut in Bangladesh, Zahar Film Society and Goethe-Institut Dhaka will screen three films: 'The Bridge' by Barnhard Wicki, 'The Black Rider' by Pepe Danquart and 'Naked Among the Wolves' by Frank Beyer. Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka, Road No. 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm, and 5:45 pm respectively.

Memorial lecture Bangladesh Elnash Parishad and National Museum will hold Prof. Abu Mohammed Habibullah memorial lecture to mark his 17th death anniversary. Historian Prof. Salahuddin Ahmed will deliver a lecture on our thought about Renaissance. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Grand conference Dhaka Mahanagar Ashekaner Mazhabdar Association will hold a grand conference to mark the Eid-Meladunabi. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 11 am.

Discussion on museum held 'Museum in 21' century' held at the National Museum auditorium in the city. This living legend Pakistani archeologist-historian is now in the city attending a seminar on anti-fundamentalism and communalism.

Presided over by former Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University Prof. Mohammad Sirajul Islam. It was also addressed by National Museum Director General Shamsuzzaman Khan.

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