

PM, her son plundering public money

Hasina tells Bogra rally

STAR REPORT

Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and her son of plundering public money and siphoning off their fortune into a foreign country.

Hasina and Joy waved hands to them from their motorcade and podiums. She said, "The Malaysian government is now inquiring about the huge amount of money that Tarique Zia could smuggle into that country."

Commission are essential to allow people to vote freely in electing the government of their choice. On the situation of northern region, Hasina said it was not so worse during the AL rule that had made the country self-reliant in food.

PM opens Nat'l Asthma Centre today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurates country's first 70-bed National Asthma Centre next to the Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital (ICDH) at Mohakhali at 12:00 hours today.

SAVAR COLLAPSE

Take legal action against culprits

Rights bodies ask govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several rights, women and labour organisations yesterday served a legal notice on several government officials, including secretaries of seven ministries, asking them to take legal action against the people responsible for the Savar building collapse.

BGMEA, the managing director of the collapsed factory Sharier Syed, and directors Altaf Hossain and Hashem Fakir. The Forum asked the authorities to inform them by April 28 about the case filed with the Savar Police Station against Sharier.

HC orders NBR chief to explain his holding post on contract job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday in a rule on the chairman of National Board of Revenue (NBR) ordered him to explain within four weeks in what capacity he is holding the office after his retirement from the civil service.

The counsel for the petitioner told The Daily Star that according to Section 4 of Public Servant Act, there is no provision of contractual appointment of a public servant after retirement on completion of 57 years of age.

DCC's special cleanliness drive ends, leaving wastes on many roads

ABDUL KADER

The 15-day-long special cleanliness drive of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) ended yesterday, leaving wastes scattered as well as piled up on many lanes and by-lanes of the capital.

Residents of those areas said their roads and waste bins were cleaned only one day in the last 15 days. Waste materials were found dumped on the footpaths at Muggah, Maniknagar, Gopibagh and Basabo areas.



Kazi Alauddin Road after completion of the Dhaka City Corporation's 15-day special cleanliness drive yesterday.

The mayor said although the special drive has come to an end, the cleanliness drive would continue. He also reiterated that henceforth the last Friday of every month will be observed as the day for special cleanliness drive.

The mayor launched the drive on April 9 in its 90 wards saying that the city's footpaths, roadside surface drains, date expired banners, posters and graffiti would be removed.

"The drive has made some progress in cleaning the city in terms of sweeping the footpaths but waste collection was not managed properly. Besides posters and graffiti were also not removed," said Harun-ur-Rashid, a citizen of Mirpur.



Information Minister M Shamsul Islam inaugurates a three-day painting exhibition of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, Qamrul Hasan and SM Sultan at the Scholastica School at Uttara in the city yesterday.

HEADMISTRESS MURDER Prime accused on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Abdur Rahim, the prime accused in the headmistress Lily murder case, was placed on a five-day remand yesterday.

'Steps taken to phase out organic pollutants'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) is currently finalising a National Implementation Plan to phase out persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in the country.

At the inaugural session of the workshop, the speakers underscored the need for international cooperation for safe disposal of toxic substances as the country does not have the technology to destroy the POPs.

Appeal for help

Ashrafur Islam, a backstage theatre activist, has been fighting for life as both of his kidneys were damaged, says a press release. He needs about Tk five lakh for kidney transplantation.

Obituary

Quazi Shahdat Hossain, former Principal of Narayanganj Government Women's College, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the Lab Aid Cardiac Hospital in Dhaka yesterday (Sunday) at the age of 70, says a press release.

Italian found dead in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An Italian national was found dead Saturday midnight in the bedroom of his Sonadanga residence in Khulna city. Police recovered the naked body of Andrew Gonzalez, 35, his mouth, hands and legs tied with rope, at 10:45pm from his bedroom on the first floor of a three-storey building.

The officer-in-charge (OC) of Sonadanga Police Station said, Andrew Gonzalez was strangled and the murder took place when there was nobody in the apartment. However, the motive of the murder is yet to be known.

UN STUDY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN Nat'l consultation begins to seek children's opinion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Children from across the country gathered at a national consultation in the city yesterday to contribute their inputs in framing national recommendations on the UN Study on Violence against Children.

on the child repression in different parts of the world by 2006. As part of the study, there will be nine regional consultations, with national consultations in all the countries.

Enayetullah Khan undergoes surgery tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Enayetullah Khan, editor of The New Age and The Holiday, will undergo a surgery of the pancreas in Toronto, Canada, tomorrow.

Dr Aliee Wey of Princess Margaret's Cancer Hospital and her team will first perform an exploratory surgery to determine the risk of the removal of a tumour at the head of the pancreas.

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