

I will enter politics if people want

Says Joy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Sajib Wajed Joy, son of the Leader of the Opposition and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, yesterday said young leadership is necessary to make Bangladesh a corruption-free country.

"I believe educated politicians can lead Bangladesh towards a good future and young leadership can fulfil the expectations of the nation,"

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CARETAKER, EC REFORM DEMAND

Opposition plans to match '96 agitation

SHAKHAWAT LITON and SHAMEEM MAHMUD

The mainstream opposition parties plan to launch street agitation at the end of the next month over a one-point demand for reforms to the caretaker government system and the Election Commission (EC) in an

attempt to strengthen anti-government movement.

They are eyeing to launch the agitation similar to the one it had waged against the previous BNP government from 1995 to 1996 for introduction of the caretaker government system.

The street agitation that the main

opposition Awami League (AL) and its left-leaning allies started in November last year appears to have lost steam in recent days due to their being busy finalising the proposal for the electoral reforms.

The opposition is likely to launch fresh agitation programmes once

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Fuel station caught selling water in city

Cops close it down, arrest 4, owner in hiding

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A filling station at Mirpur in the capital yesterday sold water instead

of diesel to some 25 vehicles.

The police closed down Monir Filling Station at Kazipara in Mirpur

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ANTI-DUMPING ROW

EU okays sanctions against US products

AFP, Brussels

European Union member states on Monday approved slapping sanctions on a range of US products imported into Europe beginning May 1 in a long-running row over a controversial US anti-dumping law.

The EU's Executive Commission last month called for an extra duty of 15 percent to be imposed on products ranging from paper to farm and textile products, in response to Washington's failure to repeal the so-called Byrd Amendment.

Foreign ministers of the EU's 25 member states meeting in Luxembourg approved the measure without debate, the EU said.

Under the 2000 law, the US government redistributed anti-dumping duties to US companies that alleged dumping, or the selling of items abroad at less than the

market price in the domestic market.

The EU and six other countries (Brazil, Canada, India, Japan, Mexico, and South Korea) took the case to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), which last year authorised sanctions amounting to 72 percent of the sums reaped by the US law.

The EU executive said last month its proposed level of sanctions was based on the latest distribution of duties made under the Byrd Amendment, amounting to slightly under 28 million dollars (21.5 million euros).

It warned it would revise the sanctions depending on damage caused to European companies, and has drawn up a "reserve list" of products which could become subject to additional import duties if necessary.

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Cars pulled over in rows on either side of bustling Dilkusha thoroughfare expose the extent of unauthorised parking that often chokes the city streets.

Faizee has no moral right to remain a judge

Lawyers say at rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers at a rally yesterday said the High Court's Additional Judge Faisal Mahmud Faizee has no moral right to remain a judge when Bangladesh Bar Council has revoked his certificate of enrolment.

They also threatened to file a case against him for alleged certificate tampering and giving the Bar Council wrong information on his age.

Earlier on Sunday Bangladesh

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Two cases filed against bigots over attack on Ahmadiyyas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Two Ahmadiyya sect members of Shyamnagar upazila yesterday filed separate cases with a local court for the April 17 atrocities on them after police refused to record the cases.

Complainants Saidul Haq Gazi and Sheikh Alam accused International Khatme Nabuwat Movement, Bangladesh (IKNMB)

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Prayer Timing		
April 27		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-29	6-34
Esha	8-00	8-30
Source: Islamic Foundation		