

Hasina begins Europe tour June 18

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina is expected to leave for London en route to France and Russia on June 18.

An Awami League official said that she would visit Strasbourg, France at the invitation of President of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Rene Vander Linden.

The visit is designed to familiarise the senior Advisory Council members of Association of Asian Parliament for Peace (AAPP) with history, structure and mechanism of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

Hasina, a senior member of the Advisory Council of AAPP, will be in Strasbourg from June 20-24 and from where she would go to

Moscow.

Her schedule to go to Munich was changed because of election there in September.

The Awami League chief is expected to be visiting Moscow from June 25. The People's Friendship University of Russia will honour with a doctorate degree.

During her stay in Moscow, she is expected to meet the Russian Foreign Minister and deputies of Russian Parliament.

Hasina is likely to return home on June 29.

Awami League leaders Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, MP, Kazi Zafrullah, MP, Syed Abul Hossain, MP, former ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin and Mahmud Hassan will accompany her.



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Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, youth front of the opposition Awami League, stages a demonstration at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday protesting erratic supply of water and electricity.

Proposed budget full of bluffs: Tofail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League presidium member Tofail Ahmed yesterday said people have rejected the proposed budget for FY 2005-06 which is full of bluffs and inconsistencies.

Addressing a rally, he said the government has given another chance of whitening the black money because there are a lot of black money holders in the ruling parties.

The protest rally was organised by Dhaka City Unit Jubo League (South) at the party office with Mohiuddin Ahmed Mahi in the chair.

Tofail said the government hiked the prices of oil, gas and other essential commodities

before the budget which will further increase the sufferings of the people.

He alleged that the four-party alliance government is leading the country to the verge of destruction, and tarnished the country's image globally.

Tofail urged all to oust the government through a mass upsurge.

Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Mofazzel Hossen Chowdhury Maya, Haji Selim and other party leaders also addressed the rally.

Later, they tried to bring out a procession with lanterns and candles, but the police foiled their attempt.

Seminar on Transradial angiography

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A scientific seminar on 'Transradial Angiography' was held in the city on last Saturday.

National Heart Foundation, Terumo Corporation of Singapore and Unimade Ltd jointly organised the seminar at Dhaka Club.

Speakers at the seminar said Transradial Angiography is an epoch-making addition in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

This latest addition of angiography enables a patient to go back home after a short surveillance of two to three hours at the hospital, and is comparatively cheaper, they added.

Eminent Cardiologist of Singapore Heart Centre Prof Charles Chan presented the key note paper while Secretary General of Bangladesh Heart Foundation Prof Brigadier (retd) Abdul Malik presided over the seminar.

Managing Director of Unimade M Mosaddeq Hossen, and Mike Simokosi and Kevin Seto of Japan also took part in the discussion, says a press release.

CRIMINAL CASE

BCL president, 19 others get bail

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail for three months to 20 leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of main opposition Awami League, in a criminal case filed under explosive act.

After hearing a bail petition, the High Court issued a rule upon the government to show cause as to why the petitioners should not be granted regular bail.

The rule made by a High Court bench comprising Justice SK Sinha and Justice Shamim Hasnin is returnable within four weeks.

Shahidul Islam, vice president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of ruling BNP, filed the case against 20 BCL leaders, including its President Liakat Shikdar and Vice President Balaram Poddar, with Ramna police station on June 2.

In the case, he alleged that the BCL leaders blasted explosives on a JCD procession on the Dhaka University campus on May 31.

Barrister Amir-ul Islam assisted by Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury moved the petition before the court.