

Corruption, extra-judicial killing have tarnished image of nation

Hasina tells AL rally in Paris

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said "Extra-judicial killing, planned political murder and widespread corruption brought the nation's image to a zero."

Although the world community is "worried over the extra-judicial killing, planned terrorism and human rights condition in Bangladesh, the BNP-Jamaat

regime does not take it into cognizance," she told a rally in Paris organised by the French chapter of Awami League.

Urging the expatriate Bangladeshis to work together to "rescue the country from misrule," Hasina said the alliance government has caused Bangladesh to be branded as a country of terrorism and human rights violation.

Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, again

brought charges of corruption against the Prime Minister's family, ministers and ruling party leaders.

She is in France for attending meetings of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

"They are busy plundering the public resources and amassing huge black money... now they are going to pass the budget to whiten the black money," she told the rally.

She said the new budget "will not

protect the public interest, it will rather encourage corruption."

Presided over by France AL President Nazim Uddin Ahmed, the meeting was also addressed by Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP, Syed Abul Hossain MP, Europe and UK AL leaders RA Gani, MA Kashem, Nazimuddin Babu, Masud Haider and Mujibur Rahman Liton.

Hasina will leave Paris for Moscow today.

Marriage with Bidisha was a blunder: Ershad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

"I committed a blunder by marrying a woman like Bidisha, but the party is now free from her evil influence," said Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad.

He was addressing a roadside gathering at Palashbari on his way to Rangpur from Dhaka yesterday.

Ershad said the JP has high acceptance among the people, and this is why both the BNP and the Awami League are trying to have its support in next general election.

He said his party will not form any alliance and if voted to power it will ensure welfare of the people.

The JP chief was accompanied by party Secretary General Ruhul Amin Hawlader and GM Kader MP.

BCL threatens strike at DU from July 1

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and six other student organisations yesterday threatened to go for strike at Dhaka University (DU) from July 1 if their five-point demand are not met within 48 hours.

They said they would stage demonstration on June 27 to press home their demands.

The demands included expulsion of Jatiyatabdil Chhatra Dal (JCD) men who attacked the general students on May 31, action against Officer-in-Charge of Ramna Police Station Mahbubur Rahman, and compensation for the injured students during the campus violence.

At a press conference at the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duje), the student leaders also demanded peaceful co-existence of the leaders and supporters of different organisations on the campus and at all dormitories.

They demanded resignation of DU vice-chancellor and proctors as they failed to ensure security of the students.

They said mugging, extortion and toll collection by the JCD cadres are tarnishing the image of the student community.

They demanded cancellation of all illegal appointments of JCD cadres at different government and autonomous bodies.

BCL President Liqat Sikder urged the VC to expel the JCD cadres who were published in different dailies while they were assaulting the general students.

Bangladesh Chhatra Moiti President Rafigul Islam Sujon read out a written statement at the press conference.

BCL acting General Secretary Saifuzzaman Shekhar, Sahajada Mohiddul, Baloram Podder, Rafig Kotowal, Ashraful Azim Rubon, Khan Monir Islam Mustak, Mazhar Anam, Shariful Kabir Swapon, and Akram Hossain were present on the occasion.



PHOTO: STAR
Sammilita Aijibji Samannay Parishad convenor Barrister Amir-ul Islam speaks at the extended meeting of the Parishad at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) auditorium in the city yesterday.

HC BAN ON RALLY, PROCESSION

Lawyers vow to continue agitation

Grand rally on July 29

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sammilita Aijibji Samannay Parishad, a forum of pro-opposition lawyers, yesterday vowed to go ahead with the movement for protesting the High Court (HC) rule banning rally and procession on the court premises.

The parishad leaders also decided to continue the movement for the separation of judiciary from executives, neutral appointment of judges and removal of 'corruption' from the judicial system.

At an extended meeting at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) auditorium, the parishad decided to hold a grand rally of lawyers from across the country in Dhaka on July 29 to realise their demands.

Speaking at the meeting, Bangladesh Bar Council Vice-chairman Barrister Rokan Mahmud criticised the rule saying that it will hamper good relationship between judges and lawyers.

He said May 23 is a black day in the country's judicial history as the rule is a contrary to the constitution.

Speaking at the meeting, lawyers across the country would hold a grand rally on the Supreme Court premises, if needed, to realise their demand.

Rokan also blasted the government for taking repeated times from the court to separate the judiciary from the executive.

Speaking at the meeting another Vice-chairman of

Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Amir-ul Islam said constitutional norms are not followed while appointing the judges.

He said the judiciary is being undermined as the government is interfering with the activities of the court while appointing the judges considering their political affiliation.

"No individual judge is our opponent, rather we believe in the good relationship between judges and lawyers," he added.

"There are some judges in the High Court who attacked on the meeting of opposition lawyers and created division among the lawyers," he observed.

The parishad also decided to form a human chain in the city on June 29 and put on black badges as part of their movement. They will also hold 'Justice day' on July 6.

SCBA President Mahbubul Alam, Advocates Ozaer Faruk, Abdul Baset Majumder, Yousuf Hossain Humayun, Sahara Khutun and leaders of different District Bar Associations also addressed the meeting.



PHOTO: STAR
Prof Anisuzzaman presents a copy of the new edition of Ekatturer Dinguli (Days of '71) by Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam to artist Qayyum Chowdhury at a function at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Huda protests remarks of TIB treasurer

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, in a statement yesterday, protested the remark of eminent economist and Treasurer of the Trustee Board of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Prof. Muzaffar Ahmad made at a discussion organised by Bangladesh Policy Forum on the proposed budget at the National Press Club.

He said "I am not and was not owner of any transport agency at any time. Prof Muzaffar has given the false and unfounded information that I am owner of a transport agency holding the post of communications minister and demanded my resignation for that reason."

Huda said Transparency International listed Bangladesh as the number one corrupt country because of such unfounded information. Prof Muzaffar has no right to disgrace the country in this way, he said.

Huda also demanded resignation of Prof Muzaffar from the TIB for giving what he called 'false information'.

NEW EDITION OF EKATTURER DINGULI LAUNCHED

'Resist anti-liberation forces'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Anisuzzaman at a programme yesterday called for resisting the anti-liberation forces who made no apologies for their roles during the Liberation War.

Now they are part of the ruling coalition and some of them are making adverse comments on the national anthem, he regretted.

The Liberation War Museum organised the programme at its auditorium in the city on the occasion of launching the new edition of Ekatturer Dinguli (Days of '71) by Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam and in memory of poet Begum Sufia Kamal.

Among others, Director of Liberation War Museum Rabiu Islam and General Secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Ayesha Khanam attended the programme.



Paribesh Bachao Andolon (Save Environment Movement) forms a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding effective measures to check mixing of toxics with food and maintain the quality of food.

DHAKA TODAY

AL discussion

Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: BCSIR seminar room. Time: 11.00am.

Inauguration

'Drujan Express', direct inter-city train service between Dhaka and Dinajpur will be inaugurated by Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Kamalpur Railway Station. Time: 7.50pm.

Workshop

Society for Environment and Human Development organises a skill sharing workshop on forestry issues and concerns. Venue: WVA Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.00am.

Memorial meeting

Communist Party of Bangladesh organises a meeting in memory of Comrade Yeas Vanu Binu, women's activist and artist. Venue: 2/1 Purana Paltan. Time: 5.00pm.

AGM

The annual general meeting of Uttarbandha Janakalyan Samity, Dhaka will be held. It will be followed by a reception and cultural function. Venue: Barc Auditorium, Farmgate. Time: 3.00pm.

Drama

North South University Cine and Drama Club will stage 'The Merchant of Venice' by William Shakespeare. Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 7.00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Cat's Eye'. Venue: Academy Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Rotary Central

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club Ltd, Shahbagh. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary North West

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club Ltd, Shahbagh. Time: 5.30pm.

Training programme

The inaugural session of a training programme on Food processing and preservation and contamination of food chain will be held with Science and ICT

'JCD does not harbour mugger, extortionist'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Jatiyatabdil Chhatra Dal, student wing of the ruling BNP, yesterday protested some newspaper reports linking the JCD men to mugging incidents.

Terming the reports 'false and fabricated', the leaders said such reports have tainted the image of the JCD, which is the largest student organisation in the country.

The JCD does not harbour any mugger or extortionist, but the newspapers have undermined the JCD by publishing such reports, they said at a press conference on the Dhaka University campus.

The JCD leaders urged the journalists to refrain from linking the JCD to such crimes without any proof.

They said Ruhul, Aziz and Liton, who were involved in the mugging of

Anisur Rahman, former director of Geological Survey Directorate and a freedom fighter, passed away at his residence in Dhaka due to a cardiac arrest on Wednesday at the age of 66, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and two sons. He was buried at Banani Graveyard with state honour.

Death anniversary

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Dr Nazir Ahmed Biswas, a freedom fighter and former president of Chuadanga district Awami League, says a

press release.

He was also the founder vice-chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

Relatives, well-wishers and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Abdul Wahab Bhuiyan

The third death anniversary of Abdul Wahab Bhuiyan, father of Jatiyatabdil Samajik Sangskriti Sangha leader Salahuddin Bhuiyan, will be observed today, says a press release.

Khatme Quran, milad and doa mahfil will be held at his village home at Dhanashi in Nabinagar, Brahmanbaria.

Cheholum

Cheholum of ARM Hanur Rashid, a renowned industrialist and managing director of Madonna Advertising Limited, will be held tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwan, milad mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute will be held at his village home at Bara Haldia in Matlab, Chandpur 11.00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6.00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Satkhira and lowest 23.2 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:13am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.8	27.2	75	87
Chittagong	27.0	26.0	93	92
Rajshahi	28.6	24.0	92	86
Khulna	33.0	26.8	81	93
Barisal	32.4	26.3</td		