

# 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.



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.

# Nine killed in road accidents

**BDNEWS, Dhaka**

At least nine people were killed and nine others injured yesterday in separate road accidentss in Magura, Tangail and Munshiganj in the country.

Magura correspondent reports: a head-on clash between a bus and a tempo carrying a bridal party left four dead on the spot at Palla on Magura-Narail road at around 1:00pm.

The dead are Islam Biswas, 60, Mohammad, 59, Chan Mia, 25, and Kabul, 22. Two seriously injured were admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital.

The bus driver managed to flee with the bus.

Tangail correspondent adds, three people, including a child, were killed and seven others injured in three separate road accidents on Tangail-Dhaka highway in the district.

A Pakulla bound jeep collided with a truck coming from opposite direction near Dhallai at about 12:00 noon leaving the driver of the jeep Shafiq, 35, of Dhamki village under Deldaur upazila dead on the spot.

Four others were also injured in the incident. They were admitted to Kumudini Hospital where Naim, 7, succumbed to his injuries.

Four people were injured in a separate road mishap at about 3:00pm near Dhallai in the district.

In another road mishap one person was killed at about 3:00pm when a Dhaka bound bus ran over him at Sohag Para.

The identity of the deceased could not be known immediately.

Munshiganj correspondent reports, a Chittagong-bound microbus crushed a person under its wheels at about 2:30pm at Gazaria Madhya Kandi on Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

The identity of the ill-fated person could not be known immediately.

Police seized the microbus but the driver managed to escape.

A case was lodged with Gazaria thana in this regard.

**AL leader killed**

Our Mymensingh Correspondent adds, an Awami League leader was killed in a road accident at Kanhor in Trishal upazila on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway yesterday.

The victim was identified as MA Hannan, 35, vice-president of Gouripur upazila AL.

Police said the accident occurred when Hannan's car rammed a roadside tree as he lost control over the steering at Kanhor. He died on the spot. The body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for autopsy.

District Awami League President Principal Matiur Rahman and General Secretary Abdul Matin MP, and Gouripur upazila unit president Captain (Retd) Mujibur Rahman Fakir MP, in separate messages, condoled the death of Hannan.

Meanwhile, Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the death of Hannan.

In a condolence message, Hasina prayed for the peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

# 'JCD does not harbour mugger, extortionist'

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Leaders of the Jatiyatabadi 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, 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 Tk 12 lakh, are no longer member of the JCD as two of them were earlier expelled from the organisation for their link to such crimes.

"We believe that no extortionist or muggers could be the activists of Chhatra Dal," said JCD General Secretary Shafiul Bari Babu, demanding punishment to the three involved in the mugging.

He also urged all the student organisations to help maintain congenial atmosphere on the campus by giving up 'bomb culture' and not harbouring the outsiders.

JCD Acting President Sultan Salauddin Tuku and Joint Secretary Amirul Islam Khan Alim also spoke at the press conference at the Madhu's Canteen. JCD leaders Nurul Islam Nayan, Shahidul Islam Babul, Mostafa Khan Safari, Ekramul Islam Biplob were also present.

# WEATHER

## TODAY

### Light to moderate rain likely

**UNB, Dhaka**

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers 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	
	Max	Min	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	92	97
Sylhet	29.0	25.8	92	97

## 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 Jatiyatabadi 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 (Duj), 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 proctor 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.

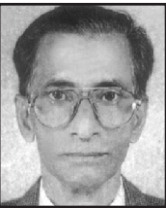
They demanded cancellation of all 'illegal' appointments of JCD cadres at different government and autonomous bodies.

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

Bangladesh Chhatra Maitri President Rafiqul Islam Sujon read out a written statement at the press conference.

BCL acting General Secretary Saifuzzaman Shekhor, Sahajada Mohiuddin, Baloram Podder, Rafiq Kotolawi, Ashraful Azim Rubon, Khan Moimul Islam Mustak, Mazhar Anam, Shariful Kabir Swapon, and Akram Hossain were present on the occasion.

## Obituary



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 Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha leader Salauddin, 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.

**Chehlum**

Chehlum of ARM Harun-Ur Rashid, a renowned industrialist and managing director of Madonna Advertising Limited, will be held tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwani, milad mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute will be held at his village home at Bara Haldia in Matlab, Chandpur at 11:00am.



Sammita Ainjibi 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

Sammita Ainjibi 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 Rakanuddin 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.

Terming the rule as unprecedented, he said, "The High Court cannot issue any rule unilaterally without any hearing."

Referring to some landmark judgements and rules issued by the HC during the pre- and post-independent period, he said it is the duty of lawyers and judges to uphold the image of the judiciary.

Regarding the appointment of judges to the HC division, Rakan alleged that party affiliation is getting top priority during their appointment.

"We want judges with strong morality and independent attitudes so that everybody including the lawyers respect them," Rakan said, adding that the objective of the movement of lawyers is to uphold the image of the judiciary.

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

Rakan 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 Mahbub Alam, Advocates Ozaer Faruk, Abdul Baset Majumder, Yousuf Hossain Humayun, Sahara Khatun and leaders of different District Bar Associations also addressed the meeting.



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. Muzaffer 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 Muzaffer 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 Muzaffer has no right to disgrace the country in this way, he said.

Huda also demanded resignation of Prof Muzaffer 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.

The new edition of the book was published by Sandhani Publication to mark the 25 years of the publication of the book.

Begum Sufia Kamal, a champion of human rights, dedicated her life to fighting against communalism and undemocratic culture, Prof Anisuzzaman said, adding that she fought for not only freedom of women but also freedom of mankind.

He also said Jahanara Imam created a new political dimension through her stand against the anti-liberation forces.

Prof Anisuzzaman launched the new edition of the book and presented two copies of the book to artist Qayyum Chowdhury and Sultana Kamal, daughter of Begum Sufia Kamal.

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