

Declare 100 Jessore villages as disaster area : Hasina

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the government to declare 100 waterlogged villages of Jessore as a 'disaster area'.

Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, expressed concern and resentment over the ongoing misery of the people of 100 villages wrought by waterlogging in 27 beels (waterbodies).

She said the BNP-Jamaat coalition government did not pay any attention to the problem, though the people of 100 villages under Abhaynagar, Manirampur and Keshabpur upazilas have been suffering badly due to waterlogging.

Moreover, the government remains indifferent to the projects, taken during the period of the previous Awami League government, she said.

Hasina urged the government to take necessary steps to provide relief

to the affected people declaring the 100 villages as 'disaster area'.

Properties worth Tk 12 lakh gutted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Properties worth around Tk 12 lakh were damaged in a fire at a jute mill at Sitakunda in the district early hours of yesterday.

The fire breaks out at the tracing section of Hafiz Jute Mills at Baro Aoulia at around 12:25am, Fire Service sources said.

Dirt cotton, valuable machines and some electric equipment were damaged in the fire that originated from an electric short-circuits, Fire Service sources said.

Four units of fire fighting vehicles extinguished the fire at around 1:15am.

Belta AGM tomorrow

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association (Belta) will be held tomorrow at 3:30pm at the auditorium of Stamford University, Siddheswari Campus (behind Monowara Hospital), says a press release.

All Belta members are requested to attend.