

BANGLADESH HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Deposit personal collection to Nat'l Archives: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon all concerned, particularly politicians and noted personalities, who have personal collection of documents, books, photographs and video clips on Bangladesh history and heritage to deposit those with the National Archives as the nation's property.

She made the call while inaugurating the newly constructed modern building of Bangladesh National Archives at Agargaon in the city, saying that deposition of valuable personal collections and achievements as national wealth will prevent those getting lost in the absence of possessors.

"Many documents, books, photographs and even video clips related to history and heritage of Bangladesh remained with many as personal collections. Many politicians and noted personalities keep documents related to their personal experiences and achievements as diary and letter," she told the inaugural function attended by ministers, MPs and celebrities of various professions.

Saying that the young generation is now passing through a critical

time, Khaleda said they will have to keep up quest for the country's own history and its roots of universal heritage in the perspective of globalisation.

She said the archive authorities will take initiative to introduce the new generation to the documents preserved in the national archive.

The new generation will have to be groomed from now on imbibed with the country's past glorious achievements so that they can build up a happy and prosperous Bangladesh, Khaleda said.

The PM said her government has taken many projects to prevent distortion of history and prepare an

objective history so that the future generations can know correct history of the nation.

And inauguration of the National Archives Bhaban is part of that continuous effort, she told the function.

She said Bangladesh has a glorious history of thousand years, rich culture and old heritage and creation of Bangladesh National

Archives is for preserving the history, culture and heritage for the interest of future generations.

Presided over by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman, the function was also addressed by Khandokar Mahbubuddin Ahmad MP, Prof Shahidul Islam MP and director of the Archive and Library Directorate Prof Dr Sharifuddin.

Saarc home ministers' meet May 11

BSS, Dhaka

Saarc home ministers meeting will be held here on May 11 to strengthen cooperation among the Saarc member countries for checking terrorism and trafficking of women and children in South Asian region, official sources said here yesterday.

The ministerial meeting will be preceded by Saarc home secretaries meeting on May 10, the sources added.



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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the 25th council of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Dhanmondi Club ground in the city yesterday.



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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurates the newly constructed modern building of Bangladesh National Archives at Agargaon in the city yesterday.

INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE COMPETITION

'Separate judiciary to curb corruption'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a debate competition underscored the need for separation of the judiciary from the executive to curb corruption in the country.

They also said if the judiciary itself can be freed from corruption and it can perform judicial responsibility independently, the accountability of the administration will be ensured.

They were speaking at the 'Inter-University Debate Competition' jointly organised by Law Department of Dhaka University (DU) and Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) held at the British Council Auditorium in the city yesterday.

Arranged in the parliamentary system, the speakers of the opposition argued that separation of the judiciary is not enough rather other measures should be adopted following other countries.

The programme is aimed at making the young generation aware of the corruption in the country and the role of law and judiciary in this regard, said the organisers.

The organisers also expressed hope that the young generation would play a vital role in combating corruption.

Inaugurating the function, Prof Dr Taslima Monsur, chairman of the Law Department (DU), said, "Corruption is the main obstacle to investment in the country."

Dr Asif Nazrul, Advocate Elina Khan, Barrister Imam Hossain, TIB Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmed, TIB Executive

Director Iftekharuzzaman and Dean of Law Faculty Prof Borhan Uddin Khan also attended the function.

Law Department of Dhaka University became the champion while Law Department of Rajshahi University finished the runner-up among the eight groups coming from Stamford University, Northern University, Eastern University, South East University, Islami University, Kushtia and Chittagong University.