

## City AL collects 5.70 lakh signatures to free Hasina

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The city unit leaders of Awami League (AL) yesterday said they have collected 5.70 lakh signatures in favour of the party President Sheikh Hasina's release in last six days.

"We have got huge response from a cross section of people in the mass signature campaign," AL Dhaka city unit acting general secretary advocate Quamrul Islam told reporters at a press briefing at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

The city AL leaders at the briefing said the recent demonstrations of bigots are a part of the government's planning so that the government can extend the emergency situation.

### Condolence meet

To commemorate the death of Prof M Asaduzzaman, former chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), a memorial meeting and launching ceremony of a souvenir magazine will be held at the RC Majumdar Auditorium of Dhaka University (DU) today, says a press release.

Present and former members of Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) will organise the memorial meeting.

UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam, DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz, DU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, faculty deans, teachers and students will be present at the ceremony.

The AL on April 5 launched the two week-long mass signature campaign demanding release of its party chief.

The leaders demanded release of Sheikh Hasina before ending of the signature campaign otherwise vowed to declare tougher programmes to

release the party chief.

"We have collected signature of 5,70,000 people from the city's 24 police stations in only six days after the launch of the campaign," Quamrul Islam said.

AL will hand over the signature

lists to the chief adviser after end of the campaign on April 20.

The city AL leaders claimed that the present situation of the country is due to lack of the government's inefficiency and inability to run the country.

Release of Sheikh Hasina is needed to find out the exit process of the caretaker government, leaders added.

Token Hunger Strike of Sramik League Jatiya Sramik League yesterday

observed a day-long token hunger strike for Hasina's release at its central office in the city.

AL presidium members Abdur Razzak, Tofail Ahmed and Suranjit Sen Gupta addressed the programme.

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