

# Listen to problems of general soldiers, solve instantly

PM urges army officers

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the military forces to increase their interactions with the general soldiers and professional difficulties and also resolve those instantly.

She also advised the senior officers not to ignore or suppress even any small problem facing the lower orders.

"If not resolved instantly, we have seen in the past what could become of the problem. So, problems of a given time must be resolved at that time."

Hasina said this at the graduation ceremony in the 2009-10 course of the Defence Services Command and Staff College at Mirpur Cantonment.

"I have firm conviction that you have the courage and efficiency to face any problem," she said.

The PM noted that the Bangladesh Armed Forces would see their success the day when they will "move forward hand in hand with the people of the country".

"You will have to reflect the aspirations of the people through your activities and nothing could be of greater service to the nation than this," she said.

Hasina also asked the senior officers to be lenient regarding small mistakes of the junior officers and soldiers.

"But, if necessary, you have to follow the rule of stern punishment in terms of crimes," she said.

The PM called upon the members of the armed forces to discharge their duties and responsibilities with utmost sincerity, honesty and dedication to build a happy, prosperous and modern Bangladesh.

Describing international

forces as the pride of the country, she said they are not only protecting the country's independence and sovereignty, but also playing an important role in nation-building tasks.

Besides, the armed forces are used to working during different natural calamities like floods, tidal surges and cyclones.

Mentioning the multifaceted global security system, she said the armed forces have to face this situation in the perspective of the gradually changing and complex security paradigm in the present globalised world.

"In the present globalised world it is not only matter of protecting security of lands... ensuring food security, social safety, and security in trade and business is also included in the duty of the armed forces."

Describing international

terrorism as the main security hazard in the present world, she said that all have to fight against international terrorism with a synergy.

Hasina said her government has increased their salaries by announcing a new pay scale while steps have been taken so that members of the armed forces working with different UN peacekeeping missions could make phone call at a minimum rate to their near and dear ones at home.

Besides, LPR time for the soldiers has been extended to six months from four months while steps have been taken to provide flats to all the officers.

The PM also distributed the certificates among the graduating officers at the ceremony.

Later, Hasina laid the foundation stone of the academic building of the Staff College.

# Written test to recruit 4,133 doctors today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The written examination for recruitment of some 4,133 doctors on an ad hoc basis will be held today.

A total of 9,627 candidates are vying for the posts. The examination will be held from 10:00am to 11:00am at three centres -- Tejgaon College, Polytechnic Institute and Institute of Health Technology.

The health ministry issued the circular for recruiting assistant surgeons on August 27 last year to reduce doctor crisis for providing better health services to the people.

Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said the candidates, who would pass the written test, would have to bring their admit cards for viva voce as no separate admit cards would be issued for the purpose.

They would also have to bring all the original certificates for oral test. But the date of viva is yet to be fixed.



Planning Minister AK Khandaker speaks at a meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. Sector Commanders Forum organised the meeting.

# 'Hold trial of war criminals immediately'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Sector Commanders Forum yesterday demanded immediate steps to hold the trial of war criminals, saying that it will pave the way for building a non-communal, democratic Bangladesh.

They also demanded a ban on the politics of Jamaat-e-Islami and Chhatra Shibir, terming them 'enemy of the nation'.

The veteran freedom fighters placed the demands at a protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

Presiding over the rally, Planning Minister AK Khandaker said the anti-liberation forces have committed heinous acts at Rajshahi University and Chittagong University at a time when the government is set to start the trial of war criminals.

If they are not punished, they will continue to resort to such heinous acts, he added.

Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiullah demanded the arrest of Jamaat-e-Islami chief Matiur Rahman Nizami for the brutal attacks by Shibir activists at Rajshahi University.

Forum general secretary Lt Col (ret'd) Harun-or-Rashid threatened to build strong resistance against the anti-liberation forces, if they kill any pro-liberation activist.

Nasiruddin Yusuf Bacchu, president of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, demanded an investigation into the financial sources of Shibir.

Golam Kuddus, vice-president of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Dr Sarwar Ali, trustee of the Liberation War Museum, and Afzal Hossain, Awami League information and research secretary, also spoke.

# MINERAL RESOURCES Bill placed in JS for ban on export

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private members' bill was placed in parliament yesterday seeking to enact a law imposing a ban on export of country's mineral resources in both crude and processed form for next 50 years.

Piloted by Rashed Khan Menon, chief of Workers Party, a component of Awami League-led alliance, the proposed legislation is aimed at protecting country's energy for future by averting direct and indirect pressures to export mineral resources, including gas and coal.

A provision of the bill says any effort or decision to export mineral resources will be considered an offence for next 50 years since the date of enforcement of the law.

An individual or a representative of a company, or an association or any statutory or any other body may be punished with an imprisonment for 14 years or penalised Tk 14 lakh or both for the offence, says the proposed legislation.

"Considering national necessity, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has declared state policy for not exporting gas for 50 years. But within 48 hours of assumption of office in 2001, BNP-Jamaat alliance government declared to export gas. But it could not be possible in the face of people's protest," said Menon in a scripted statement tagged with the bill.

The bill was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on private members' bills and resolutions for an indefinite period for scrutiny.

# SEPARATED TWINS

## Moni, Mukta return home tomorrow

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limelight. Doctors in the hospital said both Moni and Mukta are now free from any complications and would be able to grow individually.

The complicated surgery, operated on February 8, has brought confidence to the hospital surgeons for conducting such a job in future, they said.

The identical twins were born on August 22 last year at Parbatipur Mission Hospital.

"A lot of stigma was attached to the birth of my daughters," Joy Prakash said, adding that many villagers used to tell him "it's a result of his sin", while others used to ask them to leave the village.

Later, a local schoolteacher and Shafi Kamal came forward to rescue the family.

# RU VIOLENCE

## Two Jamaat, Shibir leaders on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi city Jamaat-e-Islami general secretary Abul Kalam Azad and Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute Islami Chhatra Shibir president Tariq Saifulla were taken on a five-day remand yesterday.

They were arrested on Wednesday in connection with Rajshahi University violence on February 9, the police said.

Meanwhile, police arrested four more Shibir cadres from the city.

Azad was arrested on charge of abetting Shibir cadres during the RU violence that left Chhatra League activist Faruk Hossain dead and several others injured.

# Remove mismanagement CJ asks judges, lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice (CJ) Mohammad Fazlul Karim yesterday asked the judges, lawyers and officials of the Supreme Court (SC) to restore its discipline after removing mismanagement to ensure fair dispensation of justice.

The CJ said he has already taken steps to restore discipline in the system of management of the court and cases.

"I have talked to the section officers and requested them to remove irregularities and mismanagement. They assured me of doing this. If my request does not bring any good result, I will issue them with punishment letters."

Karim said it would not be tolerated at all if the files of

cases go missing from the sections concerned of the courts, which is not found in any civilised country in the world.

The CJ said this as the chief guest at a reception accorded to him by Chittagong Association-Dhaka at its auditorium at Topkhana Road in the city.

He said there are over three lakh cases pending with the SC, adding that it is not possible to dispose of this huge backlog of cases by only 80 judges.

Karim called on all to work honestly so that the national interest is not harmed because of serving anybody's personal interest.

President of the association Jahangir Alam Khan and its Secretary Syed Nurul Islam also addressed the function.



## ভাষা শহীদদের ধন্যবাদ

"তোমাদের মহান আত্মত্যাগই আমাদের সবাইকে দিয়েছে মাতৃভাষায় কথা বলার গৌরব আর আনন্দ উদযাপনের এমন অনন্য একটি দিন।"

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