

# PM resents admission trade

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her anger over the 'admission trade' in different educational institutions.

The prime minister gave vent to her anger when the standing committee members of the Association of Universities of Bangladesh called on her at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) yesterday, said the Prime Minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad.

Association of Universities of Bangladesh is a body consisting of all the vice-chancellors of the country's 31 public universities.

Talking about the much-publicised allegations of the admission trade in colleges and universities, whereby students are admitted in exchange for money rather than on the basis of merit, the PM said she too has heard that a section of teachers are involved in such illegal activity.

"Nothing can be shameful more than this," Hasina commented.

Hasina recalled the days of her student life

when she was also involved in student politics, saying that Chhatra League leaders and activists at that time had to remain busy helping admission seekers in filling up their admission forms and completing other academic formalities.

"We could not imagine admission trade or things like that during our times," she said.

Hasina urged the vice-chancellors and all other concerned to ensure a congenial atmosphere of study at all universities across the country.

"We do not want to see any unexpected situation prevailing at the universities," she said.

Adviser to the Prime Minister for Education Affairs Dr Alauddin Ahmed, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) VC Prof Dr Pran Gopal Dutta, Open University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. RIM. Aminur Rashed, National University VC Dr Kazi Shahidullah, Prime Minister's Principal Secretary MA Karim, and Prime Minister's Office Secretary Mollah Waheeduzzaman were present.

# Build nation with spirit of liberation war

Minister tells children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday called on the young generation to know the rich cultural tradition of the country and work to build the nation with the spirit of the liberation war.

The youngsters should be inculcated with patriotism and love for mother language, he said at a gala ceremony celebrating the 58th founding anniversary of Kendriyo Khelaghar Asar, a juvenile organisation, at the Central Public Library auditorium in the city.

At the programme, three noted citizens -- journalist Chittaranjan Shil, artist Qayyum Chowdhury and Liberation War Museum trustee Dr Sarwar Ali -- were awarded 'Journalist Bazul Rahman Memorial Medal' in recognition of their outstanding contribution to society.

In their instant reactions, the awardees said the spirit of the liberation war would never fade away and the children should be brought up with the secular spirit.

Eminent educationist Prof Anisuzzaman formally inaugurated the ceremony, with Khelaghar Asar Chairman Prof Panna Kaiser in the chair. Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury was also present.

Children of the organisation performed at a cultural session at the function.

Earlier, members of the organisation placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the morning, a press release said.

Later in the day, a human chain was formed in front of the National Press Club condemning child abuse and killing of young girls in different parts of the country.

Kendriyo Khelaghar Asar General Secretary Dr Lelin Chowdhury, presidium member Prof Abu Sayeed and central committee member Nasreen Mozammel joined the human chain.



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Industries Minister Dilip Barua gives away 'Journalist Bazul Rahman Memorial Medal' to artist Qayyum Chowdhury, fourth from left, at a function at the Central Public Library auditorium in the city yesterday.

# Bribes to cover up Sabbir Murder

## CID asked to submit probe report of case against Shah Alam, Babar by June 17

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked CID to submit by June 17 the probe report of a bribery case filed against Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam, former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar and two others.

The case was filed for taking and giving bribes to cover up the murder case of Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Group.

Metropolitan Magistrate Ismail Hossain passed the order as the Criminal Investigation Department failed to submit the probe report yesterday.

Two others accused are Director of Prime Bank and East West Property Development Pvt Ltd Abu Sufian and former BNP lawmaker Qazi Saleemul Huq Kamal. They were present at the court during yesterday's hearing.

Babar was not produced before the court during yesterday's hearing.

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An official of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka said he did not find any documents that show Shah Alam having bail in the case from any other courts or being on the run.

On May 8, 2008, CID Assistant Superintendent Arman Ali filed the case with Ramna Police Station against the accused.

Earlier on May 6, 2008, Anti-Corruption Commission pressed charges against former prime minister Khaleda Zia's son Tarique Rahman, Babar, Saleemul Huq, Shah Alam and his two sons Shafiq Sobhan, Abu Sufian and Sadaat Sobhan, Abu Sufian and Tarique's personal secretary Mia Nur Uddin Apu.

The anti-graft body said the eight were involved in the bribery to save Sanvir from the charges of killing Sabbir.

On July 5, 2006, Sabbir's body was found outside a building in Bashundhara residential area.

# RENTAL POWER CONTRACTS

## Khaleda smells graft

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition leader Khaleda Zia has criticised the government for resorting to setting up rental power plants at high cost without tender, and brought allegations of corruption against the present administration for doing so.

"We've received allegation of corruption in allowing power plants without tender," she said while exchanging views with leaders of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal on May Day at her Gulshan office Saturday evening.

The BNP chairperson accused the government of failing to do anything in the power sector in the past 15 months. Now the government is arranging power at higher price, the burden of which will have to be borne by the common people, she said.

Khaleda said the government will not be able to continue in power for long due to its failures in all sectors. She said civil society and eminent citizens also believe that.

Questioning the fairness of the Bholra-3 by-elections, she said if BNP won, there would not have been any change in the power. But the ruling party nominated a terrorist who won the vote through terrorism.

Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal President and BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan, Senior Vice-President Abdul Kashem and BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, among others, were present.

# BNP march towards EC today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP will march a demonstration towards the Election Commission (EC) today demanding cancellation of Bholra-3 by-poll result and resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and two other commissioners.

The march will start from city's Muktagong area after holding a brief protest rally at 3pm.

Party's senior leaders including the members of the standing committee will lead the demonstration.

The party earlier rejected Bholra-3 by-poll result held on April 24, alleging that the ruling Awami League candidate won the seat by rigging the poll.

BNP leaders said they want to hold their programme peacefully. "We will conclude our programme where police will stop us so that any untoward situation can be averted," Dhaka city unit BNP leader Abdus Salam told The Daily Star.

He said all activists of BNP and its associate bodies have been asked to attend the programme to make it a success.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) authorities held a meeting to discuss the opposition's programme.

Sources said extra force will be deployed to ensure security during the event.

Additional Commissioner Abul Kashem of Dhaka Metropolitan Police told The Daily Star that they would take all necessary steps to avert any untoward situation centering the programme.

# British Council invites entries for climate competition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

British Council yesterday announced a national competition to select new international climate champions in Bangladesh.

Global Head of Climate Change of the council David Viner and Country Director Charles Nuttall announced the programme at a press conference at a city hotel yesterday.

The council's Climate Champion Programme is an expanding network of 3,000 individual aged between 14 to 35 years who share an interest in finding sustainable solutions to tackle climate change in their communities whether they come from government, business, education, the media or civil society, they said.

Fifteen winners of the competition will receive training and resources to implement innovative projects that inspire others to take action.

They will have opportunities to present the views of young Bangladeshis to policy makers and world leaders at national and international meetings.

Fourteen winners of the competition held last year will continue works with the British Council in different programmes in schools and research programmes as alumni of the climate champion programme, the officials said.

Interested competitors have been requested to visit [www.britishcouncil.org/Bangladesh](http://www.britishcouncil.org/Bangladesh) for more information on the project. The deadline for submitting applications is May 29.

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