



Less than one hour's afternoon rain floods the road near the Mirpur 10 roundabout in the city yesterday. The city streets cannot but undergo waterlogging even after a little rain.

Plot on to kill Hasina

Say AL leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League (AL) yesterday expressed concern over the security of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's life, as the enemies at home and abroad have been conspiring to assassinate her to hinder the trial of war criminals and culprits of August 21 grenade attack and 10 trucks arms smuggling.

AL Acting President Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam expressed their concerns at different discussion programmes in the city arranged for marking the 64th birth anniversary of Sheikh Hasina, also president of AL.

Speaking at a discussion at the National Press Club, Sajeda, who is deputy leader of the parliament, said the war criminals did not sit idle. They have been conspiring one after another. "So, Awami League is concerned over the security of Sheikh Hasina's life."

Bangabandhu Shishu-Kishore Mela organised the discussion with its Chief Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury in the chair.

The acting AL chief said they implemented the verdict of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman murder case and no one could be able to stop them. Like it, the government will hold trial of war criminals, she said adding that many stalwart war criminals have been sent behind bar and others would be nabbed soon.

Addressing another discussion at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh audi-

torium, Syed Ashraf, also the LGRD and cooperatives minister, said Sheikh Hasina was not safe as she came under attacks at different times earlier.

Awami Jubo League organised the discussion with its Acting Chairman Omar Faruk Chowdhury in the chair. AL leaders Mahbul Alam Hanif, Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Mirza Azam also spoke.

Saying Hasina has enemies at both home and abroad, Syed Ashraf urged the party men to work unitedly to save the premier's life.

He said achievements of the government and Sheikh Hasina cannot be marred due to some "irresponsible workers" of the party. He urged them to get more responsible towards their work so that the image of the prime minister is not tarnished a bit.

Talking to The Daily Star, Hanif, also a special assistant to the prime minister, said half of the killers of Bangabandhu who have absconded abroad could plot a new conspiracy to assassinate Hasina in collaboration with the main opposition BNP, which helped the killers through different means.

War criminals, culprits and mastermind of August 21 grenade attack and 10 trucks arms smuggling are also involved in the plot, he said. They (plotters) know if Hasina could be assassinated then they would not have to face trial, said Hanif, a joint general secretary of AL.

AL Presidium Member Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star that both the administration and the party should take prior appropriate measures to beef up security for Sheikh Hasina.

Tk 6,446cr projects taken to modernise telecom, JS told

One laptop to be available at Tk 10,000 within 6 months, says Raziuddin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken seven mega projects involving Tk 6,446 crore for modernisation and improvement of telecommunications sector in efforts to build "digital Bangladesh," a major electoral pledge of the ruling Awami League.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, Post and Telecommunications Minister Raziuddin Ahmed Raju told the House yesterday.

He also said a laptop at a cost of Tk 10,000 only will be available in the market within next six months. Issuance of license for VoIP business will begin from coming November, he added.

The minister said the seven projects, which are now at different stages for approval, are set to be implemented by 2015.

The mega project includes setting up next generation network (NGN) based telecommu-

nications network at a cost of Tk 1725.39 crore, setting up broadband wireless network at a cost of Tk 549.17 crore, improvement of optical fiber cable network at 1,000 union parishad at a cost of Tk 759.87 crore, expanding the internet information network at a cost of Tk 290.65 crore.

The other mega projects involving Tk 1909.67 crore was taken to introduce 3A network and expanding of 2.5A network to improve services of Teletalk, the only state-run mobile phone company.

Two other projects were taken to improve postal department, which includes building of post e-centre for community at a cost of Tk 597.41 and setting up information technology based rural post offices.

In another reply, the minister said the government is considering to expand land phone up to village level through wireless high-technology (CDMAWLL) system.

CUSTODIAL DEATH Suo moto rule on govt to explain by Oct 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a suo moto rule upon the government to explain by October 5 why it should not be directed to take legal action against the ones responsible for the custodial death of Md Idris, a rickshaw puller, in Chittagong.

The court also directed the authorities concerned to submit a report after investigating the death of Idris within the next seven days.

A division bench comprising of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Syeda Afsar Jahan issued the order following newspaper reports on death of Idris in police custody.

The home secretary, inspector general of police, inspector general of prisons, commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police and officer-in-charge of Bayezid Bostami Police Station were made respondents to the rule.

According to reports, rickshaw puller Md Idris, 35, died in Chittagong Central Jail last Monday. The victim's mother Nurjahan Begum alleged brutal torture in police custody led to her son's death.

Idris, who was accused of stealing a motorbike, was hauled by the police on September 14 and taken to Bayezid Bostami Police Station from where he was sent to prison the following day.

Suo moto, meaning "on its own motion," is a Latin legal term used where a government agency acts on its own cognisance.

Int'l Right to Know Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations held different programmes to mark the International Right to Know Day yesterday.

The day was first established and celebrated on September 28, 2003, with the aim to raise awareness so that all individuals can practise their right to government-held information.

The information may include how elected officials are exercising power and

how the taxpayers' money is being spent.

Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh (EquityBD) organised a human chain in front of National Press Club, where speakers demanded full transparency and information flow on funds for development and climate change.

EquityBD member, Mostafa Kamal, said increasing corruption among government officials is still causing deprivation of the poor.

He demanded incorporation of cor-

ruption risk assessment policy, information disclosure policy, and complaint response mechanism into all development projects.

Among others, Prodig Kumar Roy of Online Knowledge Centre, and Firoj Ahmed of LeadTrust spoke.

Socheton Nagarik Committee and Savar Branch of Transparency International Bangladesh organised a discussion, a bicycle rally, a cultural programme and a documentary film show at Savar on the occasion.



Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader speaks at a roundtable at LGED auditorium in the city yesterday. On his right are RTI Forum Convener Shaheen Anam, Information Commissioner Prof Sadeka Halim and TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman. (Story on Page 1)

The Daily Star
CAREER OPPORTUNITY

"The Daily Star" the leading English Daily Newspaper in the country is seeking for qualified individuals for its following offered positions:

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Last date of Application: October 7, 2010.

Duke sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Saiful Islam Duke, nephew of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, to jail in connection with the August 21, 2004 grenade attack case on Awami League rally.

Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ali Hussain passed the order after Criminal Investigation Department (CID) produced Duke before it on completion of his two-day remand.

The order came when Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, Abdul Kahar Akond, CID's special superintendent of police, did not seek further remand for interrogation.

In the forwarding report, the IO appealed to the court to confine Duke in jail, as police are verifying the information gleaned from him.

Duke was arrested on August 26 for his alleged involvement in the August 21 grenade attack that killed 24 AL leaders and activists and injured 200 more.

Earlier, CID pressed charges against 22 people including Harkatul Jihad (Huji) Chief Moulana Mufi Abdul Hannan and BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu in connection with the case. But the court on August 3, 2009 ordered further investigation to unearth the sources of grenades and other persons involved.

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