

## Media language getting worse

Says Abdullah Abu Sayeed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, chairman of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, yesterday said the language used by media is getting worse as journalists do not get opportunity to read books at libraries.

He was addressing a seminar styled "Journalism and library: Present context" at the National Press Club in the city to mark the 56th anniversary of the club.

The National Press Club recently took initiatives to renovate its library.

He suggested the club authorities to keep two divisions at the library -- one for reference and another for books on advanced knowledge.

"I hope the library will help the country's journalists," he said.

Speakers at the seminar stressed the need for a library at every media house for journalists to enrich their knowledge and do better reporting.

News clippings and photos should be kept at the libraries so that newsmen can easily get background information about any particular incident, they said.

Supernumerary professor of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University Dr Shakhawat Ali Khan said more journalists would be able to improve their expertise in the profession if libraries are set up at the media houses.

Veteran journalist ABM Musa, adviser to the daily Amar Desh Ataus Samad, The News Today Editor Reazuddin Ahmed and former chairman of the Department of Information Science and Library Management Prof Dr Nasir Uddin Munsif also spoke at the seminar.

Journalist Majid Mahmud presented the keynote paper at the seminar with Club President Shawkat Mahmud in the chair.

# Recover all children's parks: PM

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to recover all the children's parks and playgrounds in the city.

She was addressing a prize giving ceremony of a painting competition at the city's Osmani Auditorium yesterday morning.

Sheikh Russel Jatio Shishu Kishore Parishad arranged the competition to mark the 46th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Expressing sorrow for the urban children, Hasina said the situation is so bad that the children do not have adequate number of playgrounds.

She was a little bit critical of the real estate companies saying that they do not want to leave even an inch in building their flats and apartments.

"Each playground and park has to be recovered and preserved for the children," said the prime minister.

She also directed the ministry concerned to arrange sports tournaments among the children across the country.

The prime minister said her government has undertaken a number of steps to turn Bangladesh into a safe abode for children.

She vowed to establish a safe and prosperous Bangladesh for every child, saying that the present government will not allow any terrorism on the land of Bangladesh.

Sheikh Hasina has urged parents and teachers to shower as much love and affection as possible on their children and students respectively to help them build safe and beautiful lives.

She said love and affection can be more effective than strictness in the form of scold-



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina cuddles a child during a prize giving ceremony of a painting competition at Osmani Auditorium in the city yesterday.

ing and rebukes in helping the children along the path of building safe and prosperous lives.

"We are working round-the-clock to establish Bangladesh as a peaceful country by freeing it from all sorts of terrorism," said the premier.

She said her government has taken various steps to root out terrorism from Bangladesh.

"If necessary, we will take even tougher action to root out terrorism from the country," she said.

Sheikh Hasina said necessary measures are being undertaken to ensure food, health, education, and specially technical education for the children.

She said the government is trying to stop repression on children as it has formulated a policy under which employment of children in any hazardous work and use of children in political purposes are completely prohibited.

She mentioned that Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had introduced free education for primary students, and noted that the government has distributed free books up to secondary level.

The prime minister reiterated her government plan to introduce free education up to graduate level.

She said the government will take measures to provide stipends to the ultra poor students to help their parents.

SSC examinees who attained excellent results were also given prizes at the function.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Ministry Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury and eminent economist Dr Abul Barakat, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Later Sheikh Hasina witnessed a colourful cultural function performed by the Children of Sheikh Russel Jatio Shishu Kishore Parishad.

## TRAIN ACCIDENT BNP says govt probe to be unfair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders yesterday alleged that the government probe into the Sirajganj train accident would not be fair due to some speeches made by the government.

They however said the 'mass inquiry commission' formed by the party would unfold the mystery of the accident.

They were speaking at a press conference at the residence of Sirajganj BNP President and BNP chairperson's adviser Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku at Mohammadpur in the city.

Senior Joint Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said speeches made by the government proves that its probe will not be fair. That is why BNP has formed the commission to find out the mystery behind the incident, he said.

BNP formed the nine-member 'mass enquiry commission' on Sunday to investigate into the October 11 train accident.

Tuku said police and Rapid Action Battalion are raiding the houses of the leaders and activists of BNP and the activists of Awami League are looting those houses, taking advantage of the absence of male residents.

He alleged that the activists of Awami League are attempting to violate the women of those houses.

Tuku claimed that around 18,000 BNP men were sued in eight different cases in connection with the Sirajganj accident and the possible candidates of the union parishad election are being targeted in the cases.

Rejecting the claim that BNP did not seek permission before holding the rally, he said they had to hold the rally at Soidabad due to another programme of prime minister's adviser HT Imam.

He said BNP sent letters to the deputy commissioner, superintendent of police and National Security Intelligence on September 28, informing about the rally.

BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed and Organising Secretary Elias Ali were present at the press conference.

# Extortionists torch 13 jhut warehouses in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Extortionists allegedly torched at least 13 jhut (garment by-product) warehouses early yesterday after failing to collect tolls from its owner at capital's Kafrul area under Mirpur-13.

On information, four fire fighting units rushed to the spot at around 1:00am and doused the fire after more than half an hour's effort.

However, fire brigade sources said the

fire might have originated from an electric short circuit at around 12:15am.

Mohammad Alauddin, general secretary of Mirpur Jhut Samabay Samity Limited and also the owner of the damaged warehouses, claimed property worth about Tk 40 lakh was gutted in the blaze.

He said, on behalf of the Samity he built the makeshift warehouses on a roadside abandoned land nine months back.

A group of extortionists used to collect money from them since they had started the business, he claimed.

Meanwhile, other extortionist groups were also demanding money and threatening to torch the warehouses, he added.

Anisur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Kafrul police station said at 6:00pm they had received no complaint about torching of the warehouses.

# Meet to ensure fair war crimes trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sectors Commanders' Forum (SCF) held a view exchange meeting with prosecution and investigation teams of International Crimes Tribunal yesterday to discuss over ensuring a proper, transparent and internationally accepted war crimes trial.

SCF General Secretary Lt Col (ret) Harun-or-Rashid briefed the press about objectives of the meeting held at Liberation War Museum in the city.

He said, "Both the prosecution and investigation team of the tribunal are satisfied with the work so far completed. We might see one or two cases in the court soon."

"It is not possible to say anything specifically right away for the sake of greater interest. You can see specific development in this regard before December 16 this year," Jayad Al Malum, prosecutor (administration), said after the meeting.



Prominent artist Prof Rafiqun Nabi inaugurates a festival titled "Dhaka safe and sound" at Goethe-Institut Bangladesh in the city yesterday.

# HOUSEWIFE MURDER House owner picked up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday detained house owner and her nephew in connection with the housewife Sumi's murder that occurred at Khilgaon in the city on October 15.

The detainees are house owner Nadira Khandakar and her nephew Dip.

Sumi was murdered at her rented house at Banasree of Khilgaon area.

On the day of incident, police arrested Sumi's husband Mahfuzur Rahman Rana and domestic help Jesmin suspecting their involvement in the murder.

Khilgaon Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Najimuddin, quoting detained Jesmin, said Dip was involved in an extra-marital relation with Sumi and, fearing leakage of the affair, Dip and other accused had killed Sumi.

Sumi was partially mentally challenged, the OC added. Though at a primary interrogation, Jesmin told the police that a group of three youths, identifying themselves as cable mechanics, entered Sumi's house and killed her.

The OC said the detainees forced Jesmin to give fabricated statements earlier.

Sumi's brother Md Mosharrif filed a murder case with the Khilgaon Police Station following the incident.

**15TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LATE AL-HAJ JAHURUL ISLAM**

Today, October 19, 2010 is the Fifteenth Death Anniversary of Late **AL-HAJ JAHURUL ISLAM**, the Founder and Chairman of **ISLAM GROUP OF COMPANIES**.

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## Farmers to stage demo Thursday

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Marginal and landless farmers will stage demonstrations in at least 49 spots of different districts from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm on Thursday to press home their 10-point demand, including ration for them and incorporate them under the Bangladesh labour act.

Bangladesh Khet Majur Samity, a wing of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, announced the programme at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) yesterday.

Other demands include ensuring works for the landless farmers all the year round, free them from micro-credit scheme, resume 100-day employment-generation programme in every upazila, provide them free treatment and free education for their children.

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