

## CJ for Bangla in court activities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque yesterday said use of the mother language is important in all spheres of life including in the activities of the Supreme Court (SC).

He said this while talking to journalists after paying homage to the language heroes of 1952 at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city.

"Bangla is our mother language. So, this language should be used everywhere," said the chief justice.

He said the use of mother language should not just be limited to giving rulings; rather it should be used in all High Court activities.

Justice Muzammel Hossain, senior judge of the Appellate Division, along with other High Court judges was also present.

Justice Khairul Haque delivered nearly 200 judgements in Bangla when he was a judge in the High Court Division, according to the SC sources.

He has started delivering verdicts in Bangla since February 11, 2007 to show respect to the mother tongue and the language movement heroes.

The chief justice has recently started writing a judgement in Bangla in a case at the Appellate Division, said the sources.

## SCBA polls March 30-31

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The annual election to Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for its 14 executive posts including the president and secretary will be held on March 30 and 31.

In all 2,302 lawyers of the Supreme Court have been registered as voters in the country's prime bar association polls, SCBA Secretary Md Bodruddoza Badal told The Daily Star.

The SCBA executive committee at a meeting on February 15 has officially fixed the schedule for the elections, he said.

According to sources, the main battle in the polls would be between the panels of ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Sammilita Ainjibi Samannay Parishad (BSASP) and the main opposition BNP-backed Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (BJAF).

Both the forums of lawyers have almost finalised their panels to contest in the election, said the sources.

From BSASP side, senior lawyer and former SCBA president Abdul Baset Majumder will run for president, SM Abul Hossain for

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A blanket of fog descends on the capital yesterday. The photo was taken from Gulshan around 3:00 pm.

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## JCD New COMMITTEE SOON Now beset with 11 factions

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Split has intensified within BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) as a new central committee to the JCD will be announced soon by the party high command.

A debate has also emerged as to whether the young leaders and current students are given JCD leadership, as its top central leaders are aged over 40.

JCD sources said BNP's Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman will directly influence the formation of JCD's new committee and for that the JCD leaders aspiring posts are trying to maintain close connections with Tarique and top BNP leaders.

According to the sources, about 11 factions are now being maintained by different top-level leaders of the JCD to show their control over the activists and press the demand to be in the leadership.

There are two sub-groups in the faction led by the central president Sultana Salahuddin Tuku; one is maintained by Dhaka University (DU) unit's senior joint

convener Obayedul Haque Nasir and the other by Mahidul Islam Hiru.

JCD general secretary Amirul Islam Khan Aleem loyal group is also divided into two groups; one is maintained by central joint sectary Shahidullah Imran and the other by assistant organising secretary Mashiur Rahman Mishu.

Besides, former organising secretary Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel, vice-president Nurul Islam Nayan, former president of DU unit Hasan Mamun, general secretary Saiful Islam Feroz, former central leaders Shipon and Khokon, and present organising secretary Khokon also maintain their groups.

JCD insiders said many factions inside the organisation were created due to the possibility of a new committee formation, demand for an age limit of the leaders, and grievances of junior leaders on the top two leaders.

The incumbent central committee has already expired, as it was formed on June 2, 2009 for six months.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on the anniversary of JCD on January 1 said the new

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## Hasina moves to quell intra-party feud in Ctg

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, also prime minister, is likely to meet with her party's Chittagong city unit leaders on February 26 to defuse the intra-unit disputes.

Hasina is expected to instruct the recalcitrant leaders to put aside their differences and make them unite in the interests of the party, according to the party sources.

AL Chittagong city committee is currently ravaged by serious discord between ex-mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and Primary and Mass Education Minister Afsarul Ameen.

Mohiuddin and Afsarul Ameen are the president and the joint secretary of Chittagong city unit of the ruling party respectively.

Hasina is expected to sit with the leaders at Chittagong Circuit House on February 26 about 2:30pm and direct the local leaders to forge unity and gear up party activities.

The premier is scheduled to witness the

parade of Bangladesh Marine Academy' graduation ceremony and inaugurate Maritime University on February 26 in Anwara upazila of Chittagong.

"We have received a letter regarding the PM's meeting at Chittagong Circuit House. She will also meet Chittagong north and south units of AL and other front organisations," said Chittagong city AL General Secretary Kazi Enamul Haque Danu to the agency yesterday. He said the prime minister, during the meeting, might stress the need for maintaining unity within the party.

Mohiuddin Chowdhury has also received a similar letter, but his rival and Vice-president Nurul Islam BSC, MP has not yet got any letter about the meeting.

"I haven't received any letter regarding the meeting yet, but let's see. I must join if I get a formal letter," Nurul Islam told the agency yesterday. The Chittagong city AL unit is divided into two factions. Mohiuddin and Danu lead one faction while Afsarul Ameen and Nurul Islam BSC the other.

## Essay contest for visually impaired students held

METRO DESK

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW), a foundation for social welfare, organised an essay competition for visually impaired students on February 16.

The competition aimed at generating the participants' understanding of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

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## Amar Ekushey observed

### Wreath placed in first-ever Shaheed Minar in Pakistan chancery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-political and cultural organisations as well as business and professional bodies yesterday observed Amar Ekushey, also the International Mother Language Day, with due solemnity and befitting manner across the country.

People from all walks of life thronged Shaheed Minars (memorial to language martyrs) across the country since the wee hours of Monday to pay their respects to language martyrs.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Suhrah Hossain hoisted Bangladesh's national flag at half-mast in the Chancery to pay homage to the language martyrs.

He placed wreath at a Shaheed Minar, temporarily erected there for the first time in Pakistan, on behalf of the officers and officials of the high commission. Expatriate Bangladeshis living in Islamabad also pre-

sented wreaths there.

Workers Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal placed wreaths at Central Shaheed Minar, early in the morning.

Kendriyo Konchi-Kanchar Mela held a discussion and cultural programme at its auditorium in Segunbagicha in the city. Later, prizes were distributed among winners of a Bangla handwriting and spelling competition.

Jagannath University Vice Chancellor Prof Mesbahuddin Ahmed placed wreath at Central Shaheed Minar on behalf of the university.

Asia Chinnamul Manobadhikar Bastobayon Foundation held a seminar on the occasion at Central Public Library in the city.

Motijheel Peshajibi Unnayan Forum held a discussion and cultural programme at Photo Journalist Association auditorium in

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits International Mother Language Institute at Segunbagicha in the city yesterday after its inauguration.

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## Young diabetics learn controlling sugar in blood

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It was not just a pleasure excursion for the little children suffering from diabetes but an opportunity to learn how to control diabetes and maintain health to live like a non-diabetic person.

Young diabetics, aged between four and eighteen years, gathered at Proshika guesthouse in Manikganj on Sunday for a two-day camp. The camp aimed at teaching these children how to live well with just discipline, proper diet and taking prescribed medication on time.

Around 94 children, patients at Birdem, along with their parents joined the camp organised by Birdem under its "Changing Diabetes in Children (CDIC)" programme in assistance with Novo Nordisk, a pharmaceutical company, and World Diabetes Foundation.

"Children are not usually conscious about their health. That is why we try to discipline them through games and amusements at the annual camps," said Dr Shakhawat Hossain, health educator of Birdem.

"It is a different day for us. Thanks to Birdem and Novo Nordisk for teaching us new things and techniques to maintain good health," said Rima and Shima, twin eleven-year old sisters, suffering from diabetes for the last five years.

Like the two, Shumi Akhter, Brishti Rani Das, Baby Tasnim and others opined that Birdem and Novo Nordisk gave them a new life by providing insulin

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