

Govt won't tolerate any harm to country

Says prime minister

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government will not tolerate anything from within or outside the state that might harm the country.

"The present government is resolving all kinds of disputes with neighbours. We have already resolved the 64-year long (border) dispute," she said while addressing the Graduation Ceremony of NDC-2011 and Armed Forces War Course-2011 at Mirpur Cantonment.

Reiterating her government's stance to make the country's armed forces modern and time befitting, she said this government will do whatever is possible to raise the standards of the armed forces to world class.

The premier also assured to upgrade and modernise the National Defence College (NDC).

"But before that we have to be more strong economically; if our economy becomes stronger we will be able to do whatever is needed," she said.

Mentioning that the government has taken massive initiative to make Bangladesh a digital country, she asked the armed forces to contribute towards achieving this aim.

Recalling the contribution of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to the armed forces, Hasina said soon after the independence, Bangabandhu embarked on a gigantic task to build a strong armed force even amidst financial constraints of the war-ravaged country.

"Within a short period, he (Bangabandhu) established a number of important institutions, including Bangladesh Military Academy and Combined Armed School. He also took steps to procure modern arms and ammunition from abroad for the armed forces," she added.

BNP stands by war criminals

Speakers tell discussion

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said BNP in connivance with Jamaat is plotting to protect those who were responsible for killing, rape, arson and looting during the War of Liberation in 1971.

BNP has taken side of war criminals to foil the on-going trial of the perpetrators of crimes against humanity, said the speakers.

They made the remarks at a discussion at Institute of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh in the city. Bangabandhu Parishad organised the event marking the Victory Day with its general secretary Dr SA Malek in the chair.

"We must forge unity against war criminals and Rezakers right now," said State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman at the discussion.

SA Malek said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is working round-the-clock to fulfill dream of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in building a Sonar Bangla which would be free from all sorts of repression and fundamentalism.

Secretary General of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ) Abdul Jalil Bhuyian said defeated forces of the liberation war are still active in Bangladesh to foil the war crimes trial.

Former vice-chancellor of Chittagong University Abdul Mannan, Dhaka University Teachers' Association leader Dr Akhtaruzzaman, Poet Moahdeb Saha, Mahabub Uddin, Bir Bikram, and journalist Matiur Rahman Latu, among others, took part in the discussion.

HC verdict on Khaleda's petition today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) will deliver its verdict today on a petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for scrapping the proceedings against her in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

The HC fixed 2:00pm today to pass its verdict following yesterday's hearing on the rule issued earlier by it over scrapping the proceedings against the BNP chairperson in the case.

Khaleda Zia, the HC issued the rule on October 15, 2009 asking the government and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to explain why the proceedings against her should not be scrapped.

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Body found in city mess

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed body of an unidentified youth from a mess at Jahanara Garden in the city's Green Road yesterday evening.

On information, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police recovered the body by breaking open the door around 6:00pm.

Officer-in-charge Zakir Hossain Mollah said they picked up Ruhul Amin Sagor, the mess manager, for interrogation.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

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