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No party ticket in next polls

Hasina warns poor performing ministers, MPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday she has performance records of all ministers and MPs in her hands and is getting another survey on their activities done by government agencies and her "own men".

MPs who have bad image in their constituencies, engaged in negative activities and kept aloof from grassroots level leaders of the party will not get nomination in the next parliamentary polls, she was quoted by a number of Awami League lawmakers as saying at a meeting of the AL Parliamentary Party held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Hasina, also chief of the ruling AL, reminded her party deputies that she had already carried out two surveys on their activities in their constituencies and has records of that.

"On the basis of the survey results, party nomination will be given in the next parliamentary polls," AL legislator Iqlibul Rahim told The Daily Star quoting Hasina.

Urging the MPs who have distanced themselves from the party's grassroots leaders to mend their ways, Hasina

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The Bengal ITC-SRA Classical Music Festival 2012 got underway last evening, bringing together the giants of Indian classical music and dances at the biggest ever festival of the kind in Dhaka.

The evening began with a narration along with visuals taking the audience through the rich history and legacy of classical music in the Indian subcontinent from the pre-Mughal era to date.

Before the speeches of the guests, a minute's silence was observed in memory of those who lost their lives in the recent Nishchintapur garment factory blaze.

Inaugurating the four-day extravaganza at Bangladesh Army Stadium at 7:30pm, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said the audience was fortunate in experiencing the various forms and beauty of the classical music. She expressed her

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Shehnai maestro Ustad Ali Ahmed Hussain performs on the first evening of the Bengal ITC-SRA Classical Music Festival 2012 at Bangladesh Army Stadium in Dhaka yesterday.



Chased by DB men, 4 drown in river

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

At least four suspected gamblers drowned after they jumped into a river to escape from chasing detectives on Wednesday evening in Dinajpur.

Following the incident, 10 members of Detective

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Ensure security of defence lawyer's office
War crimes tribunal asks cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday directed the police to ensure security of the chamber of a defence counsel of detained Jamaat-e-Islami leaders accused in war crimes cases.

The three-member

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STATEHOOD RECOGNITION Palestinians set to win UN vote

AFP, United Nations

Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas went to the United Nations yesterday assured of huge support for UN recognition of a state for his people in the face of strong US and Israeli opposition.

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Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian National Authority, and United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon pose for photos at UN headquarters in New York City on Wednesday.

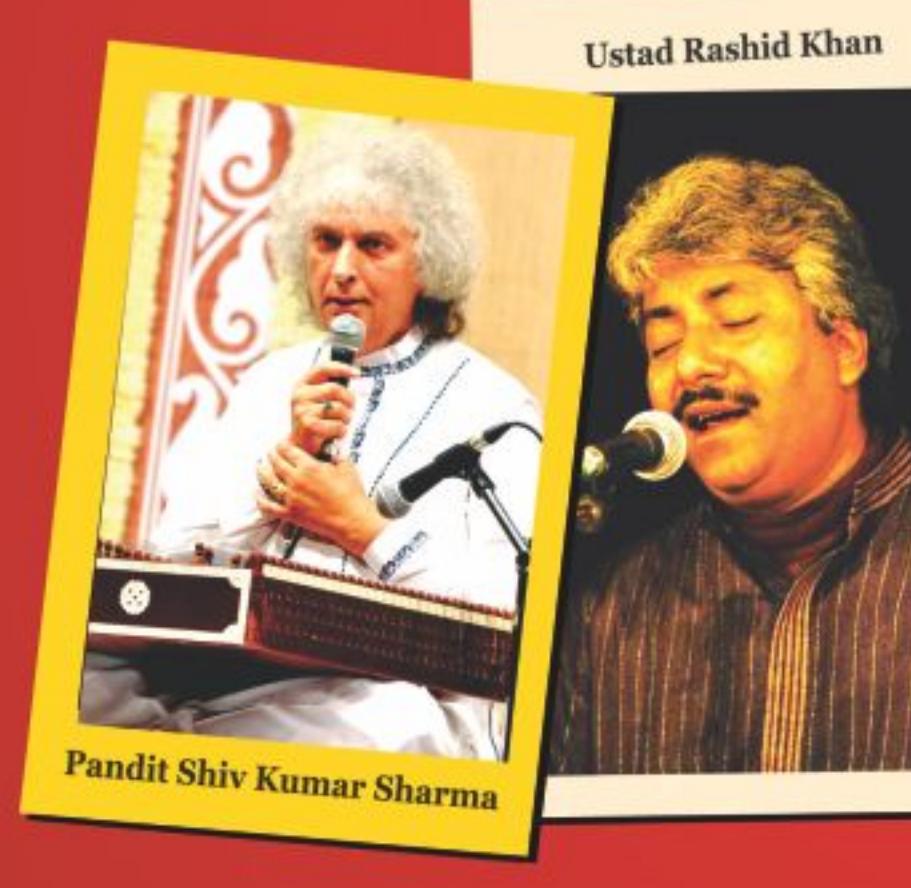
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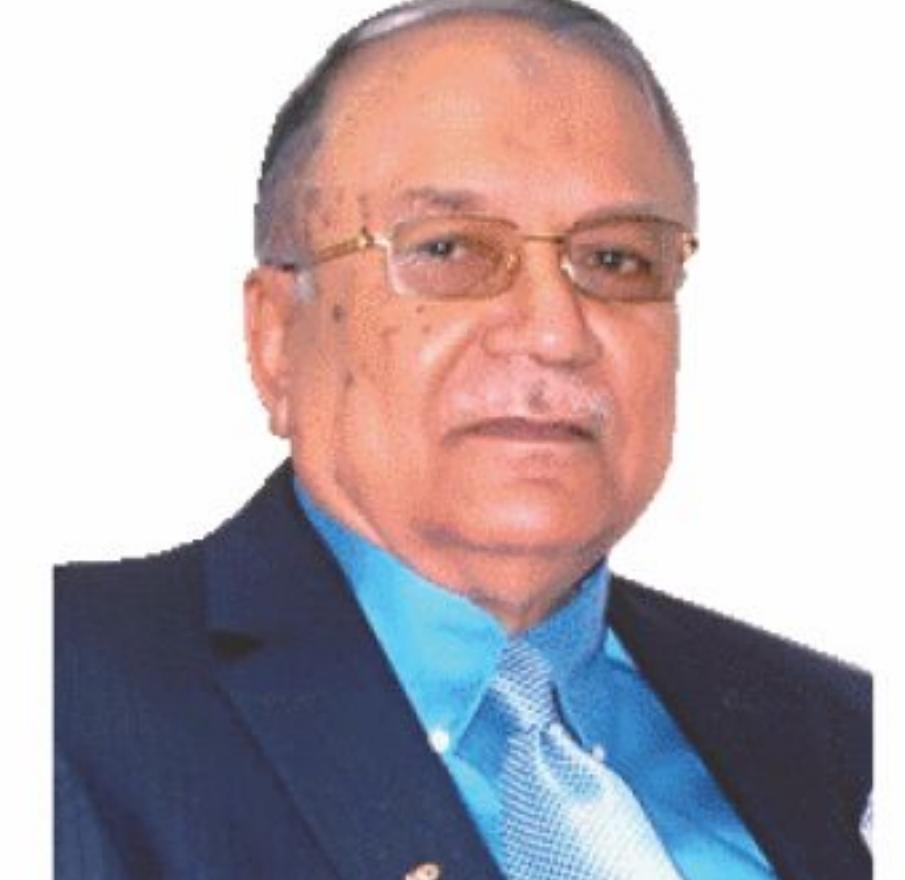
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The pro-BNP Doctors Association of Bangladesh has boycotted the Bangladesh Medical Association election on allegations of rigging in different districts including Dhaka, Bhola, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Pirojpur and Jhalakathi.

AKM Azizul Haque, president candidate from DAB, said this to The Daily Star at 1:15am today.

BMA Secretary General Iqbal Arslan of the pro-Awami League Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (Swachip) said

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Do you think it would be justified for the BNP-led 18-party alliance to call non-stop hartal for restoration of the caretaker government system?

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Do you agree with BNP
Chairperson Khaleda Zia
that the government has
no achievement in last four
years?

Yes (27%)

No (72%)

No Comments (1%)

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