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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 grass-roots 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 Iqbalur 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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Biggest ever classical music festival begins

FAHMIM FERDOUS

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.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



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.

But Abbas was warned by UN leader Ban Ki-moon that the Middle East peace process is on "life support" and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said even the UN General Assembly vote would not create a new Palestinian state.

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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.

PHOTO: AFP

Sircar, Hamid get bail in graft cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to former speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar and former deputy speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui in four graft cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Judge Mohammad

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RANGPUR CITY POLLS JP won't back any candidate

Expels 2 mayoral aspirants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party yesterday decided not to back any mayoral aspirant in the ensuing Rangpur City Corporation election centring a conflict over picking a favourite.

The party also expelled

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PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED KIDS

Reduce cost of education

Speakers urge govt at The Daily Star-SARPV roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should introduce special curriculum for children with disabilities and reduce the cost of their study materials in order to integrate them in the mainstream education, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

"Despite forming 10% of the country's population, these children are hardly paid any heed to by their families and the state," said Shahidul Haque, chief executive of Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable (SARPV).

He urged the education ministry to incorporate physically vulnerable children in the mainstream education.

The suggestions were made at a roundtable titled "Barriers to mainstreaming of children with disabilities in education" held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

SARPV and The Daily Star jointly organised the roundtable with the support of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Farzeen Ferdous Alam, president of Oggro, an organisation designed to extend educational support to visually impaired girls, pointed out that Braille books were pretty

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9 DESTINY OFFICIALS

Freezing of 71 accounts ordered

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to take steps to freeze 71 bank accounts of nine Destiny Group officials in connection with a money laundering case filed by the ACC.

Judge Mohammad Zahirul Haque of Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Mozahar Ali Sarder filed a petition seeking permission to freeze the bank accounts.

The officials are Zakir Hossain, former general secretary of Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative

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PRAYER TIMING November 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
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Doctors elect new leaders

Pro-BNP body boycotts polls as vote counting continues; pro-govt docs claim victory

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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TODAY'S POLL

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?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

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ONLINE POLL

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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