

# BGMEA building malignant tumour at Hatirjheel : PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her disappointment over the construction of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) building on Hatirjheel canal.

"Existence of the BGMEA building there is like a malignant tumour at the scenic place," she said.

She was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Association of Architects' 20th General Assembly and Conference 2013 jointly organised by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) at a hotel in the capital.

She also urged the country's architects to devote themselves in building an environment-friendly country rather than only being engaged in designing buildings.

"You'll have to give special attention to protection of environment while making any planning.....you'll have to undertake planning of structures in such a way so that rural environment is maintained despite living in urban areas," she said.

State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman spoke on the

occasion as special guest while President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh and CAA President Mubasshar Hossain also spoke. Newly elected CAA President Rukhsan Widyalkar of Sri Lanka was present.

ASM Ismail, convenor of the organising committee of the CAA conference, delivered the welcome speech.

More than hundred foreign architects from around the world and more than a thousand local architects are participating in the event.

The prime minister also called upon the architects, especially the country's architects, to preserve water bodies while planning structures for tackling the situation in case of fire incidents.

Mentioning that unplanned urbanisation becomes a concern for the whole world as it degrades environment in one hand, on the other becomes a threat to the public health, she said the architects have an important responsibility to overcome the problem.

She said the government has taken initiatives to implement "Detailed Area Plan" (DAP) to build a planned Dhaka bringing discipline in building structures.

**More and more book lovers throng Bangla Academy ground as the month-long Amar Ekushey Boi Mela is drawing toward a close by entering its 22nd day yesterday.**

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addresses the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Association of Architects' 20th General Assembly and Conference 2013 at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital yesterday.

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## Death Anniversary

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Today is the 36th death anniversary of freedom fighter Lt AM Ataul Haque of

Bangladesh Navy.

He joined the country's Liberation War in 1971 defying his allegiance to Pakistan Navy.

Since independence, he served as the acting chief of Bangladesh Navy until April 1972.

He joined Royal Indian Navy in 1945 and later joined Pakistan Navy in 1947.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

## BANNING JAMAAT

# May turn militant but won't get public support

Political analysts tell BBC Bangla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If Jamaat-e-Islami is banned, it might carry out militant activities but will not get public support, political analysts told BBC Bangla yesterday.

Though the government may face challenges from home and abroad in imposing the ban, it can handle the situation, they said.

Former Dhaka University teacher Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury said, "Bangladeshis never liked to mingle religion with politics. Besides, there is no room for militancy to gain people's support because it was proven several times earlier through the rejection of extremist politics of some leftist parties."

Despite having strong organisational capability, Jamaat has little public support and cannot gain from militancy, he added.

On December 22, 1971, some religion-based parties, including Jamaat, was banned and Jamaat was almost inactive

for four years, said the BBC Bangla report.

Noted jurist Dr Kamal Hossain said the ban was imposed as the parties were involved in war crimes.

"Their politics was banned as they used religion for political gains...Bangladesh's recognition was delayed as they spread propaganda in Muslim countries against Bangladesh," he said.

"As there was no political party during 1976, Ziaur Rahman issued Political Parties Regulation so that all parties could register to engage in politics and then Jamaat-Muslim League entered politics," said former Dhaka University vice chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed.

Salahuddin Babar, executive editor of Naya Diganta, said if banned, a section of Jamaat leaders might head towards an alternative direction.

"If Jamaat wants to walk this path (militancy), they will face destruction," he added.

## Qulkhwani

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Qulkhwani of Rear Admiral Hasan Ali Khan, a former chief

of Bangladesh Navy, will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at House-459, Road-31, Mohakhali DOHS, Dhaka.

Hasan Ali Khan passed away in the capital on February 19.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and well wishers to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest at Military Graveyard in Banani following his namaz-e-janaza at the Naval Headquarters mosque after Zohr prayers on Thursday.

Relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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This week's Star Campus, a weekly publication of The Daily Star, has some exciting articles for the readers. The Spotlight is on celebrating our Mother Language Day through means of the Probat Ferri. The Going Spiral and Extra Credit are both follow ups on the Shahbag movement from two different perspectives—one from a Bangladeshi living abroad and one from the very grounds of the protest. There is a funny article on the amusing diet plans of famous musician Shakib Chowdhury from Cryptic Fate. The Star Chat this week is with Russian sitar player Amiran Ahsan, as she shares stories from her childhood and about her inspirations, aspirations and experience in Bangladesh. Don't forget to grab your copy of Star Campus, as it hits the country tomorrow, Sunday. And, as always, have a great read!

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## SCBA election

March 13, 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day annual election of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for its 14 executive posts, including that of president and secretary, will begin on March 13.

A total of 4,045 Supreme Court lawyers registered as voters in the country's major bar association polls.

SCBA's executive committee fixed the date on February 20 and a seven-member committee led by Advocate Nur Hossain Chowdhury will conduct the election, SCBA Superintendent Nimesh Chandra Das told The Daily Star yesterday.

Nimesh said submission of nomination papers will continue till March 3 and the last date for withdrawal is March 6.

SCBA sources said the main contest would be between the ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Sammilita Ainjibi Samannay Parishad (BSASP) and BNP-backed Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (BJAF).

BJAF nominated former attorney general AJ Mohammad Ali as candidate for the president post and Barrister Mahbubuddin Khokon, MP, for the secretary post, said BJAF leader and former SCBA secretary Bodruddoza Badal.

BSASP has not finalised its panel yet, said BSASP leader and former SCBA secretary SM Rezaul Karim.

The probable BSASP candidates for the president post are Awami League presidium member Yusuf Hossain Humayun, former law minister Abdul Matin Khasru, principal state counsel for Bangabandhu murder case Anisul Huq and Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury.

Lawyers Abdun-nur Dulal, Rabiul Alam Budu, Azaharullah Bhuiyan and Sheikh Awasafur Rahman Bulu are aspiring contestants for the secretary post, he added.

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