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AL to extol Hasina on founding anniversary today

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The ruling Awami League (AL) and its front organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the party's 65th founding anniversary today with the slogan "Only Sheikh Hasina can deliver and she does".

The party will publish a souvenir containing its history, and contributions to the country and its peo-

ple to mark the anniversary. Marking the day, several archways have already been erected on different streets SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

LAKHO KANTHE SONAR BANGLA

PM receives Guinness World Record

BSS, Dhaka

certificate

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received the certificate of Guinness World Record for successfully holding the "Lakho Kanthe Sonar Bangla Programme" in the capital on March 26.

Over 2.50 lakh people sang the national anthem on the National Parade Ground in the capital creating a new Guinness World Record.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also received another certificate for her participation in the programme.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor handed over the certificates to Hasina at her Jatiya Sangsad office. The certificate of Guinness World Record will be preserved at the Prime Minister's Office.

Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Lt Gen Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiul Huq was present.



Leaders of all political parties, with overwhelming predominance of the ones of ruling Awami League, take over the divider of Rampura Road in the capital with posters and placards exhibiting the faces of their own and their top leaders, completely flouting the rules and regulations of Dhaka City Corporation, destroying the trees planted there, and spoiling the surroundings.

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PROPOSED BUDGET

Boost allocation for religious minorities

Demand community leaders

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The Ministry of Religious Affairs should allocate at least Tk 17 crore in the budget for religious minorities instead of the proposed Tk 4.61 crore, said leaders of religious minority communities yesterday.

In the proposed budget, Tk 3 per person is allocated for the religious minorities, while about Tk 11 is allocated for each Muslim, they added.

Since the ministry is playing no role for the development of the Hindu, Buddha and Christian communities, a separate ministry should be formed to protect the interest of religious minorities, they demanded.

The demands were made at a press conference organised by the Bangladesh Hindu Buddha Christian Oikyo Parishad and the Bangladesh Puja Udjapon Parishad in the capital's Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

"Studying the ministry budget, we have seen that it

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KURMITOLA BIHARI CAMP KILLING Arrest perpetrators ignoring political affiliations

Demand leaders of Bihari community; human chain in Rangpur protests attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bihari community leaders yesterday demanded arrest of those who were behind the capital's Kurmitola Bihari camp killing, irrespective of their political affiliations.

They also sought the prime minister's intervention in the arrest of the culprits, compensation for the victims' families, rehabilitation of those who faced financial losses during the deadly violence, and release of the arrested members of the community.

They made the demands at a press conference organised by the Nasim Khan Foundation, which was named after a deceased Bihari leader, at the office of the Crime Reporters' Association in the capital. Wakil Ahmed, general secretary of the foundation, said

as per media reports ruling party-backed local lawmaker and police had connection with the incident. "We want arrest of the culprits no matter how influential

they are," he said. During the violence on June 14 in Mirpur's Kurmitola, at least nine members of a family were burnt to death when eight homes at the camp for stranded Pakistanis were

torched. Another person, hit by bullets, died in a hospital. The clashes erupted between Biharis and locals on the night of Shab-e-Barat, the holy night of fortune.

During the clashes, locals were allegedly joined by the police. Harun-ur-Rashid, president of the foundation that also SEE PAGE 4 COL 4





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