

Help complete RMG village in Munshiganj

Hasina urges garment factory owners

UNB, Dhaka

Stressing the need for reducing dependence on the government, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged garment owners to help complete the work on Garment Village at Gazaria in Munshiganj for further development of the country's RMG industry.

"Our government has allocated a land for setting up the Garment Village at Gazaria... necessary work is underway to develop the village and it could be completed speedily if you take some initiatives and spend some money. But, you're not opening your wallets and try to save money and that's the problem," she said.

The prime minister said this when the newly elected office bearers of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) met her at her office. BGMEA President Md Siddiqur Rahman led the delegation.

Hasina said all facilities from gas supply to communications were being ensured to establish the Garment Village. "There'll be no problem at the village if you start spending money and relocating your factories there."

"Businessmen will have to come forward to solve problems on their own," she said, stressing the importance of reducing dependence on the government.

Hasina also called upon the RMG factory owners to explore newer markets across the world to give a further boost to the country's export and thus strengthen the national economy.

Hasina said the government always extended its support to the RMG sector of the country for taking it forward foiling all national and international conspiracies.

"There were plots at national and international levels to impede garment export. But the plots were not successful as we took proper steps in this regard," she said.

On high bank interest rate, the prime minister urged private banks to take necessary measures to this end and said the nationalised banks are providing loans at a relatively lower rate of interest.

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Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation demonstrates in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting sacking of workers at an Ashulia factory.

PHOTO: STAR

BNP chalks out programmes marking Zia's birth anniversary

UNB, Dhaka

BNP will hold a discussion at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh today afternoon, marking party founder Ziaur Rahman's 80th birth anniversary, said a party press release yesterday.

Senior BNP leaders and eminent citizens of the country will address the programme.

Born on January 19, 1936 at Bagbari in Bogra, Zia had become the country's 7th president and formed Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

BNP and its associate bodies have chalked out some other programmes to mark the day. The programmes include hoisting of the party flag at its offices, placing of wreaths and offering prayers at Zia's graveside.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, the widow of the party founder, along with party leaders and activists will place wreaths on Zia's grave around 10:00am tomorrow paying homage to him on the occasion.

Fire guts six houses in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire gutted six tin-roofed houses in Patenga area of Chittagong city yesterday morning.

The fire originated from an oven from one of the houses around 6:25am, soon spread to the adjoining others, said fire service sources.

Fire fighters from Agrabad, EPZ and Bandar fire stations doused the blaze around 7:55am and estimated the damage at Tk 2.5 lakh.

Experts for national consensus to address climate challenges

UNB, Dhaka

Researchers and environmentalists at a discussion yesterday stressed the need for a national consensus to address the growing challenges of climate change.

Taking part in a debate over a motion, "Paris agreement is an opportunity, not a challenge for Bangladesh", they said there should be necessary political willingness to take unified actions to curb climate change effects.

In the wake of the COP21 Paris Agreement, the High Commission of Canada and Informatics and Development (IID) jointly organised the discussion on climate change and Bangladesh at a city hotel.

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Road crashes kill three

CITY DESK

Three persons were killed and three others injured in road accidents in Noakhali and Magura yesterday, according to our correspondents.

In Noakhali, two persons were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision between a microbus and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw at Banglabazar in Begumganj upazila.

Md Helal, 25, and Kabir Hossain, 19, hailed from the upazila.

Police said the accident occurred around 8:30am when a microbus and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided with each other at Banglabazar, leaving Helal dead on the spot and four others injured.

The injured were rushed to Noakhali General Hospital where Kabir succumbed to his injuries.

In Magura, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit a woman named Ruphan Begum, 55, while she was crossing a road near Magura Government Girls' High School, leaving her critically injured.

Ruphan, a resident of Stadiumpara in Magura town, was rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared her dead.

Police seized the vehicle and detained its driver.

Meanwhile, the death toll in a road accident took place in Mymensingh on Saturday rose to five.

The accident occurred as a bus and a truck collided head-on on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj highway in the district's Gouripur upazila, leaving three persons dead and 14 others injured.

Of the 14 injured, Azizur Rahman, 40, and Rokol Ahmed, 30, died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Ranks of air, navy chiefs upgraded

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Abu Esrar with the new rank badge of air chief marshal, according to a press release.

Earlier, the ranks of navy and air chiefs were equivalent to that of a lieutenant

general in the army. On September 7, the government made the three top ranks equal.

Now the three chiefs will have a fixed salary of Tk 86,000, the same as the cabinet secretary and the principal secretary to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

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