

Hasina becomes great-aunt
Tulip gives birth to girl

STAR REPORT



Tulip Rizwana Siddiq, niece of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina,

gave birth to a baby girl yesterday, according to Gono Bhaban sources.

"Chris Percy and I are very pleased to announce the birth of our daughter Azalea Joy Percy," Tulip announced in a tweet yesterday after giving birth at Royal Free Hospital in London, reports BSS.

"Staff at @RoyalFreeNHS were absolutely amazing," it read.

The second of three children of Shafiq Siddiq and Sheikh Rehana and granddaughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Tulip was born on September 16, 1982 at Mitcham of London. In 2013, she married Christian William St John Percy, a Cambridge-educated company director and strategy consultant with a background in

SEE PAGE 5 COL 7

Insecurity of religious minorities contagious

Sultana Kamal tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The insecurity of religious minorities implies the insecurity of all citizens in the country, human rights activist Sultana Kamal said at a discussion yesterday.

When a section of the citizenry is subjected to repression because of their faith, it only shows democratic practice is absent in the state, she said.

"Sadly, a section of people, because of religious identity, is denied a free and peaceful life although they are equal citizens of the country," she said. "There should not be discrimination, deprivation, and apprehension for anyone if human rights exist in the country," she added.

The former caretaker government adviser said a lack of security and peace of the religious minorities implied absence of peace in the country with the hope for justice lost.

London-based Secular Bangladesh Movement and the Campaign for Protection of Religious Minorities in Bangladesh (CPRMB) jointly organised the discussion on the "minority in quest of peace" at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Pushpita Gupta, president of both CPRMB and Secular Bangladesh Movement,

262 reported incidents of rights violation in 2015

20,000 incidents of repression in 13yr

Religious minority population drops from 30pc in 1941 to 9.6pc in 2011

Hindus went missing from Bangladesh since 1947.

The foremost reasons behind disappearing religious minority population include murders, repression, coercion, rape, assault, property grabbing, arson, intimidation and conversion, she said.

Citing findings of Bangladesh Mohila Oikya Parishad, she said the minorities suffered at least 262 incidents of human rights violation last year alone resulting in dislodging of 60 families, 24 deaths, 239 injuries, 25 rapes, and 24 abductions.

Over 20,000 incidents of repression on religious minorities had occurred in 13 years since 2001, and the barbarity of those

UK, who visited different parts of the country to learn about several incidents of atrocity on religious minorities since late March, said despite a party with secular ideology being in power, religious minorities had not got any relief from repression.

Citing a US parliamentary committee hearing in Washington on November 20 last year, she said 49 million

PHOTO: STAR



Motorcycles burning at Rameshwarpur Primary School ground in Bogra's Gabtoli upazila, where the supporters of Awami League and BNP chairman candidates of Rameshwarpur Union clashed over holding a meeting. Witnesses said the clash broke out when BNP and AL activists gathered at the venue around 5:00pm yesterday. At least seven people including two constables were injured and nine motorcycles and seven shops burnt, said police and local people. Assistant Superintendent of Police Shabbir Ahmed Sharfaraz said they fired 73 rounds of rubber bullets to bring the situation under control and deployed additional police personnel. Five arrests were made.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

ভেজা বেগুনির আন্ধারতে স্মৃতির হারায় ভালোবাসাতে

রঙ মানে জীবনের উচ্চাস, রঙ মানে স্মৃতির আকাশ। জীবনের সেই রঙগুলো রবিয়্যালোক পেইন্ট-এর ম্যাজিকাল টাচ্-এ বছরের পর বছর ঘিরে থাক আপনাকে।

www.bergerbd.com | fb.com/bergerbd | 08000123456

বাংলাদেশের সর্বাধিক বিক্রিত #1 পেইন্ট ব্র্যান্ড

“Ovacon Gold® আপনার পিরিয়ডকে স্বাভাবিক রাখতে সাহায্য করবে”

‘ওভাকন গোল্ড-এর ব্যালেন্সড হরমোনাল কম্পোজিশন শুধু অপরিকল্পিত গর্ভধারণ থেকে আপনাকে সুরক্ষাই দেয় না, সেইসাথে আপনার পিরিয়ডের ধরনকে একই রকম রাখতে সাহায্য করবে।’

আজই আপনার ডাক্তারের কাছে ‘ওভাকন গোল্ড’ সম্পর্কে জানুন

Lynestrol BP 0.75 mg and ethinyl estradiol BP 0.0375 mg

helps keep your menstrual pattern undisturbed

*This is circulated with prior approval of Licensing Authority (Drugs)