

FORBES MAGAZINE

Hasina 36th on Power Women list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three-time Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ranked 36th on the

2016 Power Women list of Forbes magazine published yesterday. She was 59th last year and 47th in 2014.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel retained the top spot, while potential US president candidate Hillary Clinton and Chair of the US Federal Reserve Janet Yellen were second and third. The survey features 100

women from 29 countries who represent sectors such SEE PAGE 10 COL 5







A portion of the road from the Sonargaon Hotel intersection to Hatirjheel is in an appalling state due to construction work of a ramp for the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover in the capital. Constant digging and untidily kept construction materials have narrowed the road, making it very difficult for vehicles to cross it. The photos were taken yesterday.

Road left in battered condition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Travelling on part of the road stretching from Sonargaon Hotel intersection to Hatirjheel roundabout has become a nightmare for city residents in the last six months or so.

Massive pits have been dug on the road for the construction of a ramp of Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover. Besides, piling work has been underway. The road is choked with piled-up soil and construction materials.

Numerous potholes have appeared on the road, particularly near Karwan Bazar wholesale fish market and in front of Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, following recent rains and the surface is breaking SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

MILITANT ACTIVITIES

Govt spreads confusion, says Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday strongly condemned and protested the killings of a police officer's wife and a Christian grocer in broad daylight in Chittagong and Natore on Sunday.

She said the government instead of suppressing the militant activities and arresting the offenders were spreading confusion among people by shifting the blame on opposition.

"Taking this opportunity,

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Ramadan items dearer

Prices of chickpea, sugar, onion, pulses up

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Consumers are paying more for some essentials such as chickpea, sugar, garlic and khesari pulse as their prices have gone up on the eve of Ramadan, which starts today.

Sugar was sold at Tk 60-65 a kg at city markets yesterday, about 20.19 percent up from a month ago, according to data from the state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB). Prices of chickpea rose by 14.20

percent to Tk 85-100 a kg. Khesari pulse was selling at Tk 74-80 a kg -- a price that a retailer in Mirpur's Kazipara said was very high.

The price of good quality garlic has remained stable for a month, at Tk 200-220 a kg, but it rose 121 percent in



the last one year.

The price of other varieties of the spice went up 3.23 percent to Tk 100-220 a kg from that of a month ago.

The retailer who didn't want to be named said prices of chickpea, sugar and garlic went up significantly in recent weeks.

He said he bought chickpea from wholesalers in Kochukhet market in the city at Tk 87 a kg which, he said, was Tk 60-65 during Ramadan last year.

Khesari pulse cost him Tk 74 a kg and the retail price is Tk 78-80. The shop owner, who has been selling groceries for two decades, sold sugar at Tk 38-40 a kg last Ramadan. The TCB data, a compilation of

information from 17 kitchen markets in the capital, showed the price of brand soybean oil has not increased in the last one month. But the trader was selling a 5-litre

bottle of soybean oil at Tk 460 whereas the TCB data shows it is Tk 430-455. Date is being sold between Tk 80 and Tk 250 at a fruit shop in Kazipara, depending on varieties. Ramadan accounts for 85 percent of

sweet fruit.

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Arson charges against Khaleda, 38 others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Khaleda and 31 others.

Darussalam police yesterday pressed charges against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and 38 others in three more arson cases filed in February last year.

In the charge sheets submitted to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, Khaleda is identified as mastermind though her name was not mentioned in the first information reports of the cases.

Of the accused, seven are now on bail while Khaleda and 31 others have been shown as fugitive. Khaleda and 20

others are common accused in all the three charge sheets. Sub-inspector Md Raihanuzzaman, investigation officer the annual consumption of the dried of the cases, appealed to the court to issue arrest warrants for

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Only 2 people on each motorbike

Govt decides to enforce law in the wake of criminals using bikes STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following several recent murders committed by bikeriding criminals, the government yesterday said it would ensure that no more than two people ride a motorbike.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges issued a circular in this regard yesterday.

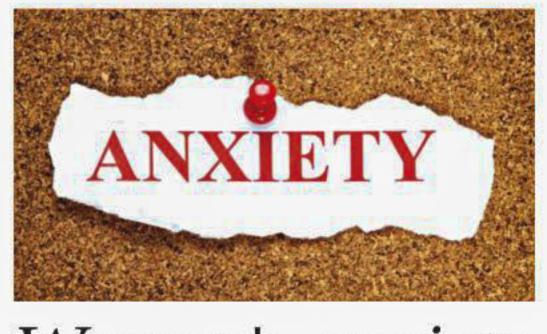
The Motor Vehicles Act, 1983, prohibits more than one pillion rider and both riders must wear helmets.

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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 7 3-44 12-45 5-00 6-48 8-15 JAMAAT 3-49 1-15 5-15 6-58 8-45



Women's anxiety twice as men's

BBC ONLINE

Women are nearly twice as likely to experience anxiety as men, a global review reveals. Its authors from Cambridge University say that as

well as women, young people under 35 and those with health problems are particularly affected.

They estimate that four in every 100 people have anxiety.

The review of 48 published pieces of work says SEE PAGE 13 COL 4

A man rides a motorbike with two pillion passengers on Kazi **Nazrul Islam Avenue** in the capital yesterday. The government yesterday issued a circular saying a biker would not be allowed to carry more than one pillion passenger from now on. The move follows the

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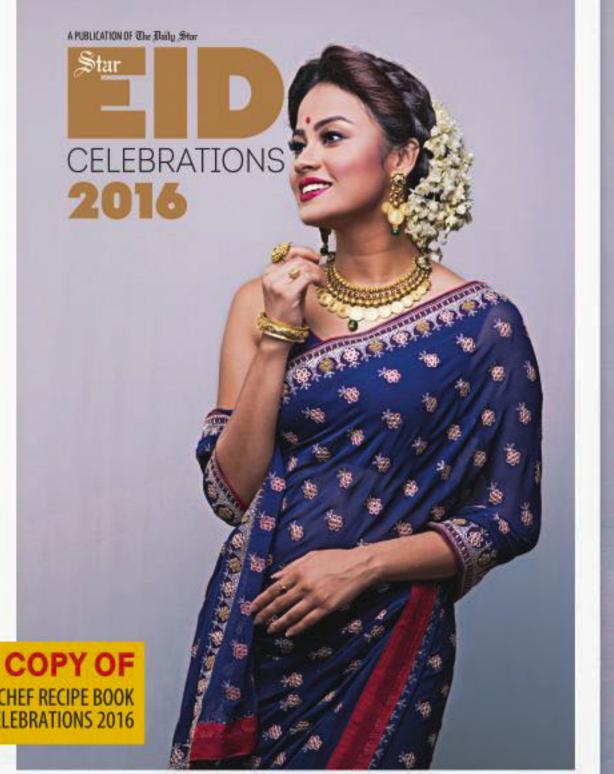
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No arrest made in Christian murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Police have shown arrested the person picked up on Sunday night in connection with the murder of Christian grocer Sunil Gomez in Natore.

Sabuj Hossain, a tenant at the victim's residence at Bonpara Christian Palli, was held by local police on suspi-

cion of his involvement. Law enforcers declined to explain what aroused their suspicion.

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