



## BCL fest causes gridlocks in city

People suffer for hours as traffic collapses in major parts of capital due to BCL's founding anniv processions on streets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

City dwellers and commuters suffered for hours in gridlocks yesterday as Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out processions while celebrating its founding anniversary.

After being stranded inside vehicles for up to two hours, many walked to their destinations, leaving their transports behind. Many were seen waiting at bus stops but most buses were stuck in standstill traffic.

To observe its 69th founding anniversary, thousands of activists and supporters of Chhatra League, the pro-ruling Awami League student body, started gathering at Dhaka University from all corners of the capital in small processions since morning.

This obstructed traffic flow during the morning rush.

After a rally at Aparajeyo Bangla on campus around 10:00am, they started marching towards its central office, 23 Bangabandhu Avenue, around noon.

It took three and a half hours for all the small processions to reach the office via Shahbagh, Matshya Bhaban, Jatiya Press Club, and Paltan intersection.

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Vehicles crawl behind a Bangladesh Chhatra League procession on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, one of three major arteries of Dhaka. The pro-ruling party student body brought out processions while celebrating its 69th anniversary yesterday, which triggered traffic jams with cascading effect across the capital. The photo was taken at 10:49am.

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## Killers won't be spared

PM on killing of Gaibandha MP

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the trial of the killers



of Awami League lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton would surely be held as the murder of any MP or elected public representative can never be tolerated.

"Killing an elected public representative in such a way can never be allowed and the trial of this killing will definitely be held in Bangladesh. I have already directed the law enforcement agencies to hunt down the killers," she said.

The PM was addressing a public meeting in Rangpur

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### COMMENTARY

## You celebrate, we suffer

MAHFUZ ANAM

Yesterday the pro-ruling Awami League's student body, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), celebrated its 69th birth anniversary. We would like to congratulate this student body with a glorious past, especially for its role during our long struggle for our rights during the Pakistan days, its role during our Liberation War and in the anti-Ershad movement for the restoration of democracy.

However, just as we congratulate it, we would also like to ask what right

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## Farming solution at fingertips

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday launched three mobile phone applications aimed at bringing crop production technologies to the doorsteps of 1.51 crore farm households to boost yields.

The apps titled Krishoker Digital Thikana, Krishoker Janala and Pesticide Prescriber are also expected to help thousands of agricultural extension workers who often find it difficult to provide solutions to problems facing farmers due to a lack of agriculture-related information in one place.

Brainchilds of three agricultural extension officials, these

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## Rehabilitate us

Businesses urge city corporation, which owns the gutted DCC Market in Gulshan-1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Having lost almost everything in Tuesday's devastating inferno, more than 300 businessmen of the DCC Market at Gulshan-1 demanded that the government rehabilitate them at the soonest.

The Dhaka North City Corporation, owner of the market, should act fast so they can get back their possessions, they said.

"We hope the government and the city corporation would take necessary steps so that we can resume our business and restart our life," said Sher Mohammad, chairman of the DCC Kancha Market Businessmen's Association.

For now, the affected businessmen plan to set up makeshift shops on the open space in front of the market.

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