

# Imams need to speak against militancy

Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday reiterated that the country's imams need to speak against militancy, drug abuse, and criminal activities while delivering sermons before Jumma prayers.

During a press briefing after a meeting of his ministry at the secretariat, he referred to the recent visit of two Saudi Arabia Islamic scholars to explain how imams in Bangladesh need to speak against militancy.

"They [the Saudi imams] spoke unequivocally against militancy and killing of human beings, and said those people have no place in Islam. Our imams need to speak this way," he said.

While delivering the verdict on an appeal over the murder of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider, the High Court recently came up with some observations about the roles, among others, the imams should play so that youths do not get involved in militancy.

"An imam's duty is to conduct the prayers to religious Musulies [devotees] at a mosque and to give them the right guidance about Islam. He [imam] will not deliver any speech which is contrary to the laws of the land," the HC observed.



President Abdul Hamid with recipients of President's Scout Award at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. Bangladesh Scouts organised the programme where a total of 365 scouts including, 96 girl guides, were given the award for their outstanding performance in scouting activities.

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## 10 journalists get Migration Media Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brac has awarded 10 journalists for their excellence in reporting to promote safe migration.

The Migration Media Award 2016 was handed over to the winners at Brac Centre in the capital yesterday.

In print category, Belal Hossain Biplob of The Daily Star received the first prize, Adil Sakhawati of Dhaka Tribune the second prize, and Abu Jor Ansar Uddin Ahamod of The Daily Samakal the third prize.

In television category, Mashrequl Islam Rahat of Maasranga TV won the first prize, Sabina Yesmin of ATN News the second prize, and Meraj Hossen Gazi of Bangla Vision the third prize.

In programme category, Hassan Ahamed Chowdhury Kiron was awarded for a programme telecast on ATN Bangla, Mustafizur Rahman of Bangladesh Betar for a radio programme.

Shariful Islam Hasan of daily Prothom Alo received the award in the online reporting category, while Faruque Ahmad, Trishal upazila correspondent of The Daily Ifftefaq, won in the local journalism category.

## Losing lustre, but still not

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"The grandeur of the Halkhata festival is no more like it was in the past."

Badsha, who has been involved with trading in Khatungonj since 1990, said only 20 percent of the dealings are now done through cash, and the rest through cheques.

Azizul Hoque, proprietor of Hoque Trading, echoed his fellow, saying earlier clients used to come with bags full of cash to clear arrears; this does not happen today.

But all is not lost yet.

Whatever the mode of settlement, traders still open a ledger book to keep accounts of the annual business, said Hoque.

Many clients do not feel interested to

pay their dues on their own, said Chandan Kumar Poddar, owner of Gopal Baniija Bhandar. "As a result, the Halkhata festival is losing its appeal day by day."

Sagir Ahmed, general secretary of Khatungonj Trade & Industries Association, said because of the development of communications technology, banking and other facilities, people have lost their interest to pay up their outstanding bills on the same day.

Although Pahela Baishakh is observed on April 14 across the country, many traders celebrate it the next day in line with the Bangla calendar introduced by Mughal Emperor Akbar.

### CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

## PM's greeting cards to bear their paintings

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina once again showed her love and affection for children with disabilities, as she selected their paintings to prepare the Pahela Baishakh greeting cards for Bangla New Year 1424.

"This time she has selected paintings of six disabled children...." PM's Deputy Press Secretary Ashraf Alam Khokan told the news agency yesterday.

The children are Ashhab Munim Chowdhury, son of Naimul Islam Chowdhury of South Kalyanpur, Dhaka; Ibrahim Khalil, son of Hazi

Mohammad Jashim Uddin of Keraniganj in Dhaka; Isaba Hafiz, daughter of Shahjahan Hafiz of Banani DOHS, Dhaka; Rahat, son of Mohammad Ali, Katashur, Mohammadpur in Dhaka; Mosammam Abida Sultana (Shanta), daughter of Alamgir Hossain of Dakkhinbagh, Kaliganj, Gazipur, and Suma Das, daughter of Nirapad Das of Madhya Katia village under Sadar upazila in Sathkira.

The PM's deputy press secretary said before 2010, the prime minister used to send greeting cards prepared with the paintings of professional artists.

She first started sending greeting cards containing the paintings of disabled children during Eid-ul-Azha in 2010.

From that year on, the prime minister has been sending greeting cards prepared with the paintings of disabled children to people concerned on different occasions like Eid, Bangla Nababarsha, and English New Year.

Khokan said the greeting cards were earlier prepared with the work of children with intellectual disabilities, and they were selected from only Dhaka through the Department of Social Service.

## Declare haors as

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The worried father said he had to take a loan for cultivation this year, but like many other farmers in the haor areas, his future is uncertain. "We need a permanent solution to this crisis," he said.

Echoing him, the flood-affected residents sought loans on easy terms for farming and urged that the government declare the areas surrounding haors as "affected areas".

"As BWDB did not construct and repair the embankments timely, flood water entered the croplands from all sides," said Kasmir Reza, president of Paribesh O Haor Unnayan Shangstha, while presenting his keynote speech.

On an average, some 75 percent crops in haor areas of Sunamganj, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Netrokona, Kishoreganj and Brahmanbaria went under floodwater in the last few days, causing damage to crops worth around Tk 6,000 crore, claimed Reza.

He said 90 percent crops in Sunamganj have gone under floodwater and farmers in those areas are facing a severe crisis as they did their cultivation with loans from different NGOs.

Reza demanded that the government sell rice at Tk 10 per kg to the affected people in haor areas and continue the assistance till the next season of rice cultivation.

Seeking the government's attention, Sultana Kamal, former adviser to a caretaker government, said it is possible to solve and prevent disasters such as flood in haor areas if the government plays a proactive role.

She said impoverished farmers are being harassed for defaulting loans, but defaulters who steal crores from banks are being established in the society.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said during this crisis period she supports the demand of opening up the entire haor areas for fishing.

Prof Anwar Hossain, M Inamul Haque, former director general of Water Resources Planning Organisation; and Shamsul Huda, executive director of ALRD, also spoke.

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