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NABABARSHA Celebration in restriction



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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People of all ages, irrespective of cast and creed and religious beliefs, celebrated the Bangla New Year 1424 across the country on Friday but for most Dhaka Dwellers the festivities were somewhat dampened due to strict security measures.

Heightened security was a big downside that marred the day's joyous mood to a large extent with people not being able to celebrate the day to their heart's content.

Security checks by law enforcement agencies on Dhaka University (DU) campus and at the Ramna Batamul -- two

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PHOTO: REUTERS

Missile columns paraded past North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and other high ranking officials during a military parade marking the 105th birth anniversary of the country's founding father Kim Il Sung, in Pyongyang, yesterday.

'New weapons' spike tension

North Korea shows off missile might to US; China warns of 'storm clouds gathering' in standoff

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North Korea's weapons of war yesterday rolled through Pyongyang streets and it promised "nuclear justice" in response to any atomic attack as leader Kim Jong-Un mounted a spectacular show of strength.

Tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions are stretched to the limit in recent weeks, with US President Donald Trump sending a naval strike force near the Korean peninsula. Pyongyang has vowed a "merciless" response to any provocation.

After a 21-gun salute, tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen goose-stepped through Kim Il-Sung Square turning their eyes towards the high balcony from where Kim watched, flanked by officers and officials.

Some detachments carried assault rifles or rocket-propelled grenades, others were equipped with night-vision goggles and daubed in face paint. One troupe was made up of sword-wielding women.

Tanks came next through the square -- named after Kim's grandfather, the North's founder -- followed by the objects of world concern.

A total of 56 missiles of 10 different types were displayed, culminating in enormous rockets on articulated trailers and on 16-wheeler vehicles.

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Nazbin Mizanur

Bangladeshis on Forbes list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi youths have made the list of "Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia: Social Entrepreneurs".

Shougat Nazbin Khan, 27, and Mizanur Rahman, 29, were named respectively for their works aimed at providing education for the rural poor and helping youths with disabilities in Bangladesh.

The list was published on the US-based business magazine's website on Wednesday, featuring a total 300 young entrepreneurs in 10 categories.

Shougat established HA

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Call for coordination

PM wants no conflict among state's 3 organs; CJ says 'vested quarter' out to create govt-judiciary rift

AGENCIES, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has stressed the need for coordination among the state's three organs -- executive, legislature and judiciary.

"There should be coordination among the three organs of the state -- executive, legislature and judiciary -- and they should complement one another," she said.

The branches would not interfere with each other's jurisdiction or show off power as none of them has less power, Hasina added.

The PM was addressing the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed Judges Complex, the residential facility for Supreme Court judges, in the city's Kakrail, reported BSS.

"A country can't be run smoothly if we get into conflict on who would honour whom and who wouldn't; who would accept a decision from another and who wouldn't."

She said every constitutional body had to exercise power in public interest. "We should not do anything which might hamper public interest or create conflict with others."

UNB added: Speaking at the programme as special guest, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha alleged that a quarter was out to create a distance between the government and the judiciary.

"A quarter is always engaged in an evil design to create a distance between the government and the judiciary. Such a misunderstanding sends a wrong message to the people," he told the audience.

Sinha said the government took three very important decisions regarding the judiciary a few days ago, but the chief justice, as the guardian of the judiciary, was not kept in the loop.

"The decisions have been realised from the head of the government through presenting completely wrong information and hiding facts," the CJ said.

He observed that the misunderstanding could have been avoided had there been discussions with the CJ prior to making the decisions.

He, however, didn't elaborate on the matters he was referring to.

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TOP QUOTE

"Hassle in the name of security and strict enforcement of time limit [for entry and exit from the venue] dampened the festivity of Pahela Baishakh celebrations."

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