



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed Judges Complex, a residential complex for Supreme Court judges, at Kakrail in the capital yesterday. Chief Justice SK Sinha, extreme right, and Law Minister Anisul Huq are sitting on the stage. PHOTO: PID

Call for coordination

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PM THANKS JUDICIARY
Hasina said Bangladesh would have been developed as a prosperous country long ago had Bangabandhu been alive. Bangabandhu had been in power for only three and a half years and during that period he laid the foundation of all the basic developments of the country, she told the programme. The PM thanked the judiciary for its courageous role in delivering the judgment in the Bangabandhu murder case. She also lauded the judiciary for the successful trials of the notorious war criminals of 1971, saying that each of its verdicts was a milestone in making Bangladesh's journey smoother as an independent nation. Referring to the long process of formulating a law, Hasina said elected public representatives were entitled to frame laws in public interest. "If any law is declared null and void by a two-member bench, all the efforts behind the process go in vein." She called for considering the matter more carefully. The PM said the residential complex was constructed considering the safety and security of the judges and also to provide them with modern housing facilities. Similar steps were being taken at the district and upazila levels. The government was taking steps for trial of notorious criminals through video conferencing between

the prosecution and the defence from courts and jails, she added.
CHIEF JUSTICE
The CJ said the civilisation in a country flourishes on the capability and independence of its judiciary. "In other words, the best way to measure any government's success is to measure the capability and independence of the country's judiciary."
Maintaining a balance among the state's three branches is part and parcel of the constitution, and the judiciary helps maintain the balance, he added.
Sinha said each organ of the state would have to discharge its duties within the framework of the existing laws and the constitution.
"While performing duties, there could be cold relations among the state's different organs at times. If this is considered positively, creativity would develop in each of the branches. This would help a lot establish the rule of law and ensure people's welfare."
He said the judiciary played a very important role in strengthening democracy in the country.
The biggest challenge to the judiciary was the huge backlog of cases and the inadequate number of judges, the CJ pointed out.
In India, he said, there are 18 judges for one million people, whereas the number is 10 in Bangladesh. "Moreover, there's no infrastructural facility for this small number of judges."
Sinha said there were seven judges

at the Appellate Division and 85 at the High Court Division of the Supreme Court. Among the 85 judges, three were working at the international crimes tribunals and four were seriously ill. "As a result, I often struggle to constitute benches."
The situation would be worse following the retirement of seven judges this year, he said.
About the digitisation process, the CJ said although the government launched the process in almost all the ministries, divisions and departments, the judiciary was not included in it.
He said the judiciary took up the e-judiciary project, but it was interrupted for an unknown reason. He sought the PM's intervention in this regard.
The judiciary always discharged its duties at crucial times of the state and hoped that the pro-liberation government would help the judiciary perform its duties in a stronger way, Sinha added.
Later, the premier unveiled the plaque of the 20-storey Judges Complex. Built on 1.5 acres of land at a cost of around Tk174 crore, the building houses 76 flats.
Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharruf Hossain and Law Minister Anisul Haq were present.
Hasina had laid the foundation stone of the complex in May 2011.
The PM later inaugurated the 25-storey commercial building of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation on Rajuk Avenue in the city.

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Shipon, father of a three-year-old, left Wednesday noon to attend a wedding at Uzirpur and had been missing since.
"We even went to Kumaridanga police camp looking for Shipon," the mother said.
Alamgir's family said he left after receiving a phone call from Shipon around 5:30am on Thursday and had been missing since.
"We went to Gangni police station but to no avail," Alamgir's uncle Mohammad Ali said.
Alamgir was an accused in five cases, one for murder and four for extortion, the OC said, adding that there were no cases against Shipon.
The Daily Star ran a report on April 12 that extortion at brick kilns by organised local gangs was rampant in Meherpur and Chuadanga districts.
A gang beat up 12 labourers at two kilns of Panna Bricks, two of SAB Bricks and Doyel Bricks in Hariadah of Gangni on April 11. They also stole 12 mobile phones from labourers. The attackers also took away labourer Torikul Islam from Panna Bricks but released him after an hour.
Production was stopped at several kilns in Chuadanga over the situation.

Dhaka 2nd

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10 cities with largest number of active FB users. Jakarta came in third position with 2.2 crore while Mexico City fourth with 1.7 crore active users.
The US topped the list of the countries with the largest number of the users. It has 21.9 crore active FB users, which is 11 percent of the total users, says the report published on April 11.
The country is followed by India with 21.3 crore and Brazil with 12.3 crore active FB users.
As per the earlier report published in January, Dhaka ranked third among the cities with largest number of the users, after Bangkok and Mexico City.
The new report also says more than half of the world's population now uses the Internet. The world population was seven billion in 2011, according to the United Nations.
Hootsuite is a social media management platform that helps organisations to utilise the power of human connections while We Are Social is a global agency which delivers creative ideas with different brands, according to their websites.

Delhi-Dhaka romance

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make up a good chunk of that trade. Two Chinese submarines arrived on credit in March. Bangladesh is the third-biggest buyer of Chinese arms, after two other neighbours of India, Pakistan and Myanmar.
India is responding with a charm offensive of its own. When Bangladesh's prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, made a four-day state visit to Delhi that concluded on April 10th, her Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi, made sure she did not go back empty-handed. He offered \$5bn in loans, including \$1bn for a Russian-backed nuclear plant, Bangladesh's first; and \$500m to buy Indian arms. The two countries signed a defence agreement committing them to deeper co-operation. India promised more cross-border electricity and railway lines.
But there was no progress on what mattered most to Sheikh Hasina: a treaty on how to share the water of the 53 rivers that flow from India to Bangladesh. One river in particular, the Teesta, has become the focus of attention. Bangladesh wants the water split evenly, whereas the Indian state of West Bengal claims 55%. Mr Modi has

promised to resolve the issue, but his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) governs only one of the four states bordering Bangladesh. The chief minister of West Bengal refuses to let him bid away her state's stake in the Teesta. Sheikh Hasina had made an urgent pitch in the Hindu, an Indian newspaper, arguing "friendship is a flowing river". She went home shrugging: "We sought water, but got electricity."
Even if the water of the Teesta was his to give, Mr Modi might find it awkward to become too chummy with Sheika Hasina. Stoking resentment against Muslims, and against illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in particular, has proved a successful electoral formula for the BJP. Sheikh Hasina, for her part, is ignoring the Bangladeshi army's instinctive suspicion of India to sign the security pact. The opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has accused her of selling out, and promised to scrap it if it comes to power. The Teesta is another handy stick with which the BNP can beat the government. Geography has thrust India and Bangladesh together, but domestic politics still pushes them apart.

FB users face disruptions

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account names on Facebook.
Facebook on Friday said it disrupted an international fake account operation that was firing off "inauthentic likes" and "bogus comments" to win friends it would then pound with spam, AFP reports.
Dev Devashis, a user who found his account disabled Friday evening, said he sent his information to Facebook but didn't get any response till Saturday evening.
At least three newsmen at The Daily Star's newsroom found their account disabled on Friday.
The move also resulted in a "sudden fall of likes" on the pages of some organisations.
Zahid Newaz Khan, editor of channelionline.com, said they lost several thousand "likes" overnight.
Another company manager, wishing not to be named, said they lost nearly 30,000 likes on their page.
"We don't want people with fake IDs to be engaged with us, but we don't want to lose real people either," he said.
Facebook's security team spent six months fighting to neutralise what they saw as a coordinated campaign, according to Shabnam Shaik, a company security manager, the AFP report adds.
"Our systems were able to identify a

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large portion of this illegitimate activity -- and to remove a substantial number of inauthentic likes," Shaik said in a blog post.
"By disrupting the campaign now, we expect that we will prevent this network of spammers from reaching its end goal of sending inauthentic material to large numbers of people."
The ring used accounts in a number of countries including Bangladesh, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia.
The group tried to mask its activities with tactics like connecting with the social network through "proxy" servers to disguise where "likes," posts or other communications were originating, according to Shaik.
Facebook said the campaign aimed to trick people into connecting as friends they would later target with spam. The company said it had derailed the operation early enough to spare users that fate.
The leading social network said it has started weeding out bogus accounts by watching for suspicious behavior such as repetitive posts or torrents of messages.
The security improvement was described as being part of a broader effort to rid the leading social network of hoaxes, misinformation and fake news by verifying people's identities.

Uniform fare

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the Jatiya Press Club to Karwan Bazar by a bus of Airport Bangabandhu Avenue Paribahan Ltd, the conductor charged this correspondent Tk 10. Passengers, who got down at Shabbagh or Bangla Motor, also had to pay the same amount.
When the passengers protested, bus conductor Hanif smiled and said, "We are taking standing passengers from today to begin the new practice but will fix the new fare tomorrow [today]."
A section of bus owners had been ignoring BRTA-set fare charts for many years. They had employed self-devised "seating service" and charged passengers high fares. But during rush hours they used to take standing passengers.
The buses with stickers reading "seating service" glued to their windows didn't hang the fare chart, which was made mandatory by BRTA. Rather, they used to show charts they made up for taking extra fares from passengers.
In a recent meeting, the transport owners decided to operate vehicles complying with the route permit that the vehicles would pick passengers from designated stoppages and allow them to travel even by standing.
The transport owners were also ordered not to collect more than the fares approved by the government, Enayet said.
Nazmul Ahsan Majumder, director (enforcement) of BRTA, said five BRTA mobile courts would be monitoring bus operation.
The buses giving seating service got route permits just like others and so same conditions are applied to all of them, he said.
"If these buses don't operate like others, they will face legal action."

Carrom

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"We make boards in different sizes," says Monir Hossain who owns the Pori factory and has been in the business for eight years. A large sized board costs around Tk 2,750 to make and we sell them for up to Tk 3,500. But the best quality board will sell for as much as Tk 10,000."
Medium-sized boards retail for around Tk 2,500 while the small-sized carrom boards for children will sell for about Tk 1,200.
Mostak Hossain who owns Apon Carrom Board Factory has been in the trade for four years.
"Workers' salaries cost us Tk 4,000 per day," he says. "In this locality there are several factories like ours but elsewhere in greater Jessore carrom board factories are few. Indeed, traders from across the country visit this area to purchase stock." Timber scrap from the factories is sold as fuel for up to Tk 150 per sack, he adds.
"We buy all our carrom boards from the Jessore Khajura bus stand area in New Market," says the owner of Laboni Sports House in Jhenidah's Kaliganj upazila. "The quality of the carrom boards from there is very good, and for carrom sets there is always healthy demand."

Praised

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the text message saying their grandson was in intensive care and they needed to get there," said Stephenson.
The couple informed the crew, who spoke to the captain, who then turned the plane back to the boarding gate, Stephensons said.
At the same time, the airline staff arranged to get the couple's baggage and assisted them back through the airport.
According to Travel Weekly, the couple's car was collected from the car park and taken to arrivals so they could drive off straightaway.
The flight still went ahead after the couple got off.
Unfortunately, their grandson died the following day on March 31.
"It was such a sad thing that happened to my clients, but it was lovely that Etihad was able to help in the way they did," Stephenson said.
She called the incident "very unusual".
"I've been in the travel business for 25 years" and had not heard of an airline going "above and beyond with their customer service" in such a way, she said.
"My customers were so grateful that staff were very helpful and they were taken care of," she said.
The couple have been told that they could use the ticket on a different date, Stephensons added, but "my customers are not thinking of when they're flying back out again".

US gov't hacked SWIFT systems

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relation to the materials released by Shadow Brokers," the company said.
The absence of warning is significant because the NSA knew for months about the Shadow Brokers breach, officials previously told Reuters. Under a White House process established by former President Barack Obama's staff, companies were usually warned about dangerous flaws.
Shook said criminal hackers could use the information released on Friday to hack into banks and steal money in operations mimicking a heist last year of \$81 million from the Bangladesh central bank.
"The release of these capabilities could enable fraud like we saw at Bangladesh Bank," Shook said.
The SWIFT messaging system is used by banks to transfer trillions of dollars each day. Belgium-based SWIFT downplayed the risk of attacks employing the code released by hackers on Friday.
SWIFT said it regularly releases security updates and instructs client banks on how to handle known threats.
"We mandate that all customers apply the security updates within specified times," SWIFT said in a statement.
SWIFT said it had no evidence that the main SWIFT network had ever been accessed without authorization.
It was possible that the local messaging systems of some SWIFT client banks had been breached, SWIFT said in a statement, which did not specifically mention the NSA.
When cyberthieves robbed the Bangladesh Bank last year, they compromised that bank's local SWIFT network to order money transfers from its account at the New York Federal Reserve.
The documents released by the Shadow Brokers on Friday indicate that the NSA may have accessed the SWIFT network through service bureaus. SWIFT service bureaus are

companies that provide an access point to the SWIFT system for the network's smaller clients and may send or receive messages regarding money transfers on their behalf.
"If you hack the service bureau, it means that you also have access to all of their clients, all of the banks," said Matt Suiche, founder of the United Arab Emirates-based cybersecurity firm Comae Technologies, who has studied the Shadow Broker releases and believes the group has access to NSA files.
The documents posted by the Shadow Brokers include Excel files listing computers on a service bureau network, user names, passwords and other data, Suiche said.
"That's information you can only get if you compromise the system," he said.
Cris Thomas, a prominent security researcher with the cybersecurity firm Tenable, said the documents and files released by the Shadow Brokers show "the NSA has been able to compromise SWIFT banking systems, presumably as a way to monitor, if not disrupt, financial transactions to terrorists groups".
Since the early 1990s, interrupting the flow of money from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and elsewhere to al Qaeda, the Taliban, and other militant Islamic groups in Afghanistan, Pakistan and other countries has been a major objective of US and allied intelligence agencies.
Mustafa Al-Bassam, a computer science researcher at University College London, said on Twitter that the Shadow Brokers documents show that the NSA hacked a bunch of banks, oil and investment companies in Palestine, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Yemen, more."
He added that NSA "completely hacked" EastNets, one of two SWIFT service bureaus named in the documents that were released by the Shadow Brokers.

Despair in haor

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Contacted, Nurul Islam Sarker, superintending engineer of the WDB (Sylhet division), said, "Efforts are underway to repair the embankments for saving the croplands. The situation has deteriorated this year due to the early strikes by flash floods."
Meanwhile, the affected haor people of Khaliajury in Netrakona district formed a human chain on Friday also demanding that the government declares the upazila as an "affected area", reports our Mymensingh correspondent.
At the programme held in front of the upazila parishad, they also demanded that the government constructs permanent embankment from the Dhanu river to the Meghna, introduces OMS and food related programmes, compensates for the crop losses and provides farmers with interest-free agriculture loan.
Some 87 embankments of the haor areas have been damaged in the flashfloods and out of total 20,070 hectares of land, 19,500 have been affected, said Shafiqul Islam, Khaliajury upazila agriculture officer.
Flashfloods submerged around 48,670 out of 184,320 hectares of land targeted for Boro cultivation in eight upazilas of Netrakona, said Bilash Chandra Pal, deputy director of the

Department of Agriculture Extension of the district.
Government reliefs of 64 metric tons of rice and Tk 30,000 have been distributed among the flood-hit people so far, said Mohammed Tofael Ahmed, Khaliajury upazila nirbahi officer.
Haor people used to celebrate Pehela Baishakh, the Bangla New Year, with much fanfare but this year, it was totally missing due to their cropland going under water, said Khaliajury's Krishnapur UP chairman Nazimuddin Sarker.
WDB OFFICIAL WITHDRAWN IN SYLHET
The authorities have withdrawn Afsar Uddin, executive engineer of WDB in Sunamganj, for his alleged involvement in corruption in repair work of an embankment.
Afsar has been attached to the WDB head office in Dhaka, Abdul Hai, acting chief engineer of Sylhet WDB, told our Sylhet correspondent.
After flashfloods washed way thousands of hectares of land in the Haor areas and farmers raised allegation that WDB did not repair dams in time, Anti-Corruption Commission on Thursday formed a committee to look into whether graft had anything to do with the havoc in haor.

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- ০১। প্রতি সেট সিডিউলের মূল্য ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) যা ট্রেজারী চালান কোড নং-২০০০০০৮৪ জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূলকপি দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ০২। ট্রেজারী চালানের ফটোকপি প্রদর্শনপূর্বক কাস্টম হাউস আইসিডি কমলাপুর, ঢাকা এর সাধারণ শাখা (জিএল) শাখা হতে সিডিউল ২০/০৪/২০১৭ হতে ২৫/০৪/২০১৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
- ০৩। নিজস্ব মুদ্রিত লেটারহেড প্যাডে আবেদনপত্রের সহিত হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, মুসক নিবন্ধন, আয়কর সনদপত্র, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট এর সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ০৪। যে কোন ব্যাংক হতে দরপত্র উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% হারে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে অর্ডার/আর্নেস্টম্যানি/জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য) হিসাব কমিশনার, কাস্টম হাউস আইসিডি, কমলাপুর, ঢাকা বরাবর প্রদান করতে হবে।
- ০৫। দরপত্রে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের উপর বিধি মোতাবেক মুসক ও আয়কর কর্তনযোগ্য হবে।
- ০৬। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২০/০৪/২০১৭ হতে ২৫/০৪/২০১৭ তারিখ সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কক্ষের সামনে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে জমা দেয়া যাবে।
- ০৭। ২৫/০৪/২০১৭ তারিখ ১২.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকে) দরপত্র বন্ধ খোলা হবে।
- ০৮। দরপত্র সংশ্লিষ্ট বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে।
- ০৯। খামের উপরে অকেজো গাড়ি নিলাম ক্রয় দরপত্র কথটি লিখতে হবে।
- ১০। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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