



Sheikh Hasina's birthday today

BSS, Dhaka

Today is Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina's birthday. The eldest of five children of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Begum Fazlunnessa was born on the day in 1947 at Tungipara of Copalganj.

Like previous years, Awami League and its affiliated organisations will be celebrating the day by organising various events.

A special mital and daita mahfil will be held at Baitul Mukarram national mosque.

Also, special prayers will be offered at different places of worship seeking good health and long life of the premier, who is now in the United States for the 72nd National Conference General Assembly (UNGA) session. Hasina will return home on October 5.

Hasina spent much of her childhood in the village where she was born and started her schooling there. In 1954, when Bangabandhu was elected legislator, the family relocated to Dhaka.

In her student life, Hasina actively took part in the 6-Point Movement of 1966 and the student movement of 1969 which saw the abdication of General Ayub Khan.

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YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Chittagang, Barisal, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Rangpur division with moderately heavy to heavy rain at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UMD. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49pm, said Met office.



All the tingle of excitement of going home to celebrate the Durga Puja with dear ones burst in a moment for this family of four yesterday. Their auto rickshaw hit a large pothole hidden in a puddle of muddy water near Rupatoli bus stand in Barisal city. Although they got drenched in the dirty water after getting thrown out of the vehicle, they were thankful that the bus behind did not run them over. A three kilometre stretch of this highway connecting the city with Jhalakathi, Pirojpur and Borguna has been in this dilapidated state for almost two years.

PHOTO: M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL

People yet to reap full benefit of RTI act: TIB

DLU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a human chain yesterday urged the government to ensure people's access to information to curb corruption and establish good governance.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organised the programme at Dhaka University (DU) campus, marking the International Right to Know Day to be observed today.

They also urged everyone to raise voice against section 57 of the ICT Act, as it is an obstacle to freedom of expression.

Addressing the event, Executive Director of TIB Dr. Ifredharuzzaman said the constitution has ensured freedom of thought and expression, and the Right to Information (RTI) Act has been enacted to make it more effective.

"But people are now being deprived of the benefits of the Act as effective implementation was not possible due to the lack of goodwill of the concerned people," he added.

Demanding scrapping of the section 57, he said, "Many non-government organisations and media activists, who practice the right to freedom of expression, are often at risk due to Article 57 of the ICT Act."

A seven-point recommendation was also placed at the human chain that includes taking necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the existing laws and rules in accordance with the RTI Act.

Stand by Rohingya

President urges all

UNB, Dhaka

Urging all to stand by the Rohingyas, President Abdul Hamid yesterday stressed the need for putting constant pressure on the Myanmar government to take back their people from Bangladesh.

"We must stand by them [Rohingyas] and extend the hand of cooperation to them in their bad time," he said while addressing a function at Ramkrishna Mission in the capital on the occasion of Durga Puja.

The president said millions of people took shelter in Bangladesh after they had faced persecution in Myanmar's Rohingya State. Many of them were from the Hindu community.

"We've to be sympathetic to them... all national and international organisations should come forward to ensure their safe repatriation and their rights to citizenship," he said.

Terming Durga Puja a "universal festival" of Bangladesh, Hamid said many Hindus could not celebrate their largest religious festival this year in the haat and flood-hit areas of Bangladesh.

PHOTO: M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL

Regent to assist in relief transport for Rohingyas

CITY DESK

Regent Airways will provide assistance in transporting relief for the Rohingyas refugees in Cox's Bazar.

"We have fled violence in Myanmar and sought refuge in Bangladesh," said a spokesman.

Li Gen (regd) M Fazel Akher NDC, PSC, PhD, its chief executive officer, made the announcement at a relief distribution function of the company.

"We are with the help of less Rohingya people... The NGOs, volunteer organisations, enterprises or individuals can take our facility for carrying the relief from Dhaka to Cox's Bazar."

"Besides, Regent is ready to carry the government or donor organisations' relief," he added.

Regent has been distributing relief in association with the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in (Khila) and (Tana) for the last four days, said a press release.

It has distributed eight metric tonnes of food and Tk 5 lakh among the Rohingyas.

More than 40,000 Rohingyas have fled from Myanmar's Rakhine State to Bangladesh since last month in the face of an army campaign that includes shooting innocent civilians, burning villages and committing rape.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has also issued international condemnation.

Media's uninterrupted access to info a must to fight graft

Speakers tell seminar marking International Right to Know Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Uninterrupted access to information for the media is a prerequisite to combat corruption and establish good governance, the country's said journalists, teachers and researchers at a seminar yesterday.

The country's information commission has to play a proactive role in ensuring this, they added.

They said availability of government information under the Right to Information Act (RTI) is inadequate because of a lack of response from the government officials.

Dissemination of information under the act will benefit producing quality investigative reports, they added.

Management and Resource Development Institute (MRDI) with the help of Fojo Media Institute of Linnaeus University, Sweden organised the seminar. "Use of RTI Act in Investigative Journalism" at the Daily Star Centre in the capital marking International Right to Know Day, to be observed today.

The speakers said the RTI act is journalism-friendly and those who rely on traditional source-based reporting have to change their mindset to take it to the street.

They also stressed the need for creating awareness regarding the benefit of law at root level, saying it will be helpful for flourishing rural journalism.

Presenting a keynote paper, Manjural Ahsan Bulbul, president of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, said the reports at present are mostly based on leaked stories that lack proper research and corroboration.

The RTI act will help provide authentic and latest information, which will aid the journalists in cross-checking information, said Bulbul, also editor-in-chief and chief



Participants at the seminar at The Daily Star Centre.

PHOTO: STAR

executive officer of ETN.

Noted Indian investigative journalist Naitik Datta, who also presented a keynote paper, said use of similar law in his country is also insufficient.

Saikat, South Asia editor of Asia Times, said by taking help of the Indian RTI act, he could write stories on some of the biggest events such as a food scam in the Indian government, its surveillance system on public phone calls and the government's demonetisation process.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam said the RTI act is one of the most significant instruments of journalism. "But we are at fault... we are not using the law properly."

Gulam Sarwar, president of Editors' Council and editor of Bangla Daily Samakal, said reporters interested in investigative journalism should be provided with sufficient time and support so that they can produce good stories.

Prof Mofizur Rahman, chairman of the department of Mass Communication and Journalism at Dhaka University said investigative reports based on information gathered under the act can be used to treat each party equally.

Hasibur Rahman, executive director of the country's other different courses and fellowships for media

houses and journalists to sharpen their skills and gather accurate knowledge on investigative journalism.

Prof Golam Rahman, chief information commissioner, said nearly 25,000 officers are posted at different government offices to provide information under the act.

He said people have to be precise and specific while applying for information. After being denied of information in the act, journalists filed as many as 336 complaints in 2015 and 539 in 2016.

He proposed formulation of a new and specific law that will benefit journalists to have quicker access to information.

Journalists JE Mamun of ATN Bangla, Shahar Munnir of News 24, Tipu Sultan of Prothom Alo, and Zayadul Ahsan Pintu of DBC News, also spoke.

The seminar was moderated by Syed Ishaque Reza, director of news and current affairs, Ekattor TV.

Meanwhile, rights body Ain O Salish Kendra in a statement yesterday called on the government to implement the law properly to establish justice in the country, saying "fight to information is inseparable to people's freedom of speech, thoughts and conscience".

জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমাদের পক্ষতঃ
শেখ হাসিনার জন্মদিন

ঢাকা গ্লোবাসার সম্মানিত গ্রাহকগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, রামপুরা ব্রিজ সংলগ্ন ভিআইটি রোড এলাকায় পানির পাইপ লাইনের উদ্ভাটনাজলকাজের আন্তঃসংযোগ কাজ আগামী ৩০/০৯/২০১৭ইং তারিখ দুপুর ২.০০ ঘটিকা থেকে ০১/১০/২০১৭ইং তারিখ সকাল ৬.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত কাজ হবে। কাজ চলাকালীন সময়ে রামপুরা বনধী, বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন ভবন এবং তৎসংলগ্ন এলাকার কিছু অংশে স্বাভাবিক পানির সরবরাহ বিঘ্নিত হতে পারে। উক্ত সময়ে প্রয়োজনে পানির গাড়ি দ্বারা বা বিকল্পভাবে পানির সরবরাহ করা হবে। বর্ণিত সময়ে সাময়িকভাবে পানির সরবরাহ বিঘ্নিত হওয়ার জন্য আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত।

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চট্টগ্রাম ভেটেরিনারি ও এনিম্যাল সাইন্সেস বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ১ম সম্মেলন ২০১৮ সালের জানুয়ারি মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত সম্মেলনে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ভেটেরিনারি ডিপার্টমেন্ট অনুষদের ৬৬ থেকে ১৬৯ম ব্যাচ, ফুড সাইন্সেস এন্ড টেকনোলজি অনুষদের ২ম থেকে ৩য় ব্যাচ এবং লিয়ার্স অনুষদের ১ম ব্যাচ-এর গ্র্যাজুয়েটগণ অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।

- গ্র্যাজুয়েটগণের নির্ধারিত ওয়েবসাইট (convocation.cvasu.ac.bd)-এর মাধ্যমে আগামী ০৫ অক্টোবর থেকে ২০ নভেম্বর ২০১৭ তারিখের মধ্যে রেজিস্ট্রেশন সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।
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Protect migrant construction workers

HRW asks Qatar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Watch (HRW) has asked Qatar to protect the migrant construction workers who are at risk from working in the country's intense heat and humidity.

It has also asked the Qatari authorities to investigate the causes of migrant worker deaths, regularly make public data on such deaths, and use the information to devise appropriate public health policies in the Gulf country, home to some 4 lakh Bangladeshi workers.

In 2013, Qatari health authorities reported 520 such deaths of workers from Bangladesh, India, and Nepal in 2012. Of them, 385, or 74 percent, died from unexplained causes, the New York-based global rights watchdog said in a statement yesterday.

HRW said the officials concerned have not responded to requests for information about the overall number and causes of deaths of migrant workers since 2012.

Current heat protection regulations for the great majority of workers in Qatar only prohibit outdoor work from 11:30am to 3:00pm during June 15 to August 31, it said.

However, climate data show weather conditions in Qatar outside those hours and dates frequently reach levels that can result in potentially fatal heat-related illnesses in the absence of appropriate rest.

"Enforcing appropriate restrictions on outdoor work and regularly investigating and publicizing information about worker deaths is essential to protect the health and lives of construction workers in Qatar," said Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director at HRW.

"Limiting work hours to safe temperatures -- not set by a clock or calendar -- is well within the capacity of the Qatari government and will help protect hundreds of thousands of workers," she said.

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