

# I work for people's welfare

Hasina tells JS  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite numerous attempts on her life, she has been carrying out her duties for the welfare of the people, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday in parliament.

"I need to get a work done whenever it comes along and I do it out of passion," she said while replying to a supplementary question from Jatiya Party MP Fakhrul Imam. The premier also said she does not think of how much wealth she has or if she gets any recognition for her work. Rather, she ponders about her accomplishments for the people of Bangladesh.

She also said sometimes she does not get more than three to three-and-a-half hours of sleep due to workload.

Earlier, Fakhrul informed the House that a research firm, "People's

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A seller holds several exotic birds, locally known as Bali Hans, near toll plaza of Sheola bridge in Biyanibazar of Sylhet. The sale of such migratory birds is illegal in the country. But due to a lack of enforcement of the law, people hunt and sell these animals around haors. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

# An added pressure on children

Says Prof Anisuzzaman about primary terminal exam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rather than relieving the children of the pressure of exam studies, "a new exam has been added in fifth grade," Prof Emeritus Anisuzzaman said yesterday.

The standard of education in the country is in an appalling state as it has been lowered down only to secure first place in an exam, he also said.

The noted educationist made the observations while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion titled "in quest of a child-friendly society".

Children development organisation Sohojpath organised the discussion in the capital's Shilpakala Academy conference hall.

Education should be fun and games, dance, music, poetry, fine arts and the likes should be included in it, Prof Anisuzzaman also said.

Many of the speakers at the discussion said the leaking of question papers in many public examinations is leading the students towards darkness and proper guidance from their families, the society and the government is essential for tackling this menace.

Manzoor Ahmed, professor emeritus at Brac University; Anisul Hoque, journalist and litterateur; Prof Shaheen Islam of Dhaka University; Siddique Belal, secretary of Sohojpath; also spoke among others.

Cultural activist, journalist and Sohojpath convener Abul Momen moderated the discussion.

# Too many questions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Why are the perpetrators behind the Rangpur mayhem still at large?

What did Titu say in his statement under section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) on Tuesday?

Why are police keeping mum?

Why aren't Titu's lawyers able to complete legal formalities?

Why can't the cyber crime unit find out anything about the Facebook post?

Why was the police briefing cancelled on November 15, a day after Titu's arrest?

These are just some of the questions surrounding the November 10 attack on the Hindus at Thakurbari village under Rangpur Sadar upazila over a Facebook post.

Protesting the Facebook post, hundreds of zealots attacked Thakurbari village in Rangpur. They torched 11 Hindu houses, vandalised many others and looted valuables from there. A man was killed and about 20 others were injured after police fired rubber bullets and teargas shells to bring the situation under control.

Almost two weeks have gone by, the main perpetrators behind the attack are yet to be arrested.

According to locals, around five to six influential people were behind the attack. They allegedly masterminded it and financed the propaganda campaign against the Hindus.

They are Inamul Haque Mazedi, organisational secretary of Jatiyatabadi Olama Dal; Fazlar Rahman, a Jatiya Party activist and an engineer of Rangpur Zila Parishad; Maulana Sirajul Islam, imam of Kholeya

Shah mosque; Masud Rana, a BNP leader; and Alamgir Hossain, a Shibir leader of Kholeya Union.

Names of the aforesaid people were mentioned in the three cases filed over the attack. Of them, police have arrested Sirajul Islam and the rest are on the run. Police also arrested around 200 people in connection with the arson case.

Mizanur Rahman, superintendent of police in Rangpur, said, "We're continuing our efforts to arrest the accused."

Meanwhile, locals alleged that on November 10, Mazedi provoked the crowd. Fazlar Rahman was also with him.

Besides, Fazlar allegedly bore the expenses of spreading the propaganda campaign against the Hindus through loud-speakers, banners and distributing leaflets.

This correspondent visited Fazlar's house, his workplace at Rangpur Zila Parishad multiple times, but he was not there.

His wife, Sultana Akter Kalpana, the incumbent union parishad chairman of Mominpur Union, was also not available.

Safia Khatun, chairman of Rangpur Zila Parishad, said Fazlar was on leave. She declined to comment regarding his involvement in the attack.

On the other hand, Maulana Sirajul Islam, a union-level Jamaat leader and imam of Kholeya Shah Mosque, now in jail, along with Shibir leader Alamgir Hossain, allegedly provoked the imams of the mosques, who instigated others.

Meanwhile, on November 6, a case was filed with Gangachara Police Station accusing Titu Chandra Roy, 40, of Thakurpara of

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RANGPUR MAYHEM

# 13 submit nomination papers for mayoral post

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Thirteen mayoral aspirants of different political parties have submitted their nomination papers for contesting the Rangpur City Corporation (RCC) polls.

Yesterday was the last day to file applications for candidacy. Besides, 67 aspirants submitted their nomination papers for contesting

councillor posts while 226 theirs for 33 ward

Sharfuddin Awami League and of BNP submitted

papers to Suvash Chandra Sarkar, regional election officer in Rangpur and also the returning officer (RO), yesterday.

The elections will be held on December 21.

The RCC polls was held on December 10 in 2012 for the first time, where Jhantu was elected mayor.



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councillor posts. Ahmed Jhantu of Kawsar Jaman Babla

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