

Remain ready

To protect constitution, sovereignty, PM tells army

UNB, Patuakhali

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the members of Bangladesh Army to remain vigilant to protect the country's constitution and sovereignty defying internal and external threats.

"You'll have to remain ready to face internal or external threats for protecting the sacred constitution and sovereignty of the motherland," she said.

The premier gave the directives while addressing the inaugural function of the newly-constructed cantonment, "Sheikh Hasina Cantonment", in Patuakhali.

She opened the country's 31st cantonment on the bank of the Payra river at Lebukhali in Dumki upazila of the south-western coastal district in the morning by unveiling its plaque.

The new cantonment has been constructed on around 1,400 acres of land.

"The army will have to keep up the trend of democracy and constitution and make greater contributions to public welfare-oriented activities," she said.

Expressing satisfaction over the establishment of an environment-friendly and modern cantonment at Lebukhali, she expressed firm optimism that members of the newly formed division, brigade and unit will work together for the country's welfare.

She hoped that the 7th Infantry Division will become an exemplary division.

Hasina said the government has taken various steps to develop the armed forces as a modern one. "That's why the government took a decision in 2016 to establish the division."

She said the armed forces members have achieved a worldwide acceptance for their efficiency, competence and public service-oriented activities.

They also have set a unique example recently through extending helping hands and supports towards victims of natural calamities, she added.

Hasina said Bangladesh is now a "brand name" in peacekeeping missions of the United Nations, and it is a matter of pride for the country.

She appreciated the army's role in rendering services to the forcibly displaced Rohingyas.

She said the armed forces have shown efficiency in building roads and infrastructures even in remote hill areas. To modernise the force, she said, sophisticated vehicles, helicopters and arms and ammunition have been inducted into it.

The prime minister also inaugurated 14 development projects.

Ministers, parliament members, chiefs of the three services, diplomats, former chiefs of the army and senior government officials were present on the occasion.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offers prayers after inaugurating the country's 31st cantonment, "Sheikh Hasina Cantonment", on the bank of the Payra river at Lebukhali in Patuakhali's Dumki upazila yesterday.

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Bearing the brunt of BCL brutality

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With his right eye grievously injured, Ehsan Rafiq can hardly blink, let alone see.

Doctors said his injured eye could take two months to heal. Therefore, they advised him to take complete rest at home, restricting his movement outside, said father of the Dhaka University student, who was mercilessly beaten up by a band of BCL activists on the campus on Tuesday night as he asked a BCL man to return the calculator that the latter borrowed from him three months ago.

Against such backdrop, for Ehsan, life is not the same as it was before. He was supposed to join a field trip starting from tomorrow organised by his department -- Disaster Management and Science. But in the changed scenario, there is no possibility that the sophomore can make it, said his father, Rafiqul Islam.

Yesterday, Ehsan was taken to a private hospital in the capital for a CT scan of his right eye.

"The cornea of his [Ehsan] right eye was badly damaged as he was punched several times in the eye," said Rafiqul, quoting the doctors at the hospital.

"How can he join the field trip in such a physical condition?" asked the

father. Ehsan secured Golden A+ in both SSC and HSC examinations and is a top student in his class. Hailing from Jhenaidah, Ehsan used to sleep on the veranda of Salimullah Muslim (SM) Hall as he did not have an assigned room. Ehsan is now staying at a rela-



Ehsan Rafiq

lative's house in Mirpur.

His family is concerned about his study as he is going to miss academic activities. "A semester drop at this stage of academic life will leave an impact on his study in the days to come..." said the worried father.

On Tuesday night, after the assault,

the attackers took Ehsan to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and told the duty doctors that he was injured in an accident.

After primary treatment at the DMCH, he returned to his dorm around 4:30am on Wednesday. Then BCL hall unit President Tahsan Ahmed Rasel and his followers allegedly confined him to Tahsan's room for eight hours so that the news of the incident could not spread.

At one point, when BCL activists in the room went outside keeping the door open, Ehsan escaped around 2:00pm and went to Bangabandhu Hall. Later, his father rescued him.

Meanwhile, the SM Hall authorities on Wednesday night formed a three-member probe body to investigate the incident.

Prof Sabbir Ahmed, the hall's house tutor, is the head of the committee while Prof Abu Bin Hasan Susan and Azizur Rahman are its two other members. The committee has been asked to submit a report within seven working days.

BCL central committee suspended three of their activists for their involvement in the incident by "violating" the student body's "discipline", according to a press release issued by the organisation on Wednesday.

Manjurul Karim new envoy to Myanmar

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



The Government decided to appoint Manjurul Karim Khan Chowdhury, director general of South East Asia Wing of the Foreign Ministry, as the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Myanmar, said an official announcement yesterday.

Career diplomat Manjurul Karim joined the Foreign Service in February 1998. He served in Bangladesh missions in Istanbul, London, Rome and Bandar Seri Begawan.

He also represented Bangladesh in numerous bilateral and multilateral meetings.

Manjurul completed Bachelor of Science in Engineering (mechanical) from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). He completed Masters in Geopolitics and Global Security from the University La Sapienza in Rome of Italy.

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Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), under the Ministry of Textiles and Jute, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, intends to establish textile mills and/or textile related linked industries and support facilities at Demra, Dhaka, Bangladesh at the existing site of Ahmed Bawany Textile Mills Limited through PPP mode.

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