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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB quoting Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:20am.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina waves to the crowd during a rally on Pabna Police Lines field yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS



'We'll turn every village into a township'

Hasina tells Pabna rally

UNB, Pabna

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the Awami League government will ensure civic amenities and improved lifestyle for people of every village in the country if her party is voted to power again.

"If you cast vote for boat [AL's electoral symbol] and if Awami League returns to power, we'll make sure that each community of every village will get urban facilities and can lead a decent life. We'll turn every village into a township," she told a rally held at Pabna Police Lines field.

The premier said her government wants to build a poverty, militancy and drug-free Bangladesh. She urged people to help the government successfully carry on drives against terrorism, militancy and narcotics.

She also called upon parents, freedom fighters, teachers, imams (clerics) and other religious leaders to work unitedly against these social diseases.

Hasina, also president of Awami League, said, "Awami League always works for the wellbeing of people. We know how a coun-

try can be developed and we continue to work in such a way."

"Since you voted us to power, we got the chance to work for you. If you cast vote for boat, we'll be able to return to power and get a chance to serve you again," she said.

Mentioning that BNP-Jamaat clique had unleashed violence and arson attacks in 2013 and 2014, the PM said, "They only know how to destroy..."

She said the country saw massive development as people gave the mandate in favour of the boat in the last two national elections.

Regarding safety net programmes, she said the government provides allowances to some 40 lakh widows, 14 lakh women abandoned by their husbands, 40 lakh elderly people and 10 lakh physically-challenged people, as well as stipend to 80,000 physically-challenged students.

Hasina said the government is setting up 100 economic zones. She said the government continues to build roads, schools

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Khaleda unwell, relatives fail to meet her

Says BNP chief's sister UNB, Dhaka

Though they had permission from the jail authorities, relatives of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia could not meet her yesterday due to her illness, said her sister.

"We've come to know that Khaleda Zia is suffering from fever and body aches. She couldn't meet us as she was unable to come down to the guestroom from the 1st floor, Khaleda's sister Selina Islam told journalists at the gate of Old Dhaka Central Jail.

Selina and four other relatives entered the jail around 4:00pm and came out about 45 minutes later.

Earlier on Wednesday, BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at a press conference alleged that the jail authorities were not allowing Khaleda's relatives and party leaders to meet her with an ulterior motive.

No govt jobs for those involved with Jamaat, war crimes

Platform of freedom fighters announces 46-day programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A platform of freedom fighters yesterday announced a series of programmes to press home their six-point demand including denial of government jobs to family members of Jamaat-Shibir politicians, war criminals and anti-liberation "elements".

The programmes will start on July 19 and continue for 46 days.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, also president of Muktiujuddher Chetona Bastobayan Mancha, made the announcement during a rally at Mahanagar Natya Mancha in Dhaka.

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, and Information Minister

Hasanul Haq Inu were present at the programme and extended their support to the six-point demand.

The Liberation War affairs minister said the government will prepare a list of war criminals, razakars and anti-liberation forces and their family members so that they can be treated as "class three" citizens of the country.

Speaking as chief guest, Obaidul Quader said that if BNP returns to power, the whole country will turn into a valley of death. "The situation will be more dreadful than 2001."

The other demands include removing family members of Jamaat-Shibir politicians and anti-liberation elements from public service, confiscating the properties of war criminals and banks, educational institutions, and hospitals run by Jamaat-e-Islami.

The platform also demanded formulation of a new law in light of the Holocaust Act or genocide denial act to punish those involved in defaming freedom fighters, Liberation War, martyrs, and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Moreover, the platform demanded exemplary punishment for the arson attack at the residence of the Dhaka University vice chancellor during the quota reform movement.

According to the announcement, they will organise processions, street rallies, signature collection campaign, and opinion sharing meetings with leaders and workers of professional bodies in all upazilas including in Dhaka. The programmes will end on September 2 through submission of a memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh, centre, his Bangladesh counterpart Asaduzzaman Khan, right, and Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla, left, at the inauguration of integrated Indian Visa Application Centre at Jamuna Future Park, Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJNATH SINGH'S TWITTER ACCOUNT

World's largest Indian visa centre opens in Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

A new integrated Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC), the largest Indian visa centre, was inaugurated at Jamuna Future Park, Dhaka yesterday.

Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh along with his Bangladesh counterpart Asaduzzaman Khan formally opened the centre by handing over passports with Indian visas

to a couple of visa applicants.

Braj Raj Sharma, special secretary (border management), Indian Ministry of Home Affairs; Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Indian high commissioner in Dhaka; and Nurul Islam Babul, chairman of Jamuna Group, were present, among others.

Talking to reporters after the inauguration, Shringla said the Indian

High Commission in Dhaka issued 14 lakh visas last year. He said the new centre will issue on an average 5,000 visas every day and the visa applicants will be treated as guests.

The high commission issued 9.76 lakh visas in 2016 and today Bangladeshis constitute the largest number of visitors to India.

A cultural programme was also held.



A colourful chariot procession, known as Rath Jatra, passing Purana Paltan area of Dhaka yesterday. Hindus celebrate the festival annually in the hope of salvation. Primarily, Rath Jatra refers to the journey of the god Jagannath or Vishnu to the sea, but Hindu scriptures make mentions of such chariot journeys of other deities as well. This is a centuries-old festival in Bangladesh. Like every year, a similar procession was brought out in Chittagong city, below, where a young boy and girl dressed up as deities take part. The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), otherwise known as the Hare Krishna movement, is the organiser of the festival.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN, RAJIB RAHMAN

EC assures

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commissioner of Sylhet, and Golam Kibria, Sylhet Metropolitan Police commissioner.

EVM IN TWO CENTRES

Election Commission is ready to use electronic voting machine (EVM) at two centres of a single venue in Sylhet city polls.

The centres are at Amberkhana Girls School and College, Housing Estate area in ward 4, Proloy Kumar Saha, assistant returning officer of the election said.

At 14 polling booths of two centres in the venue, 2,556 female voters and 1,957 male ones will cast their votes.

30,686 NEW VOTERS

At this year's polls, there are 30,686 new voters. According to the EC, the total number of voters is 321,732. At the last Sylhet city polls in 2013, the number of total voters was 291,046.

EC is preparing 926 polling booths at 134 polling centres in the city.

'Some quarters' giving false info on country's progress

Speakers say at Heritage Foundation press conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League-led government has made progress in many social and economic indicators and earned recognition at home and abroad, but "some quarters" are trying to mislead the people about the country's development, speakers said at a press conference yesterday.

They said if the people are given false information, the contribution of the ruling party would go in vain, and this would also dent the country's image.

In this regard, Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury, vice-chancellor of World

University of Bangladesh, referred to the statements of some BNP leaders who earlier said that democracy and good governance have been destroyed in the country as the ruling party has indulged in misdeeds and mismanagement.

Prof Mannan said Bangladesh has made strides in achieving sustainable development, particularly in information technology, per capita income and average life expectancy, but the people may get confused due to false information.

The press conference was organised by Bangladesh Heritage

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Campaigning

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Some of the key features include solving the city's waterlogging problem, repairing damaged roads, improving the drainage system and ridding the administration of corruption.

Manisha Chakrabarty of Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal campaigned in ward 20. Around noon, she attended a meeting in Barisal Bar Association Auditorium.

Abul Kalam Azad of CPB and Obaydur Rahaman Mahabub of Islami Andolon Bangladesh also campaigned in different areas.

BCC has an area of 58 square kilometres, with a total of 2,42,166 voters, an additional 30,909 voters than the previous election.

Four aspirants

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Meanwhile, the participants criticised Awami League's candidate AHM Khairuzzaman Liton as he did not attend the programme.

However, city AL's organising secretary Nurul Islam Sarker Aslam was present there and explained Liton's absence.

Aslam said Liton went to Puthia to attend funerals of the mother of AL lawmaker Abdul Wadud Dara and son of a local journalist.

When contacted over the phone, the former mayor's personal assistant Masud Rana told this correspondent that the funerals were scheduled earlier and that is why Liton could not join the programme.

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সেকশন ২, মিরপুর, ঢাকা

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