



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 Fazilatunnesa was born on this day in 1947 at Tungipara of Gopalganj.

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

A special milad and doa mahfil will be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Juma prayers.

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 to attend the 73rd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session. She will return home on October 1.

BUDGET FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Monitoring of allocation crucial



From left, Associate Professor of Dhaka University Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha, Professor of Jahangirnagar University Dr Sharmin Neelormi, Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam and Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam at the seminar yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women's rights activists yesterday stressed on monitoring of the budgetary allocation for women's development to ensure its optimum benefits.

Speakers at a seminar, titled "Analyzing Gender Budgeting for Women's Empowerment: The Way Forward", organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation at the capital's Brac Center Inn, also said better working environment must be ensured for women.

"Doubling the allowance for widows is bringing welfare of women to the society. But to empower women, step need to be taken to create an environment where they would be able to carry out their jobs without hassle," said Fawzia Khondker, executive director of Proggashor, a non-government organisation.

She added that due to a shortage of daycare centres at government and non-government organisations, many young women leave their jobs to take care of their infants a few years into joining the workforce.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), said allocation of budget for women needs to be monitored to ensure that these are being used properly.

SEE PAGE 5 COL 6

Uphold pluralistic values of Bangladesh: Gowher Rizvi to youth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi yesterday said the core aspects of a pluralistic society have to be brought to the fore while working on progress.

"We have to remember that we are a multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-religious state," he said.

He was speaking at the inaugural

ceremony of 'Youth Leadership Summit 2018' at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

"We have to always remember Bangladesh is pluralistic, and that is our greatest strength," he said.

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) has arranged the three-day event with the theme "Desh Amar Dayitto Amar" [my country, my

responsibility].

Some 400 youths, including university students and young professionals from different corners of the country, are attending the event, said the organisers. The Daily Star is the strategic partner of the event.

Addressing the ceremony as a keynote speaker, Dr Rizvi said, "We believe in social justice and democracy."

SEE PAGE 4 COL 7



Dr Gowher Rizvi speaking at BYLC's Youth Leadership Summit 2018.

PHOTO: STAR

BNP seeks fresh permission from DMP for rally on Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday sought fresh permission from the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) authorities to hold its public rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on Sunday.

A BNP delegation, led by its Publicity Affairs Secretary Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie, met the DMP authorities around noon yesterday and submitted a letter seeking permission for holding the rally on Sunday.

Annie told The Daily Star that Acting DMP Commissioner Shahabuddin Qureshi requested them to change the schedule of their rally and submit a fresh application for the permission.

"We will hold the rally either on Saturday or Sunday subject to permission from the DMP authorities," Annie said.

Earlier in the day, BNP senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan central office said they are waiting for permission from the DMP authorities as the Public Works Department gave them clearance for holding the rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on Saturday.

Bringing discipline to traffic chaos

Transport experts, officials say bus route rationalisation holds the key

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rationalisation of bus routes holds the key to resolving the capital's perennial traffic anarchy, said transport experts and officials at a meeting yesterday.

"According to the revised strategic transport plan (RSTP), bus service carries more than 56 percent passengers in Dhaka," said Dr SM Salehuddin, a transport expert on the Dhaka south mayor-led committee on rationalising bus routes and disciplining public transport system.

Five metro rail and two rapid bus service systems, if implemented by 2035, as recommended in the RSTP, will carry only 17 percent passengers all together, he said at the committee's first meeting held at Nagar Bhaban.

"But one must note that five metro rails and two rapid bus service systems would cost Tk 2 lakh crores while it would cost at best Tk 20,000 crore for disciplining the entire bus service system," said Salehuddin.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

THE FIRST THE ONLY THE BEST


LG OLED TV

World's Best Selling OLED Brand


BEST OF CES 2018

WINNER BEST TV PRODUCT

World's Best Selling OLED Brand

*LG OLED TV has been the world's best selling OLED brand since 2013. Based on IHS Markit, Technology Group, TV Sets Market Tracker, Q4 2017. Ranking is not an endorsement of LG. Any reliance on these results is at the third party's own risk. Visit technologyinsights.com for more details.

LG InstaView Door-in-Door™

Experience the convenience of seeing what's in the fridge without opening the door


LG Smart Inverter Washing Machine

Energy Saving with Inverter Technology

LG DUAL Inverter Air Conditioner

Energy Saving with Dual Inverter Compressor


LG Convection Microwave Oven

Charcoal Lighting Heater enhances speed of cooking and healthy cooking

BUTTERFLY
Committed to Care

Please buy genuine LG products from Butterfly showrooms

LG Hotline: 09678-545454