



People under the banner of "Shacheton Nagorik Samaj" formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding death penalty for rapists. PHOTO: STAR

Sheikh Hasina was arrested to confine democracy

Hasan Mahmud says about the then caretaker government

BSS, Dhaka
Information Minister and Awami League Publicity and Publication Secretary Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday said the then caretaker government had arrested AL President Sheikh Hasina to stop the progress of democracy in the country.
"On July 16, 2007, AL chief Sheikh Hasina was arrested without issuing any arrest warrant," he said while addressing a discussion, arranged by Bangladesh Swadhinata Parishad, at Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) auditorium.
He said the then caretaker government spoke of establishing justice and a corruption-free nation, but it did not arrest those who made the country a safe haven for militancy and corruption. Instead, they arrested Sheikh Hasina, he added.
"She [Sheikh Hasina] was arrested [on July 16, 2007] to gag the voice of

the people. Through her arrest, the country's democracy was confined," the AL leader said.
The AL president was released after grassroots leaders and activists waged a strong movement.
During her detention, she got many proposals from a vested quarter but she did not compromise for the greater interest of the country's people as well as democracy, he said.
Highlighting various development works that were implemented under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, he said about 95 percent of people have access to electricity while per capita income has increased to USD 2,000 from 200.
"But many did not see any development in the country... Once BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said the AL government could not build the Padma Bridge, but the bridge is now visible," Dr Hasan said.

Criticising the recent remarks of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Dr Hasan said Fakhrul alleged some people are benefitting from the development projects.
"You should not forget that the World Bank had cancelled financing from five projects on graft allegations during BNP regime... We welcome constructive criticism but not blind criticism," he added.
About BNP's demand for its chairperson's release, Hasan said "There is no way to get Khaleda released without following legal procedure. That's why, let's walk on this path to free her."
AL Dhaka North General Secretary Shahe Alam Murad and its leaders MA Karim, Akhter Hossain and Aminul Islam Amin, among others, spoke at the discussion with Swadhinata Parishad adviser Jahangir Alam Khan in the chair.

PM to join envoys' conference in London today

BSS, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend a conference of Bangladesh envoys in Europe, the first of its kind, in the British capital of London today.
"The prime minister will join the conference at a hotel in London tomorrow afternoon (London time)," PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told the news agency yesterday.
He said 15 Bangladesh ambassadors, high commissioners and permanent representatives posted in different European countries will attend the conference.
The prime minister is likely to hold discussions with the envoys

on various issues and give them necessary directives, according to foreign ministry sources. The issues include enhancing Bangladesh's image further in Europe, boosting trade and commerce and attracting more investment.
Hasina is also expected to discuss [with the envoys] the Rohingya issue, climate change, irregular migration, post-Brexit situation and its impact on Bangladesh as well as celebrations of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and golden jubilee of the country's independence.
The prime minister left Dhaka for London yesterday morning on an official visit to the United Kingdom

to attend the envoys' conference and other programmes.
A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the PM and her entourage took off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for London at 9:35am. She reached London around 3:40pm (local time).
Bangladesh High Commissioner in London Saïda Muna Tasneem received the prime minister at the airport.
At the advice of Bangladeshi doctors, the press secretary said, the prime minister will also receive eye treatment in London.
The prime minister is expected to return home on August 5, he added.

Azadul Kabir gets India's 'Entrepreneur Awards'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Jagorani Chakra Foundation Founder and Executive Director Azadul Kabir Arzoo received India's prestigious "Entrepreneur Awards 2019" on Thursday.
He got the award under the category of "Best Social Impact Startup" for his contributions to the society, said a press release.
Entrepreneur India, a monthly business magazine which introduced the award nine years ago, handed over the awards among the winners in 75 categories, during a ceremony at a hotel in Delhi.
Jagorani Chakra Foundation, a Jashore-based NGO which was founded in 1975, currently works on education, health, poverty reduction and human rights issues in 39 districts of Bangladesh.

National Peace Carnival-2019 held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The National Peace Carnival-2019 was held at Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Auditorium on the capital's Baily Road yesterday, with a lot of enthusiasm.
Youth Club of Bangladesh, a non-profit organisation, in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), organised the event where top three university students out of 200 from across the country were awarded.
The programme aimed at inspiring young people, build their leadership capacity, enable exchanging ideas and sharing projects with like-minded individuals, engagement of international community, said Shahjahan Shomrat, organising secretary of Youth Club.
The daylong carnival featured several segments including a discussion on "Women's empowerment for peaceful tomorrow", views-exchange, quiz competition, games and photo exhibition.
Speakers at the discussion said that women in the country should be more self-assured at workplace to achieve their goals in this patriarchal society.
They also urged youths of the country to raise their voices against religious extremism for ensuring a non-communal Bangladesh.
Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mahmuda Afroz Lucky, director of The Hunger Project-Bangladesh Nasima Akhter Joly, director of Save the Children Abdullah Al Mamun and MJF programme director Shahriar Mannan were present.

Along comes a saviour

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Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media wing) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said, "There have been such incidents in the past and we have taken actions against the accused." Regarding the recent one, he said they are looking into it.
Back in November 2017, an intellectually-challenged child was rescued by police from Badda. The child had been kidnapped around two weeks ago. After a missing person case was filed, police began investigating the matter.
Law enforcers found a kidnapping gang who would abduct children. They would be used for begging or sold whenever possible.
One of the main accused in the case remains absconding to this day.
SI Nirmal Agarwala of Jatrabari Police Station, who was an SI at Badda and investigated the kidnapping, said, "The

gang would use other children to steal babies. They would often target babies who were ill."
This correspondent spoke to many beggars in the capital who used children. Most of them said they use their own or relatives' children.
However, when pressed, some could not provide satisfactory answers regarding the child they use for begging. A few even avoided questioning and went away hurriedly.
According to police sources, some beggars either "hire" someone else's child or "hire out" theirs for begging. There had been cases where some even sold their children, they added.
Asked, DMP Deputy Commissioner Masudur said, "We are continuing our efforts... whenever we hear of any such incident, we take actions."

Earthquake jolts parts of country

BSS, Dhaka
A moderate earthquake measuring 5.5 magnitude on the Richter Scale jolted different parts of the country at 3:22pm yesterday.
"The epicentre of the tremor was located at India's Arunachal state, 499 kilometres north-east of Dhaka," said Nizam Uddin, a meteorologist at Dhaka Met office.
No casualties or damages were reported till filing of this report.
According to seismologists, an earthquake ranging from 5 to 5.9 is considered a moderate earthquake.

DCI and RSC hold free eye camp in Keraniganj

CITY DESK
A free eye screening camp for underprivileged people -- organised by The Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI), and Rights and Sight for Children (RSC) -- was held at Hizla Government Primary School in Keraniganj, Dhaka yesterday, says a press release.
A total of 447 people including children received treatment from the camp. Of them, 43 patients were diagnosed with cataracts and 139 with refractive errors. Patients with the refractive error will receive glasses on July 29 at the school. They will be provided with corrective surgeries and eyeglasses free of cost.
The cataract patients will undergo surgeries accordingly on July 21 at BNSB Eye Hospital, Mirpur. A total of 404 patients received medicine.
A group of doctors from BNSB Eye Hospital provided treatment at the camp.
DCI Founder and Executive Director Dr Ehsan Hoque said, "It is our commitment to provide eye care to all who are insolvent. Nobody will be left behind, and we will do whatever is necessary for the visually impaired."
Aminul Islam, member, Ward-2, Sakta Union, Keraniganj; Sofikul Islam, president, governing body of the school, were, among others present at the eye camp.



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Pre-bid meeting: **Wednesday, 24 July 2019; Time: 11:00 Hrs. at UNICEF.**
The deadline to submit proposal is **Wednesday, 31 July 2019 by 11:00 HRS.**
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Man surrenders

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Hospital morgue for autopsy.
Shirajul told police that he was angry at his wife because he suspected her of being involved in an extramarital affair.
The couple was alone in their house at that time as their children went to visit their grandparents. Following an altercation, Shirajul hit her head and she fell on the ground. He then killed her with a knife, according to the arrestee's statement.
Police are investigating the matter, the OC said.



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NOTICE FOR FOOD ITEMS TENDER & ENLISTMENT
Applications are hereby invited from the experienced and bona-fide suppliers for purchase of food (local and imported) items for InterContinental Dhaka in the following categories for the year 2019 only. Vendor must be the whole seller, authorized agent or have specialized experience in the supply of those products at least for three (3) years during last 5 years, which needs to be supported by trade license, and experience letters. A certificate (original) issued by the customer of such experience must be enclosed with the Tender Documents.

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Interested suppliers/vendors are therefore, requested to submit their application for food tender & enlistment on their letterhead pad, application must reach to the Materials Manager, InterContinental Dhaka on or before **dated 25th July 2019** during office hour. Supplier(s) can purchase tender documents (per group) from the Material Manager's Office against Cash Tk.500.00(non-refundable) per group. One vendor can apply for one group only.
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We won't

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He also said the government is sincere and taking steps to face the situation.
Replying to a query about the future of Jatiya Party following the death of its chairman HM Ershad, the ruling party leader said JP is the main opposition in parliament and they have many representatives.
"Those who exercise time-befitting politics will survive in the field," he said.

SAF MADANJEET SINGH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN UNESCO-MADANJEET SINGH CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE
SAF-Bangladesh Chapter is inviting applications from Bangladeshi nationals for the award of scholarships by South Asia Foundation for pursuing the following Degree

Name of degree and institution	Duration	Minimum qualification
Master of Laws (LL.M.) at the University of Asia Pacific, Dhaka in partnership with UNESCO Madanjeet Singh South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAILS).	1 year	Have completed a graduation in Law (with a minimum CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent). Be fluent in English (both in writing and speaking).

Interested candidates are requested to send CV with photograph, marks/grades sheets obtained in SSC, HSC and LL.B. (Honours) Examinations by 05 August 2019 to pdllmuap@gmail.com. Please write name of the degree in the subject line of your email. Women are encouraged to apply. Further details are available in the websites <http://uap-bd.edu/lhr/> and in www.southasiafoundation.org.
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