

Will honour people's trust: PM



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greets US Ambassador Earl R Miller at Gono Bhavan on Eid day.

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday vowed to reciprocate the trust and confidence the people placed in her party by electing it for a third consecutive term.

"You've put your confidence and trust in me, you've voted for Awami League. I'll surely uphold the values of that trust and confidence. We'll take the country ahead towards further development and prosperity," she said, after exchanging Eid greetings with a cross section of people at her official residence Gono Bhavan.

Hasina said Bangladesh is making progress, and it will keep on doing so. "Defying all odds, we've been able to establish Bangladesh as a dignified nation in front of the whole world. Let this march towards advancement continue."

The Awami League president said her government is working to ensure that Bangladesh is always treated with respect.

The people's living standard is improving, their income is increasing, and the poverty rate is declining, she said. "We want to establish Bangladesh as a developed and prosperous country as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We're working towards that direction."

The prime minister said the month of August comes with pain and grief.

Recalling the tragic incidents of August 15, 1975, when she lost her parents and most of the family members, Hasina said, "Keeping pain and grief in the heart and sacrificing everything, I've dedicated my life for the wellbeing of the people of Bangladesh and improving their fate."

She said the souls of her parents will rest in peace if the people live well because "my father dedicated

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RIFAT MURDER

Court defers charge-sheet submission till August 22

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A Barguna court yesterday set August 22 for submitting the police report and producing all the accused before the court in the case filed over the sensational murder of Rifat Sharif.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Sirajul Islam Gazi set the next date of submission of the charge-sheet after hearing on the case, said lawyer Mahbul Bari Aslam, lawyer for Rifat's wife and now an accused in the case, Aysha Siddika Minni.

The report was scheduled to be submitted to the court yesterday. All the arrested accused, including Minni, were presented before the court for the hearing yesterday. However, police did not submit the charge-sheet or seek time for it, said Mojibur Rahman Kislu, counsel for complainant Abdul Halim Dulal, Rifat's father.

Rifat, 25, an internet service provider, was indiscriminately hacked by a group of youths in front of Barguna Govt College on June 26 in broad daylight.

In a video footage of the incident that went viral in the social media, Minni was seen screaming and trying in vain to save her husband from the assailants.

The victim's father filed a murder case with Barguna Sadar Police Station against 12 identified people on the same day. The prime accused in the case, Nayan Bond, was killed in a "gunfight" with police on July 2.

Minni, who was the prime witness of the case, was arrested on July 16 by police, and sent to jail on July 19 after she gave a confessional statement to court. She has been denied bail by a lower court and the High Court since.

Khaleda spends time with granddaughters on Eid

UNB, Dhaka

Jailed BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia spent a couple of hours with her relatives, including her two granddaughters, and took homemade food they brought for her at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) on Eid day.

Party sources said six relatives of the BNP chief entered BSMMU cabin-621 -- where she is receiving treatment -- around 1:30pm, with homecooked food, new clothes and flowers. Sharmila Rahman Sithi, wife of Khaleda's late son Arafat Rahman Koko, Sithi's two daughters Zahia Rahman and Zaifa Rahman, Khaleda's brother Shamim Iskandar, his wife Kaniz Fatema and son Ovik Iskandar met her.

They came out of the cabin around 3:30pm. After the visit, Khaleda's relatives said she was

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Ducusu VP attacked in Patuakhali

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A group of miscreants attacked Nurul Haque Nur, vice president (VP) of Ducusu, at Ulania Bazar area in Patuakhali's Galachipa upazila yesterday.

Nur was travelling to Dashmina upazila town from his home village Char Biswas to meet his sister. On the way at around 1:30pm, the group forced him into a shop and beat him up.

On information from locals, a team from Galachipa Police Station rushed to the spot and rescued him. They took him to Galachipa Upazila Health Complex where he underwent primary treatment.

Five people who were accompanying Nur were also injured.

Akhter Morshed, officer-in-charge of Galachipa Police Station, confirmed the incident but could not ascertain the identities of the attackers. None of the attackers were caught as they had already fled the scene.

Md Fahim, a student of Hajeer Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, who was accompanying Nur, said the attackers beat up Nur with iron rods and sticks.

This correspondent tried to contact Nur on phone several times but could not reach him. However, one of Nur's travel companions, Rubel, a student of Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, alleged that the attackers comprised of local Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL)

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Keep houses clean to prevent dengue

President urges citizens

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid on Monday urged authorities concerned to encourage people to keep their houses and surroundings clean for preventing dengue.

He made the call while addressing guests at Bangabhaban on Eid day. President Hamid said Eid is being observed at a time when dengue fever has taken a heavy toll on public health and spread all over the country.

"Authorities concerned will have to take measures to encourage all to keep their houses and surroundings clean... It's possible to prevent dengue if we're aware of the situation," he said, requesting people not to panic.

In a message, the president said the spirit of sacrifice of Eid-ul-Azha is a unique example of showing love and respect to the almighty.

"Azha means Qurbani (sacrifice) or dedicating something. Realising the essence of sacrifice, we will have to be imbued with the mindset of sacrifice and restraint to pave the way for establishing peace and welfare in society."

Hamid said peace will prevail in society if the lesson of sacrifice is reflected in our personal lives.

Referring to the devastation caused by floods, the president urged the affluent to come forward and help the affected people. "People of different flood-hit regions have been suffering... they're deprived of Eid joy," he said.

Advisors to the prime minister, ministers, the chief justice, army and navy chiefs, diplomats, police chief, and distinguished people joined the programme. Secretaries to the president's office were also present.



President Abdul Hamid exchanges greetings with Indian High Commissioner Riva Ganguly Das at Bangabhaban on the occasion of Eid on Monday.

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Port city in festive mood

Recreational spots abuzz with visitors



Port city residents thronged Patenga Sea Beach on Tuesday afternoon.

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Though it rained on Tuesday, the day after Eid, it could not dampen the festive spirits of port city residents. The recreational places were abuzz with visitors during the last three days since Monday afternoon.

People turned up in droves at the tourist attractions -- the parks, sea beach, Naval Academy Road area, banks of the Karnaphuli and the zoo.

On Eid day, the Patenga Sea Beach and Naval Academy area saw a huge rush of people, enjoying the festivity with their family members.

Apart from enjoying the beauty of the beach, many were seen riding horses or enjoying speedboat rides on Tuesday.

However, many women and children were having difficulties going down to the beach from the embankment and vice versa, due to

the lack of staircases.

"My daughter and son were about to fall down while climbing up," said Rowshan Ara Hossain, a visitor. "The authorities concerned should have built staircases."

Another visitor, Tafazzal Hossain, echoed her. "The newly-built seating arrangement has given the beach a new look and made the spot more attractive. But most of us were having problems getting down from the embankment."

Besides the sea beach, Foy's Lake Amusement Park was another sought-after place for families and couples during the holidays.

Port city resident Ibrahim Hossain visited the park with his children on Tuesday afternoon.

Sabrina, his elder daughter, said, "I just loved the rides at the park." Her brother Samrat, meanwhile, was having too much fun with other

children to talk to this correspondent. Ibrahim said, "They [his children] wanted to go out and have fun... this place is the perfect getaway for the entire family."

Avijit Paul, assistant manager (marketing) of Concord Amusement World, Foy's Lake, said yesterday's turnout was higher than the previous two days.

"The crowd was less on Tuesday due to the rain but over 4,500 people visited the park and sea world yesterday."

Chittagong Zoo was also crowded with visitors. Around 10,000 people visited the zoo in the last three days, Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, veterinary surgeon at the zoo, told The Daily Star.

Port city residents also thronged Shwadhinatara Park, Karnaphuli Park, Kazir Dewri Park and Butterfly Park to make the best of their Eid holidays.

Zahiruddin Ahmed passes away

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Brig Gen (retd) Zahiruddin Ahmed, son of Azizuddin Ahmad, passed away at 11am yesterday at the age of 71. He was undergoing treatment at Apollo Hospitals Dhaka.



He will be remembered by his family and friends as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, says a press release.

Zahiruddin Ahmed's Qulkhani will be held on Friday after Asr prayers, at his Baridhara DOHS residence.



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