ENGLISH SCHOOLS

SC stays HC

readmission,

The Appellate Division of

the Supreme Court stayed a

readmission and session by

The apex court, however,

medium schools to observe

the national days with due

High Court verdict, which

had in 2017 declared the

English medium schools

upheld an HC directive

that asked the English

respect to the Bangalee

and contributions of

Bangabandhu Sheikh

Tagore, national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and other famous Bangalee

Samarendranath Biswas

A four-member bench

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of the Appellate Division,

while speaking to The

personalities, said Deputy Attorney General

culture and to introduce their students to the works

the Father of the Nation

Mujibur Rahman, world

famous poet Rabindranath

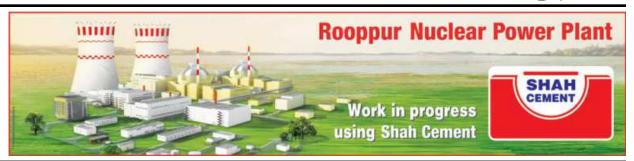
fees charged for annual

session fees

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verdict on





Adhere to the ideologies of Bangabandhu

PM tells BCL on its anniversary

Unb, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the Bangladesh Chhatra League members to build themselves adhering to the ideology of Bangabandhu, imbued with patriotism and keeping the organisation's tradition in mind to lead the country in the coming years.

"I want to tell Chhatra League that you have to keep your tradition in mind and adapt the ideology of Bangabandhu for building up yourselves with patriotism as future leaders of the country," she

The prime minister said SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Focus on lakes, not just drainage

Wasa MD advises city corporations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In order to solve the capital's perennial waterlogging problem which Dhaka Wasa has failed to do, its managing director yesterday said the two city corporations should now focus on protecting natural reservoirs and not just rely on the artificial drainage systems.

On December 31, 2020, the capital's city corporations formally took over management and maintenance responsibilities of 26 canals, storm-water drains and 10 kilometres of box culverts from Dhaka Wasa, raising hopes that the city's longstanding waterlogging problems would

Addressing a press conference at Wasa's conference room, its Managing Director Taqsem A Khan said water bodies should constitute 12 percent of a city's area but Dhaka is now depending mainly on artificial drainage systems.

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Workers of the BIWTA excavating sediment to increase the navigability of the Turag river in and around its Mirpur's Diabari landing station yesterday. The soil is later sold. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Jack Ma 'missing'

Chinese billionaire

REUTERS, Beijing

Alibaba founder Jack Ma's absence from public view in the past two months, including missing the final episode of a TV show on which he was to appear as a judge, has fueled social media speculation over his whereabouts amid a Chinese regulatory clampdown on his sprawling business empire.

China's highest-profile entrepreneur has not appeared in a public setting since a late October forum in Shanghai where he blasted China's regulatory system in a speech that put him on a collision course with officials, resulting in the suspension of a \$37 billion IPO of Alibaba's Ant Group

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-00 IAMAAT 6-05 1-15 4-15 5-35 7-30 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Parents get to bury Lakingme after 25 days

Sanjoy Kumar Barua and Mohammad Ali Jinnat

The family of Lakingme Chakma finally received her body yesterday, 25 days after her mysterious death, and buried her in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Wing Commander Azim Ahmed of Rab-15 said they handed the body to her parents in line with a court order. During the investigation of the case,

filed over the alleged abduction of the girl, the Rab found that Lakingme was an

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BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Those who maligned Bangabandhu asked to apologise

January 5, 1973

Shamsuddoza Sajen

TIME'S PREDICTION: BANGABANDHU WILL SWEEP **POLLS**

The prestigious weekly Time Magazine predicts that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will sweep the first general elections of Bangladesh for March 7, 1973. It writes, "Bangabandhu (Friend of

the Nation) Mujib clearly still possesses the image and oratory to move the emotions of his people. Largely because of his personal mystique his Awami

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N'ganj Mayor Ivy sues city AL GS for defamation

CASE UNDER DSA

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy yesterday filed a case under the Digital Security Act against Khokon Saha, general secretary of the Narayanganj city unit of the ruling Awami League.

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