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Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant

Work in progress using Shah Cement

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 said.

The prime minister said

## 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 be solved.

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.



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

ENGLISH SCHOOLS SC stays HC verdict on readmission, session fees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court stayed a High Court verdict, which had in 2017 declared the fees charged for annual readmission and session by English medium schools illegal.

The apex court, however, upheld an HC directive that asked the English medium schools to observe the national days with due respect to the Bangalee culture and to introduce their students to the works and contributions of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, world famous poet Rabindranath Tagore, national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and other famous Bangalee personalities, said Deputy Attorney General Samarendranath Biswas while speaking to The Daily Star.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division,

## 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

scheduled 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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## CASE UNDER DSA N'ganj Mayor Ivy sues city AL GS for defamation

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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## Chinese billionaire Jack Ma 'missing'

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



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Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5:30 12:45 4:00 5:30 7:00  
JAMAAT 6:05 1:15 4:15 5:35 7:30

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