



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her younger sister Sheikh Rehana jointly laid the foundation stone of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust Library at the capital's Dhanmodi-32 yesterday.

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None can erase Bangabandhu's name from history Says PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said repeated attempts were made to remove the name of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from history and thus the nation was deprived of knowing the real history since 1975.

"But it is not possible now as the new generation is very much aware of the country's true history," she said.

The premier made this remark while addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust Library at Dhanmodi-32 in the capital.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her younger sister Sheikh Rehana, the two daughters of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, jointly laid the foundation stone of the library.

Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary KM Shakhawat Moon briefed the media about it.

Hasina said the library of Bangabandhu Memorial Trust would help the new generation know about the true history of Bangabandhu and the country.

She said the anti-liberation forces had stopped the trial of the killers of the Father of the Nation by enacting an indemnity ordinance after 1975.

The Awami League government has freed the nation from the stigma through the trial of the killers by repealing the indemnity ordinance after assuming power, she added.

Bangabandhu's grandson Radwan Mujib Siddiq was also present on the occasion.

Dhaka's air quality remains 'moderate'

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka's air quality continued to be in the "moderate" zone yesterday, mainly owing to rains in different parts of the country.

With an air quality index (AQI) score of 99 at 10:05am, the city ranked 11th in the list of world cities with the worst air quality.

When the AQI remains between 51 and 100, the air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.

India's Delhi, Kuwait's Kuwait city and the United Arab Emirates' Dubai occupied the first three spots in the list, with AQI scores of 282, 172 and 161, respectively.

An AQI between 101 and 200 is considered 'unhealthy', particularly for sensitive groups.

Similarly, an AQI between 201 and 300 is said to be 'poor', while a reading of 301 to 400 is considered "hazardous", posing serious health risks to residents.

AQI, an index for reporting daily air quality, is used by government agencies to inform people how clean or polluted the air of a certain city is, and what associated health effects might be a concern for them.

In Bangladesh, the AQI is based on five criteria pollutants - Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5), NO2, CO, SO2 and Ozone.

Dhaka has long been grappling with air pollution issues. Its air quality usually turns unhealthy in winter and improves during the monsoon.

A report by the Department of Environment (DoE) and

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SC judicial activities resume on Monday

BSS, Dhaka

The Supreme Court will resume its judicial activities from Monday, after a 17 day vacation.

The cause list for 53 benches of the High Court division was published for hearing in this regard, said court sources.

Besides, the hearing of the cases under the appellate division of Supreme Court will be held by two separate benches, it added.

The 17 day vacation included weekly holidays, public holidays and court's vacation.

49 held in anti-drugs drives in the capital

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday claimed to have arrested 49 people on charges of selling and consuming banned drugs.

Sources at the DMP headquarters said members of the Detective Branch and local police conducted drives across the city in the past 24 hours and made the arrests.

Some 12,151 pieces of yaba, nearly 12 kg of cannabis, 73 small packets of heroin and 43 bottles of Phensedyl were seized from their possession.

A total of 39 cases have been registered with local police stations against the arrestees under the Narcotics Control Act.

'A pioneer of freethinking'

Say speakers on National Professor Anisuzzaman at event marking his second death anniversary



Speakers at the event commemorating the second death anniversary of National Professor Anisuzzaman yesterday.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It has been two years since National Professor Anisuzzaman, famously known as the nation's lighthouse, passed away.

Yesterday was his second death anniversary.

Chandrabati Academy organised a seminar in remembrance of his life and works at the capital's Foreign Service Academy on the day.

Foreign Minister Abdul Momen was chief guest at the seminar. Selina Hossain, chairperson of Bangla Academy, and Prof Muhammad Samad, pro-vice chancellor of Dhaka University, were special guests.

The seminar was chaired

by renowned singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya.

Litterateur Anisul Hoque, Abul Khayer and Prof Abdul Mannan were present among many distinguished guests.

Dr Anisuzzaman's wife Siddiqua Zaman and son Ananda Zaman were also present.

Honouring Anisuzzaman's contributions, Momen said, "Professor Anisuzzaman was our lighthouse. Although he has left us, he has left behind a treasure trove of literary works and fundamental research on Bengali literature."

"We must preserve his works and convey his thoughts and ideas to our future generations," the minister said.

Selina said, "A personality like Anisuzzaman is born once every several centuries. We must teach our next generation about how he has enlightened us through his thoughts and literary works."

"He is one of the pioneers of freethinking in Bangladesh. His knowledge on our history, heritage and traditions was massive. He was a vanguard in all our historic national movements, such as the Language Movement, Liberation War and the movement for democracy," added Selina.

Remembering Anisuzzaman's contributions in the Language Movement, Prof Samad said, "Anisuzzaman was one of

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Will introduce school buses to ease gridlock Says DNCC mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Md Atiqul Islam yesterday said they would take initiative to introduce school buses for different schools, especially English-medium ones, to reduce traffic congestion in the city.

Addressing a meet-the-press programme at Gulshan's Nagar Bhaban to observe his two years as mayor for the second term, Atiqul said they will ask authorities of all English-medium schools to introduce the service.

"I have already discussed the matter with the deputy minister for education. I will talk to the education minister to make the initiative successful," said the mayor.

"We will reduce taxes for those who will introduce the bus service and will also come up with a system so that guardians can easily monitor their children's movement," he said.

Regarding traffic congestion, the mayor said Setu Bhaban and BRTA Bhaban have become the cause of traffic congestion from Banani's Chairman Bari to Dhaka airport.

Requesting the government to take steps to shift those buildings to other places, the mayor said if the BGMEA building can be demolished, then why will it not be possible to demolish these two buildings.

Responding to a question about U-loops, the mayor said they were an initiative of late mayor Annisul Huq, and authorities have implemented them following Buet's design.

Widening of roads is required at some U-loop points like Chairman Bari and Nabisco to get desired results, he said.

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PRAYER
TIMING
MAY 15



	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	4:10	12:45	5:00	6:36	8:00
Jamaat	4:45	1:15	5:15	6:40	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

One held over question leak of DSHE exam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The question paper of an examination to get employed at Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) has allegedly been leaked.

The exam for the post of "office assistant/computer operator" was held at 61 centres in Dhaka on Friday. It aimed to fill 513 vacancies.

Police's detective branch (DB) has made the claim, following the arrest of an examinee from the capital's Eden College centre on that day.

The arrestee was identified as Md Sumon Jomadder (30).

Harun-or-Rashid, joint commissioner of DB, told The Daily Star yesterday that the question was leaked around 2:18pm on Friday, around 42 minutes before the exam.

"The arrestee already said that the question paper was leaked," he said.

Asked about who was behind it and how it happened, he said they are investigating the incident, and details will be disclosed soon.

A case was filed with Lalbagh Police Station.

According to the first information report (FIR), the invigilator of room-2237 at Eden Mohila College found Sumon answering the MCQ questions by copying

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On Dhaka-Chattogram highway, where hundreds of medium and large vehicles ply on a regular basis, a man was seen riding his bicycle right in the middle of the road with a passenger on board. Since vehicles tend to move at high speed on highways, such risky way of travelling could lead to a fatal accident at any point. This photo was taken in Narayanganj's Signboard area yesterday.

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