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Efforts on to modernise armed forces

Says PM
AGENCIES

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said efforts are on to modernise and equip the armed forces of the country, ensuring their readiness to tackle any situation.

She also highlighted the implementation of various development projects aimed at enhancing the armed forces' capabilities, reports BSS.

"We want our armed forces to be competent to face any situation that may arise in our country," she said.

The prime minister said this while addressing the third reunion parade of Bangladesh Infantry Regiment (BIR) in Rajshahi Cantonment.

Hasina said her government has been implementing different projects to modernise the armed forces.

She said, "We have built several Infantry divisions, brigades, units and training institutes for the development of the armed forces since assuming power".

"The members of this unit are performing their

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina being given a guard of honour by a smartly turned-out contingent of the army at the third reunion parade of Bangladesh Infantry Regiment in Rajshahi Cantonment yesterday. PHOTO: PID

Amend construction rules, ensure fire safety

Urban planners urge authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Institute of Planner yesterday called upon the authorities concerned to amend the construction rules by making it mandatory to keep enough spaces around a building, specify buildings under

DEMANDS

Rajuk should make its data on building categories public

Whenever building is served notice, owner must display it

restaurant category, take planning assessment reports, and ensure fire safety in all buildings.

The organisation held a press conference at its office following Thursday's fire incident at a Bailey Road building, which claimed at least 46 lives.

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Rajuk, public works ministry must intensify inspections

Says health minister in wake of Bailey Road fire

UNB, Dhaka

In the wake of the devastating fire on Bailey Road

that claimed 46 lives, Health Minister Samanta Lal Sen yesterday called for stringent action from Rajuk and the public works ministry to avert future catastrophes.

The minister expressed concern over the tragedy and the necessity for rigorous safety measures.

"Rajuk and the public works ministry must adopt a proactive stance to ensure such a tragedy is never repeated," he said after participating in the 23rd International Scientific Seminar held in Dhaka.

He emphasised the need for these authorities to conduct thorough inspections to identify buildings at risk of fire. By doing so, the frequency of fire incidents can be significantly reduced in the future, he said.

In addition to fire safety,

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Govt must bear responsibility

Says Chunnu on Bailey Road fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government needs to take responsibility for the deadly fire incident at the city's Bailey Road, said Jatiya Party MP and Opposition Chief Whip Mujibur Haque Chunnu in parliament yesterday.

He said this while taking part in a point of order in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Chunnu said citizens pay taxes to fund the government, which in turn should ensure their security. He also highlighted that while six government agencies grant building permissions, there's a lack of monitoring post-approval.

We investigated and reported against 62 individuals, but disappointingly, despite recommendations from a high-level committee, not all were prosecuted, with many names excluded from the charge sheet.

Lawmaker SM Rezaul Karim on FR Tower fire

"Rajuk officials live in every area in the capital. Where are those officials? A building is built for one purpose, but is used for another. Who will take responsibility for the people who died at the Bailey Road inferno? It is the responsibility of the government and the government offices," said Chunnu.

After such incidents, although government forms probe bodies, there's often no follow-up, he added.

During discussion on the thanksgiving motion on the president's speech, former fisheries minister SM Rezaul Karim informed parliament

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The love affair with books seemed to continue forever as thousands of booklovers thronged the Ekushey book fair even on the last day of the month-long festivity yesterday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

'Wish it lasted a bit longer'

Curtain falls on Ekushey Boi Mela

ARAFAT RAHAMAN and MASHFIQ MIZAN

A bittersweet farewell unfolded at Suhrawardy Udyan and Bangla Academy yesterday as the curtains fell on the 2024 Amar Ekushey Boi Mela. Hundreds of bookworms thronged the fairgrounds, a sight that has become synonymous with the month of February in Dhaka.

Children, wide-eyed and clutching their parents' hands, browsed colourful stalls alongside university students, couples, and the elderly. The air buzzed with a unique energy, a blend of excitement for new discoveries and a tinge of nostalgia for a tradition cherished for generations.

Considering weekends, the authorities decided to extend the fair for two days till March 2.

Writers, publishers and readers alike paid farewell to the country's largest

book fair.

"I'm a bit sad now that the book fair has ended. I wish it lasted a little longer," said Anika Tabassum, a Dhaka University student who went to the book fair with her friends.

They also echoed her. This year, 3,751 books were published, while last year the number was 3,730.

According to Bangla Academy, books worth over Tk 60 crore was sold, which was Tk 47 crore last year.

A total of 635 publishers participated in the fair this year. The authorities allotted 173 stalls on the academy premises and 764 stalls on the Suhrawardy Udyan premises.

But amidst the celebratory atmosphere, a note of uncertainty lingered.

The government's decision to take over Suhrawardy Udyan for the

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34 more Covid cases reported in 24 hours

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh reported 34 more Covid-19 cases in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new numbers, the country's total Covid-19 caseload rose to 2,047,233, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The official death toll from the disease remained unchanged at 29,482 as no new fatalities were reported during this period.

The daily case test positivity rate stood at 8.31 percent as 409 samples were tested, said the DGHS.

The recovery and death rates remained unchanged at 98.40 percent and 1.44 percent, respectively.

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