



Hasina to visit India on June 21

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit New Delhi on June 21-22.

PM's Press Secretary Md Nayeemul Islam Khan confirmed it to The Daily Star last night.

The decision comes just a week after the PM's visit to India to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to sources in the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi and Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Hasina and Modi will have a one-on-one meeting followed by a delegation-level meeting on June 22 at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi.

She is supposed to return home that day.

A diplomatic source in Dhaka told The Daily Star yesterday, "The decision for a bilateral visit to India is somewhat sudden, but leadership of the two countries wanted to have the visit now after the elections in both countries."

The source said the leaders of the two countries want to advance the existing relations that have

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The new six-lane bridge adjacent to the existing four-lane Amin Bazar Bridge is now fully open to traffic. Two lanes of the bridge were opened in April and the remaining four on Wednesday. The bridge is expected to ease traffic congestion in the Gabtoli-Amin Bazar area. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BNP revamping party, wings

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The BNP has started reorganising the party to inject vigour and form a strong base to relaunch its anti-government movement.

The party decided to revamp the organisation after evaluating the "success and failure" of its movement centring the January 7 national election.

As part of the move, the party dissolved the convening committees of its Dhaka south and North city units on Thursday night. The BNP also announced dissolution of the convening committees of its



Chattogram and Barishal city units.

The central committee of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, led by President Sultan Salahuddin Tuku and General Secretary Abdul Monayem Munna, has also been dissolved.

Party sources said the move was made to relieve those leaders who failed to wage a movement centring on the January 7 national polls, and to bring "tested and young" leaders into the party's leadership.

The BNP and some other political parties boycotted the polls.

The sources said that after the

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3RD TRANCHE OF LOAN IMF board to meet on June 24

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The International Monetary Fund will discuss releasing \$1.15 billion in the third instalment of its loan to Bangladesh during its board meeting on June 24. This is part of the IMF's \$4.7 billion loan programme for the country.

The date for the meeting was fixed yesterday. Bangladesh officials said they are hopeful that the loan proposal will be approved since the country has met all conditions except one set for the release of the third tranche.

In the board meeting, the multilateral lender will assess Bangladesh's progress in meeting the conditions set in December last year.

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EID RUSH People suffer as highways clog up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As thousands of Eid holidaymakers left Dhaka yesterday, many suffered on roads due to traffic congestions on three major highways and at an exit point of the capital in the morning.

Traffic situation improved in the afternoon, but vehicles moved slowly in some parts of two major highways in the evening.

Many passengers complained that some bus operators charged them extra fares taking advantage of the Eid rush.

Some said they had to wait for several hours to board buses even after buying tickets at higher prices.

Most of the trains left Kamalapur Railway Station on schedule.

SUFFERING IN MORNING

People leaving Dhaka using Mayor Hanif Flyover faced tailbacks in the morning.

Monirul Islam Bhuiyan, a banker, said he boarded a shuttle bus of a transport company in Kalabagan at 10:00am.

"It is now 1:30pm and I am still stuck on the flyover. I don't know how



long it will take to reach Chattogram," he told this newspaper.

He reached Narayanganj's Signboard area at 2:00pm.

From Paduar Bazar to Chandina of Cumilla, a 7km stretch, vehicles moved slowly around 6:00pm, reports our Cumilla correspondent.

According to highway police, congestion happened after workers from Denim Processing Plant in Chandina blocked the highway around 11:00am, demanding arrear wages.

The blockade was withdrawn around noon, said Ahmed Sanzur Morshed, officer-in-charge of Chandina Police Station.

People bound for southern districts suffered delays on the Dhaka-Mawa Expressway due to a 6km tailback at the Mawa end of the Padma Bridge toll plaza.

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Pilgrims arrive at the Mina tent camp during the annual hajj pilgrimage near the holy city of Makkah, Saudi Arabia, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Two men vocal against Benazir accused of theft

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Two local men, who earlier alleged that former police chief Benazir Ahmed had scared the Hindu people into underselling 605.77 bighas of land in Gopalganj and Madaripur, were accused of stealing from Benazir's Savanna resort.

Sarwar Hossain, a manager of the Savanna Eco Resort and Natural Park in Gopalganj, accused five named and several unnamed people in a case filed with Gopalganj Sadar Police Station on Thursday.

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AZIM MURDER Babu confesses meeting hitman over blood money

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

Accused Kazi Kamal Ahmed Babu admitted to court that he was involved in the murder of Jhenaidah-4 MP Anwarul Azim Anar.

Babu, relief and social welfare affairs secretary of Jhenaidah Awami League, confessed to having communications on WhatsApp with hitman Amanullah alias Shimul Bhuiyan, on May 16, a day after Amanullah returned to Bangladesh from Kolkata after the killing.



Azim

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আমরা শোকাহত

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