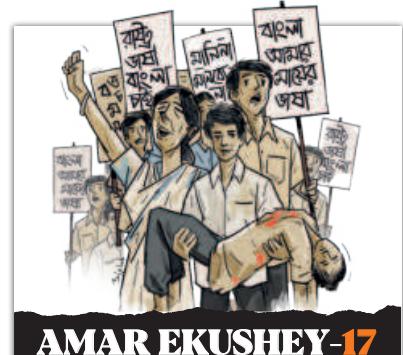


THE BEST QUALITY  
EVERY TIME GUARANTEED  
BSRM

HAT-TRICK OF  
Superbrands  
AWARD



## AMAR EKUSHEY-17

This year marks the 73rd anniversary of the 1952 Language Movement. Drawing on research based on various published books, this 21-part series tells the story of the historic struggle for our mother tongue.

## Sylhet dailies lead call for Bangla

AHMAD ISTIAK

It was in the newspapers of Sylhet that the first demands for Bangla as the state language were raised. Due to its regional characteristics, Sylhet always

SEE PAGE 8 COL 1

## Journos continue to be attacked: CPJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six months after a mass uprising ousted the increasingly autocratic administration of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladeshi journalists continue to be threatened and attacked for their work, along with facing new fears that planned legislation could undermine press freedom.

SEE PAGE 7 COL 3



Anti-Discrimination Student Movement activists hold a press briefing at Dhaka University's Madhur Canteen yesterday to share their plans to launch an independent new student organisation.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## MRT LINE-5

## Gabtoli-Dasherkandi route in the offing

Project okayed by Planning Commission, now awaits EcneC approval

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The Planning Commission yesterday approved the project for constructing the southern route of the Mass Rapid Transit Line-5, which will connect Gabtoli to Dasherkandi.

The approval was granted at a meeting of the commission's Project Evaluation Committee.

The planning ministry is now set to present the project proposal to the EcneC (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council) for final approval.

According to a ministry official, the line will be constructed at a cost

SEE PAGE 7 COL 4

Army working for stability and safety  
Says its HQ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army says it has not faced any significant challenges in maintaining law and order over the past six months, and it has been working in close coordination with the law enforcement agencies to ensure stability.

Col Shafiqul Islam, colonel staff of the Directorate of Military Operations at the Army Headquarters, made the remarks while providing updates on the efforts to ensure law and order at a press conference at the Officers' Mess in Dhaka

SEE PAGE 8 COL 1

SANITARY NAPKIN FIASCO  
Bangla Academy blames it on the event manager

NILIMA JAHAN

The Bangla Academy has apologised for shutting booths selling sanitary napkins at Amar Ekushey Boi Mela allegedly because of complaints from religious groups.

Blaming its enlisted vendor Dreamer Donkey for the blunder, the academy in a statement said "a matter related to commodification at the fair was presented as a sensitive issue differently".

SEE PAGE 8 COL 5

সামাজিক উন্নয়নের পথিকৃৎ

ও

ঘাসফুল প্রতিষ্ঠাতা শামসুরাহার রহমান পরাণ  
এর ১০ম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকীতে বিন্দু শুরু



শামসুরাহার রহমান পরাণ  
১ জুন ১৯৪০ - ১৮ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৫

ঘাসফুল পরিবার

www.ghashful-bd.org

## REFORM PROPOSALS

## Parties fret over govt initiative to publish their stance online

MOHAMMAD AL MASUM MOLLAH and SAJJAD HOSSAIN

The interim government's initiative to publish the positions of individual political parties on reform proposals on a website has led to a sense of unease within the political establishment.

While the government's push for transparency has been praised by many, some politicians worry that it could expose their parties to public criticism, especially with the elections approaching.

The government's plan, announced at a meeting on February 15, aims to make the process transparent by posting each party's stance on key proposals online.

"The issues on which political parties have agreed

SEE PAGE 7 COL 5

**SUZUKI**

**ACCESS TO COLOURFUL RIDE**  
**Access 125**

**FI FUEL INJECTION**

**COMBINED BRAKE**

**USB**

16638