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**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

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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.

MRT LINE-5

**Gabtoli-Dasherbandi route in the offing**

Project okayed by Planning Commission, now awaits Ecne 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 Dasherbandi.

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 Ecne (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council) for final approval.

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

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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

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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

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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".

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