

## PM opens Amar Ekushey Book Fair today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the Amar Ekushey book fair today (Saturday) at Bangla Academy premises at 10 am amid tight security, reports APB.

The three-week long fair, organised by the Bangla Academy as part of its programme commemorating the martyrs of historic Language Movement of 1952 will remain open from 2 pm to 8 pm everyday.

On holidays, however, it will remain open from 11 am to 8 pm. The fair will end on February 28.

Prof Nilima Ibrahim and Obaidul Quader will attend the function as special guest. Chairman of Bangla Academy poet Shamsur Rahman will preside over the inaugural session.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader on Friday visited the Bangla Academy premises and expressed satisfaction at the preparations.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of Opposition BNP, earlier announced that they would wear black badges and 'resist' the Prime Minister from formally opening the fair.

Meanwhile, ruling party's student front Chhatra League this evening brought out a procession welcoming the Prime Minister's visit to the campus in connection with the opening of the fair at Bangla Academy.