

Hasina fears

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after a meeting with her in the sub-jail.

Five days into Hasina's arrest, AL leader and former law minister Khasru was the first one to be allowed yesterday to meet the former prime minister, who told him that the country is heading towards a crisis, and urged her party leaders, activists and supporters to remain calm and united.

"I may not get justice, I have been arrested as a part of a conspiracy to eliminate me from politics. The caretaker government will punish me anyhow utilising the state of emergency," Khasru quoted Hasina to The Daily Star.

Hasina also told her lawyer that a conspiracy has been afoot so that she cannot participate in the upcoming election, and attempts have been simultaneously on to disqualify her from contesting the election.

Khasru said Hasina complained to him that she had been mistreated by the security personnel at the time of her arrest. She told Khasru that the security personnel condoned off her residence in such a way to arrest her as if she was a top wanted criminal.

"I had never been mistreated in my life like the way they mistreated me. They can't mistreat the leader of a major political party and a former prime minister, like that," Khasru quoted Hasian as saying.

She told her lawyer that she felt unprotected as her police protection had been withdrawn three hours before her arrest.

Khasru entered the sub-jail around 3:00pm and stayed there till 4:10pm. He was allowed to talk to his party chief for only 25 minutes in presence of three to four plainclothes security personnel. Later, Hasina's tax lawyer Khandaker Moriuzzaman was also allowed to meet her.

Although, AL had sent a list of eight defence lawyers for meeting Hasina, the jail authorities allowed only Khasru. The authorities have yet to allow any of her relatives or personal staff to meet her, on 'security grounds'.

Khasru told journalists that the AL chief is physically well but she is quite annoyed by the behaviour of the

military backed caretaker government.

Hasina alleged that the complainant of the extortion case, in connection of which she was arrested, had been missing for several days before filing of the case. "After torturing him physically and mentally he was forced to file the case against me," Hasina was quoted by Khasru as saying.

NSI official

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to National Heart Foundation in Mirpur where the doctors declared him dead.

Atiar's brother-in-law Golam Mostafa said as Atiar was not returning home, they tried to contact him through cellphone, but could not reach him.

The victim's only son Mamun Ferdous, a textile engineer, went to Sabujbagh Police Station at mid-night to file a general diary in this regard.

Officer-in-charge of the police station concerned then told him that an unidentified body was lying in the National Heart Foundation.

They rushed to the National Heart Foundation but by that time the body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy. Later, they identified Atiar at the hospital morgue.

When Atiar's body was brought to his residence, his only daughter Farzana Rahman, a master's student of the Department of Economics, Dhaka University, burst into tears, "We all were supposed to visit our village home with our father. Now we will go, but taking my father's body."

Morgue sources said they found dark mark in the victim's eyes and marks of injury to his head and throat.

A doctor at the Forensic Medicine Department seeking anonymity told The Daily Star that the killers strangled Atiar.

A murder case was filed with Kafil Police Station.

The law enforcers started raiding different places in the city yesterday, but could not arrest anyone as of 9:00pm.

people "a continuous process" Masud said, "Nobody knows where or when the listing would end. New names would be included in the list gradually, investigation would be carried out and stern actions would be taken against those found guilty."

Chaired by Police Lines Institution reunion observation council coordinator Kamrul Islam Ratan, the ceremony was also addressed by Deputy Inspector General of Police Amir Uddin and Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Md Mainur Rahman.

Suicide attack

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mosque in Islamabad last week -- gathered key officials for an emergency meeting, focused on restoring order in the battle-torn north-west.

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, the governor of North West Frontier Province and other key officials were attending the talks at the president's army residence in Rawalpindi, a presidential spokesman told AFP.

"The participants will exchange views on the law and order situation in the wake of the recent bomb blasts, and discuss measures to control the situation and bring peace," the spokesman said.

The meeting came after the White House ramped up the pressure on its key ally.

areas, where al-Qaeda and Taliban militants were believed hiding, calling on him to take aggressive military action.

And Bush's top counter-terrorism adviser at the White House recently suggested that the United States did not get all of the cooperation it hoped for from Pakistan in the global war on terrorism.

At the same time, the White House has been praising Musharraf personally.

"President Musharraf has put his life on the line and has been a very important ally in the war on terror," Snow said as Bush traveled here to make remarks on the federal budget.

"It's also clear that Taliban and al-Qaeda, in the northwest territories and the federally administered tribal areas, have begun to put on operations that threaten the government of Pakistan itself," he added.

"President Musharraf, having tried one approach, in terms of dealing with the tribal leaders, is now going to have to be more aggressive and is being more aggressive moving forces into the region to deal with the security problems there," he said.

Moeen calls

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Independence at the call of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1971 and liberated the country.

On December 10, 1971, Bir Srestha Shaheed Ruhul Amin embraced martyrdom in the enemy bombardment while sailing warship "Shapla" from Mongla to Khulna.

General Moeen said the nation is proud of the independence and indebted to the heroic sons who sacrificed their lives for country's independence. He said the government has decided to incorporate the history of national heroes in textbooks for class one to nine.

This will help the new generation to learn the true history of the Bangalee nation, said General Moeen, whose force is acting in aid of the present caretaker government.

The civic gathering was also addressed, among others, by Noorjahan Begum, sister of Bir Srestha Shaheed Ruhul Amin, DC Habibul Kabir Chowdhury, District Muktiyoddha Unit Commander Mozammel Huq.

Huda, Sigma

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the caller introduced herself as Sigma Huda and demanded Tk 2 crore and transfer of my shares in the company to Bo-Sun Park and Nazmul Huda," police said quoting the first information report (FIR).

She alleged that the caller threatened her that otherwise she would have to face serious consequences as her husband was an influential minister of the then BNP-led coalition government. She said that at this time she saw Kajol talking to several persons in Bengali which she could not understand. But they were staring at her as if they would do her grievous harm.

The complainant mentioned in the FIR that she believed that accused Nazmul Huda, Sigma Huda and Kajol backed accused Bo-Sun Park in his move against her.

Later, she had heated talks with Kajol and some officials at the JSCF registrar's office. At that time Nazmul Huda sent some police personnel for arresting her but they did not as some journalists had already gathered there and were observing the situation, the FIR said.

"They harassed me in many ways such as forcefullyousting me from the company, getting me arrested and putting me in jail by using police, filing false cases by misusing their powers," the complainant said. On various occasions, the accused persons threatened her with dire consequences including death if she filed any case against them regarding their demand for money from her, she added.

They also told her that as they were powerful persons, none could touch them.

She said she could not file the case earlier as she was afraid of her safety due to their threats.

Myanmar

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the Trans-Asian Highway, which the last BNP-led four-party government chose not to sign up for. Myanmar would have to take up Bangladesh's case, as only signatories of the agreement can recommend another country, sources said.

This visit comes hot on the heels of recent Bangladesh's interest in purchasing hydro-electric power from Myanmar, which is in its primary stages and awaiting a feasibility study by both sides.

The four-member Myanmar delegation led by the deputy foreign minister will hold bilateral talks with Bangladesh on Monday and Tuesday.

Currently, Bangladesh-Myanmar trade is largely limited to "border-trade", with two-way trade volume standing at an annual \$60 million and a massive trade-surplus to Myanmar.

Bangladesh wants Myanmar to add more pharmaceutical products to their import-list, along with livestock, onions and pulses, with an additional demand for Bangladeshi businessmen to receive long-term visas and greater access to the country. Bangladesh has also long demanded quick registrations of Bangladeshi businesses in Myanmar.

The talks are also likely to feature contract farming rights so that Bangladeshi farmers can lease land on the other side of the border and cultivate crops.

The repatriation of Rohingya refugees would also come up in the bilateral discussions, with Bangladesh looking to ask Myanmar authorities to visit the camps and reassure 10,000 refugees, already cleared to return, that they would not face any security risks once they repatriate.

Currently, 10,000 out of the official figure of 25,000 Rohingya refugees have been "cleared" by the Myanmar authorities to return home but the refugees have been reluctant to leave out of security fears.

Foreign ministry sources added that they government also expects the visit of Vice-chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, the name for the military government, Senior General Maung Aye. According to an official, General Maung Aye's visit will take place soon.

Myanmar has been ruled by the military-led council since 1992.

Fresh areas flooded

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Lama municipality have remained waterlogged since yesterday. A total of 211mm rain was recorded in the district in 24 hours from 9:00am Thursday.

Water Development Board sources said water in the Shankha and Matamuhuri rivers is flowing above the safe water level from yesterday morning.

Many areas of the town including Armypara, Memberpara, Banorupa, Ghonapara, Islampur, Langipara, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Madhyampara, Ujanipara, Kouchingpara, Kalaghata, Hafiz Ghona and the stadium and fire service office areas have gone under three-four feet of water.

Sources in the Calamities Control Cell said the district administration has set up nine shelter centres in the town where over 600 families have taken shelter.

Dry food was distributed among them.

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At least 25 villages in different upazilas have been affected in the flash flood caused by heavy rain and the onrush of water from the hills, forcing over one lakh people to take shelter on the highlands and tall buildings.

The flood affected villages are Latiban, Fatema Nagar, Natunpara, Konchairepara in Panchhari upazila, Baro Merung, Chhoto Merung, YOUNCHHARI, Mrung Bazar, Betchhari and Babuchhara in Dighinala upazila, the APBN area, Muslimpara, Ganjapara, Rajjamonipara and Perachhara in sadar upazila, Kaladaha, Fenrikul and Masterpara in Ramghar upazila, Shantipur,

Kushtia

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him with dire consequence, Ali added.

The family of the victim informed the police, but did not file any case with the police station concerned as of 4:30pm yesterday.

In Kushtia, a cattle trader was stabbed to death by a gang of criminals in Daulatpur upazila on Thursday night.

The victim, Asadul Haq, 30, son of Barkat Mollah of Gacherdia village in the upazila, came under attack while he was returning home at Gacherdia from local Baragandia Bazar at about 8:30pm.

Asadul was taken to Kushtia General Hospital where he died at about 11:30pm.

Police arrested two persons-- Mosarraf Hossain and Ala Mollah-- for their alleged involvement in the killing the same night.

Coal can change

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"Yet, the rest of the coal basins have not been explored," said Khurshid, who has played a pioneering role in mapping the country's coal and mineral zones as well as contributed to discovery of various types of geological treasures in the country since the seventies.

He believes that the country is also rich in limestone and mineral deposits.

Much of these geological treasures are however difficult to be extracted because of the nature of the country's geological structure.

To tap these resources, the country needs billions of dollars of investment, high-end technology that is least invasive for the population and a proper policy vision, a number of geologists and investors told The Daily Star.

"To begin with, the government must take the GSB more seriously," said a senior geologist of Petrobangla.

The government-run GSB has made many discoveries since from the sixties but much of these drew little attention of the governments either because tapping these discoveries demands huge funds or simply because the policymakers lacked visions, he added.

Despite severe limitations of funds, research and laboratory facilities, geologists of the GSB have so far drilled 193 holes in the country for mineral exploration, stratigraphic studies, testing and for gathering other subsurface information. The GSB has also geologically mapped about 59,000 square kilometre areas of the country.

Other than coal, the GSB has discovered 150 million tonnes of peat in Baglachanda of Gopalganj, undetermined quantity of peat in Khulna, Moulivabazar and Charkai and Paglal of Sunamganj district.

It discovered 100 mt of limestone in Joypurhat, 12.9 mt in Takerghat Lalgahat, and 1.7 mt in Bagalibazar of Sunamganj.

The GSB discovered over 40 mt white clay reserve in Barapukuria, Maddhyapara and Netrokona, glass sand in Sherpur, Bahubal, Mahulibazar, Choudhagram, Moulivabazar, Barapukuria, Maddhyapara and Dighipara, mineral sand in Cox's Bazar, Moheshkhali, Kutubdia, Kuakata and Chilmar, hard rock in Madhyapara, gravel in Sunamganj, Lalmonirhat, Tetulia and Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Besides, GSB geologists also traced gold, thermal water and various types of resources during drillings. Khurshid however says the percentage of gold found in some mineral deposits is not good enough for economic viability.

"The main issue concerning coal and other mineral deposits in Bangladesh is that they all are

Belchhari and New Ajoddha in Matiranga upazila, and many villages in Manikchhari, Lakshmichhari and Mohalchhari upazilas, sources said. Sources at the district Agriculture Extension Office said they measured 47mm rain on Thursday and 50mm as of yesterday afternoon. They feared that heavy downpours will continue and flood the lower part of the district.

Khagrachhari Municipality Chairman Joynal Abedin said he urged people, who lived on the bank of the Chenghi river, to take shelter.

Additional District Magistrate Shamsuddhoha said the district administration has remained alert and has already visited different areas and provided all sorts of assistance.

Landslides snapped communications for hours on a few inter-district roads including the Khagrachhari-Dighinala road, Manikchhari-Lakshmichhari road, Matiranga-Tabalchhari road and Khagrachhari-Panchhari road.

Roads and Highways Department Executive Engineer Mohammad Iqbal Hossen claimed that their men were working to remove mud from the roads in different parts of the district.

US envoy

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Since Patricia A Butenis left Dhaka on June 24 to assume her responsibility in Iraq before the completion of her three-year tenure, the post of American ambassador to Bangladesh has remained vacant. Butenis took charge on March 17, 2006.

Ms Geeta Pasi is now serving as United States Chargé d' Affaires in Dhaka.

Ambassador James F Moriarty played an important role for establishing democracy during his tenure in Nepal, diplomatic sources said.

Earlier Moriarty had served as special assistant to the president of the US and senior director at the National Security Council (NSC). He was responsible for advising on and coordinating US policy on East Asia, South Asia, and the Pacific region. He also worked in the White House as NSC Director for China Affairs.

Moriarty served as minister-counsellor for political affairs at the US Embassy in Beijing. Earlier assignments in Moriarty's career included postings at the US embassies in Pakistan, Swaziland and Morocco.

deposited much underneath the soil. Secondly, coal seams are unusually thick. This makes it very difficult for a poor country like Bangladesh to extract coal for our use," Khurshid pointed out.

For instance, the biggest proven coal deposit lies in Jamalganj at a depth of 600 to 1,000 metres. The deposit has 1,053 mt of coal. "Such a depth means you cannot mine this coal conventionally -- open pit or underground mining. We have to use other technologies ... and there are technologies for this kind of mine," he added.

The country's only operational mine-- Barapukuria mine-- has 389 mt of coal at a depth of 120 metres to 450 metres but the mine design had been faulty right from the beginning because of corruption. Its Chinese miners initially aimed for extracting only 60 mt of coal over a period of 30 years.

Then flawed mining design further dragged the mining target down to only 30 mt. Presently, the Barapukuria mining authorities are hoping for extracting only 21 mt in 30 years, which is about six percent of the total proven reserve, mining company sources said.

Phulbari coal mine, being pursued by British company Asia Energy, has a proven reserve of 572 mt at a depth ranging from 150 metres to 500 metres. Asia Energy strongly advocates in favour of open-pit mining to ensure up to 90 percent extraction of coal.

Khalashpir zone has a proven deposit of 143 mt high grade and costly cooking coal, with a probable reserve of 687 mt. The BNP-led alliance government had secretly awarded the zone's exploration licence to Hosaf Group, which had been involved in Barapukuria coal mine scam.

Dighipara coal zone has a proven reserve of 100 mt with 600 mt of probable reserve. Petrobangla has sought mining licence for this zone.

Khurshid Alam notes that the limestone deposits in Jaipurhat is 30 metres in thickness, spreading across 100 square kilometre area at a variable depth ranging between 1,140 feet and 1,700 feet.

"This can be mined. But it has another kind of problem-- internal heat. About three decades back, the Russians wanted to develop this mine. But when they started primary work, they found that internal heat of the deposit was 47 degree Celsius-- two degrees higher than initially estimated. For this, the mine ventilation cost would simply become double. At this point, the mining plan was abandoned," Khurshid added.

BRTA official

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Signs of beating and strangulation were found on the body, CMCH sources said.

Prity left City Guest House of Bohoddharat, where he was staying, for the bus stand at Colonel Hut at around 8:30pm before meeting the tragic end, said the victim's family members.

Prity's wife Tuku Rani Chakma said they planned to visit their two sons studying in Sylhet during the two holidays at the weekend.

Tuku was coming directly from Debashish Nagar in Rangamati where they hailed from and Prity was to meet her at the Sylhet-bound Volvo bus of Green Line at 10:15pm, she said.

"After arriving at GEC intersection from Rangamati at around 8:40pm I contacted Prity over cell phone when he told me to go to the bus counter at Colonel Haat directly," Prity told this correspondent at CMCH emergency ward yesterday morning.

"He told me that he would come to the counter by hiring a CNG-run three-wheeler within half an hour," Tuku said.

"I could not realise that this would be our last conversation. I failed to contact him over phone despite several attempts after reaching the bus counter," she said.

BRTA officials who gathered at the CMCH mortuary yesterday said, Prity lived simply and he never had any enmity or dispute with any of his colleagues.

7 robbers held

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Islam, 40. The law enforcers recovered one shotgun, five bullets, five machetes and two other lethal weapons from them.

Police said the arrestees are the members of an inter-district robber gang.

In Rajbari, nine robbers were arrested with firearms and live bombs at Choupara village in Pangsha upazila early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided the house of Majnu at the village at around 4:00am and arrested the robbers while they were preparing to commit a robbery, reports UNB.

They (police) recovered six live bombs, a foreign-made revolver, a toy pistol, three charger batteries and bomb making materials from their possession.

The arrestees are Sirajuddin, 26, Ibrahim Hossain Surat, 24, Majnu, 23, Harun, 21, Abul Khan, 30, Mohammad Ali, 25, Mohammad Anu, 28, Osman Khan, 28, and Anu, 22.

Tigers

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with nearly ten scores to spare.

Wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahim dropped opener Upul Tharanga, who later anchored the innings with a 104-ball 57 with help of seven boundaries, in the very first over and there were three more opportunities missed by the fielders. Still, the bowlers did not lose their hearts to restrict the much-vaunted Sri Lankan batting line-up to only 234-6.

Pace spearhead Mashrafe Bin Mortaza finally got back his rhythm to scalp 2-31 while his new-ball partner Syed Rasel stuck to his reputation of providing early breakthroughs by claiming the prize scalps of Sanath Jayasuriya (21) and Mahela Jayawardene (2).

A perfect support also came in the form of Forhad Reza and Abdur Razzak in the middle to ensure a happy lunch for their side.

Hopes were high for another heroic effort from the Tigers when dashing Tamim Iqbal and Shahriar Nafees, who scored team highest 33 off 38 balls, batted with a purpose to see off the new ball and lay a solid foundation.

But they lost five wickets in the span of eleven runs after left-hander Tamim, toiling in a 39-ball 11, walked back to the pavilion giving a catch to Sri Lankan skipper Mahela Jayawardene at slip off wrecker-in-chief Dilhara Fernando to end the 45-run partnership.

A repeat of the all too familiar batting collapse saw Bangladesh reduced to 56-5 and they never recovered despite brief resistance from the tail-enders -- Mushfiqur (28), Forhad (28) and Razzak (28).

Forhad and Razzak showed their big-hitting abilities by smashing three sixes each, on all the occasions spinners Jayasuriya and Malinda Bandara were at the receiving end but by that time the fate of the match was already decided.

Tushar Imran and Shakib Al Hasan made ducks to ensure the collapse but the Bangladesh skipper was the main culprit as the right-hander unnecessarily tried to pull a short-pitched delivery from Fernando only to give a catch to Farveez Mahroof at fine leg.

The well-built right-arm paceman Fernando returned with his career-best 4-24 to be adjudged man of the match.

Earlier, Chamara Silva combined with Tharanga to lift the hosts out of trouble during an 83-run stand for the fourth wicket as Sri Lanka managed a decent total from a tottering 67-3.

Chamara scored a 76-ball 65 with eight boundaries and an over boundary.

The second match will take place at the Premadasa Stadium on July 23.

BNP council

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leaders about some of their fellows.

A number of former ministers and lawmakers who stand accused of corruption, terrorist activities and persecution of minorities when the party was in power are now working towards reforms under the leadership of Bhuiyan.

A group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists led by Sayeed Iqbal Mahmud Titu yesterday met the BNP secretary general at his Gulshan residence. Known as a JCD cadre at Dhaka University, Titu was involved in numerous terrorist acts and is an accused in the case filed for JCD leader Khokon murder at Zahurul Haq Hall.

Asked about the possibility of Khaleida attending the council, an aide to Bhuiyan said it is more than likely that leaders down to the grassroots level would ply her with questions for corruption and many other misdeeds.

"Most of the partymen think that her unilateral decisions and a tremendous weakness for the family members led to rampant corruption and politicisation," the pro-reform leader told The Daily Star yesterday in return for anonymity.

Copies of the reform proposals have been sent to councillors across the country. Former lawmakers and presidents and general secretaries of the district committees are keeping close contact with

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Work may entail preparation and dissemination or publication of "informational materials"; setting up press conferences, lectures, and speeches; conducting media and advertising campaigns; and more.

However, Adviser to the BNP Chairperson Maj Gen (ret'd) ZA Khan expressing his surprise said, "I am not aware of any such decision made at any level of the party. If someone hired a lobbyist firm, it should be considered his or her own effort not the party's initiative."

US chapter of AL

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Sheikh Hasina unconditionally and prosecute those who are engaged in media trial and manipulation of cases," the memorandum read.

The AL leaders observed that such arrest and imprisonment are designed to perpetuate the military rule and also to destroy and weaken the political parties and multi-party democracy in Bangladesh like it was the case in Myanmar.

"We are afraid the government will lose its credibility and public support fast which will lead to further uncertainty, chaos, political vacuum, totalitarianism and more alarmingly, help the rise of extremism and terrorism," said the memorandum.

Since assuming power in January, the government has been trying to marginalise the major political parties like AL and BNP, especially Sheikh Hasina and her party.

The AL US unit alleged that the intelligence agencies including the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) and National Security Intelligence (NSI) have been conspiring to eliminate her from politics by having false cases filed against her through manipulation and intimidation.

The government is now trying to convict her on concocted extortion charges so that she cannot contest any future elections, the memorandum stated.

It added that the military trying to impose controlled democracy in the country has had Hasina arrested in a false case as they knew they could

the upazila and pourasabha [municipality] unit leaders, said sources in the pro-reform camp.

Mannan Bhuiyan has already exchanged views with leaders of Barguna, Narsingdi, Barisal, Pabna, Munshiganj, Kishoreganj and Chandpur districts and sought their support in the efforts to ensure intra-party democracy.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Jatiya Hindu Mohajote yesterday met the BNP secretary general and urged him to include in the reform proposals theirs including the one for 50 reserve seats in parliament.

State minister

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are unfair non-tariff barriers to its exports to India.

Ramesh will also attend the launching ceremony of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) at Sonargaon Hotel tomorrow.

President Iajuddin Ahmed will formally launch the IBCCI while Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty will attend the programme as special guest.

Official sources said Ramesh will also meet Adviser for Communications, Shipping and Civil Aviation Major Gen (ret'd) MA Matin, Finance Adviser AB Mirza M Azizul Islam and prominent members of the business community.

Ramesh last visited Dhaka in April 2006 to attend the first meeting of the Safta Ministerial Council. He inaugurated the first ever Bangladesh Single Country Fair in Agartala in March this year.

The official statement issued in New Delhi said the minister of state for commerce has taken special interest in developing projects to upgrade infrastructure at land customs stations along the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya, particularly at Petrapole in West Bengal through which about two-thirds of bilateral trade take place.

never buy Hasina.

Lauding the caretaker government's anti-corruption drive, they said all graft cases should be tried in a transparent and judicious manner under international or UN supervision.

They urged the interim government to hold elections by January 11, 2008 and hand over power to an elected government as they promised. Otherwise, they think, the United States should withdraw its support.

If the Bangladesh government delays the stalled general election, the UN should stop having Bangladesh armed forces in the UN peacekeeping missions abroad, it continued.

The AL leaders also alleged that the government is responsible for at least 96 extra-judicial killings in its first 100 days. It routinely practises "inhuman torture techniques" to get confessions out of the detainees.

Meanwhile, the Austria unit AL submitted a memorandum to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed through the Bangladesh High Commission in