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Forcefully, inhumanly

Khaleda tells of the ordeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

I feel harassed, humiliated and ashamed of the way I was thrown out of my home.

This is what Khaleda Zia said, hours after the leader of the opposition was "evicted" from her cantonment house.

In an emotional ten-minute speech at her Gulshan office, the BNP chairperson told journalists that she was forced to leave all her

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ISPR refutes

Khaleda's claims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ISPR said Khaleda Zia's claim that she was forced to leave the house and that her rooms were ransacked is completely false, fabricated and motivated.

In a late-night release, it

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Turkish PM arrives

Meeting with Khaleda cancelled

STAR REPORT

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan accompanied by wife Emine Erdogan and their daughter arrived yesterday evening to a red carpet welcome on a two-day visit.

Soon after he landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 6:00pm, Erdogan was given a guard of honour by a smartly turned out contingent drawn from the three services.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with her cabinet members welcomed the Turkish prime minister and his entourage.

After the airport ceremonies, the Turkish PM drove in a motorcade to Sonargaon

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I am evicted

Tearful Khaleda tells the press after she leaves cantonment house; BNP calls hartal for today; buses, cars burnt; army says opposition leader voluntarily vacated the house

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Capping a long-drawn-out drama, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday left her Dhaka cantonment residence and claimed the government had forced her out.

The news sent the activists of the main opposition party into an orgy of violence in the capital and elsewhere. They vandalised at least 100 vehicles and torched around a dozen.

Some 80 people were injured in clashes between BNP supporters and police across the country. The law enforcers arrested some 50 party workers.

The party enforces a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal today to protest the "eviction" of its chairperson.

It said the way the government made the former prime minister leave her house was "illegal and unprecedented", as the matter was awaiting a hearing at the Supreme Court.

The army, however, maintained that Khaleda had voluntarily vacated the house. Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said the BNP chief did it out of respect for the High Court order that asked the government to allow her a month's time to vacate the Shaheed Mainul Road house. The time expired on Friday night.

The ruling Awami League said the government or the party had no role to play in this regard.

Briefing journalists at her Gulshan office at 7:15pm, a weeping Khaleda said, "I was evicted from my house. I was dragged out and forced to get in the car."

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Khaleda Zia, leader of the opposition in parliament, breaks down at her Gulshan office yesterday during a press briefing called after "she was evicted from her cantonment house". More photos on page 5.

It was rushed

Some top legal experts say govt should have waited on SC ruling

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Some legal experts have said the government should have waited till the Supreme Court disposed of Khaleda Zia's leave to appeal petition against the High Court verdict on her cantonment residence.

The BNP chairperson filed the petition on November 8 and the Appellate Division on November 10 adjourned the hearing till November 29 without issuing any stay order.

Senior counsels for Khaleda called on Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque in the morning at the latter's Hare Road residence to find a way to help the BNP chief

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Suu Kyi freed

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi walked free yesterday from the lakeside home that has been her prison for most of the past two decades, to the delight of huge crowds of waiting supporters.

Waving and smiling, the Nobel Peace Prize winner appeared briefly to loud cheers and clapping from the thousands of people gathered for a glimpse of the

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Myanmar's democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi holds a bouquet of flowers as she appears at the gate of her house after her release in Yangon yesterday. More on page 6.

Call off hartal

Urge businesses

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The business community in a joint statement yesterday called on the opposition leader to withdraw today's countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal for smooth running of business ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain declared the hartal at a press briefing at the party's Naya Paltan office yesterday for "evicting party chief Khaleda Zia from her Dhaka Cantonment residence."

The business leaders urged Khaleda Zia, the leader of the opposition in the House, also to consider the present economic situation and Turkish prime minister's visit to the country.

The statement said the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) would hold

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'Suicide' blast at AL lawmaker's house

3 killed; bombs go off after 2 men enter his Kushtia house; MP escapes with minor injury

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three people were killed and two others were injured in a "suicide" bomb attack inside the house of Awami League lawmaker Afaz Uddin Ahmed at Taragonia in Daulatpur upazila of

Kushtia last night.

The ruling party lawmaker from Kushtia-1 constituency survived the attack with minor injuries.

The deceased are identified as Asmat Ali,

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AL thanks Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Asking BNP to call off today's hartal, ruling Awami League has thanked Khaleda Zia for upholding the rule of law by vacating the cantonment house.

A pro-people party should not create any chaos by calling a strike just three days before the Eid-ul-Azha, one of the biggest religious festivals of

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