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Happy reunion at Gono Bhaban

PM asks Ivy, Shamim to work together

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked Narayanganj mayor-elect Selina Hayat Ivy and her defeated party rival Shamim Osman to work together for the city's development.

Hasina, also president of the ruling Awami League, was talking to Ivy and Shamim at Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday, a day after Ivy defeated Shamim in the Narayanganj city corporation election.

Expressing satisfaction at the role of both party leaders in the polls, she said "You two held the top two positions in the election. The other candidates were nowhere near you. You have proved how

strong and popular the Awami League is in Narayanganj. Now you have to work together."

A smiling AL chief greeted Ivy with flowers on her arrival at Gono Bhaban at

Hasina embraced the mayor-elect and planted a kiss on her forehead. The prime minister assured Ivy that she would get all sorts of cooperation to serve the people of Narayanganj.

Ivy and her two sons -- Shadmad Hayat Kazi Simanta and Shajil Hayat Kazi Ananta -- also greeted Hasina with flow-

Shamim Osman, who suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Ivy despite **SEE PAGE 19 COL 5**



ration.

Narayanganj City

Corporation

mayor-elect

Selina Hayat Ivy

receives a bou-

quet from Prime

Minister Sheikh

Hasina at Gono

Bhaban yester-

day while lvy's

two sons stand

beside Shamim

Osman, whom

lvy defeated in

the recent polls

to the city corpo-

Shamim Osman to bounce back

People in N'ganj believe he knows how to survive, rule

MORSHED ALI KHAN and RASHIDUL HASAN

Defeated by over a lakh votes, Shamim Osman still received nearly 78 thousand votes at the just-concluded Narayanganj City Corporation election. He thus remains one of the formidable forces in the city. About a hundred young men, feared for their notoriety, remain extremely loyal to Shamim Osman.

In Narayanganj it is widely known that some of these young men and cronies are even ready to sacrifice their lives for Shamim. And this is exactly the worry that might come back to haunt Narayanganj residents. His miserable defeat might have put Shamim through political humiliation, but people who know him say he will recover from this situation and might well keep up his old contacts.

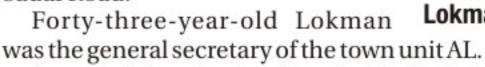
His alleged network of a multi-million taka extortion

Narsingdi mayor shot dead

Protesters block highway, rail; Jubo League activist killed in Tangail

STAR REPORT

Mayor of Narsingdi municipality Lokman Hossain succumbed to his wounds at DMCH around 10:30pm last night, about three hours after an unidentified assailant shot him at the town Awami League office on Sadar Road.



Incensed, hundreds of locals blockaded the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Shahey Protap area around 10:00pm and vandalised some buses, reports our correspondent from Narsingdi.

this report at 1:00am today.

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Road communications remained cut till the filing of

Protesters also halted movement of trains at the railway

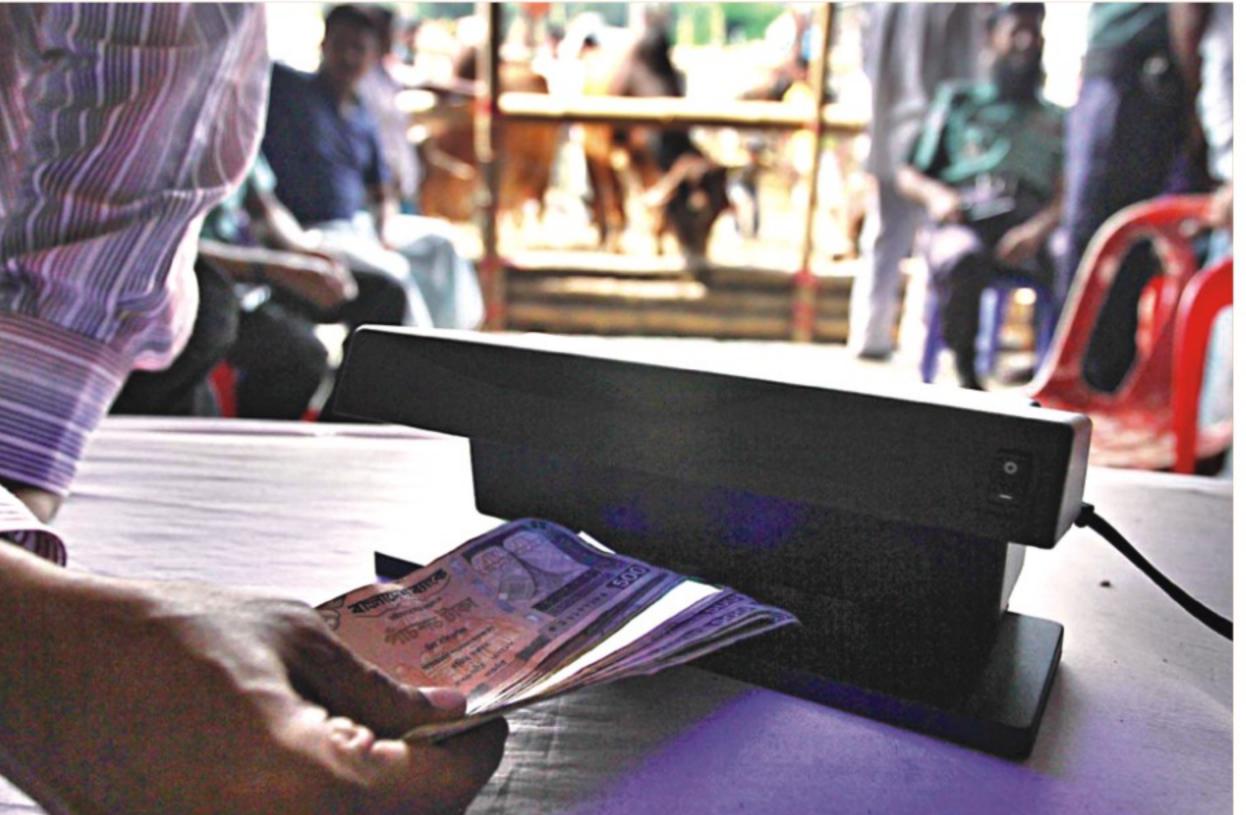


PHOTO: STAR

A fake-currency detector is being used at Bibirhat cattle market in Chittagong yesterday. Such devices will be used at several other cattle markets across the country to check inflow of counterfeit notes ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Extra Judicial Killings Strip Rab, cops of impunity

UNDP-sponsored study finds 50pc respondents unaware of human rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the level of extrajudicial killings by law enforcement agencies unacceptable, a UNDP sponsored study has recommended putting an end to the impunity police and Rapid Action Battalion enjoy in the country.

"A major problem is the impunity that the perpetrators enjoy," said Greg Moran, who presented a study titled "Perceptions, Attitudes and Understanding on Human Rights in Bangladesh" at Hotel Lake Shore in the capital yesterday.

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Furious US out to teach UN a lesson

Stops funding Unesco as Palestine given rights

AFP, Washington

The United States cut its funding Monday for Unesco after the UN's cultural arm defied American and Israeli warnings and voted to allow jubilant Palestinians full membership in the body.

President Barack Obama, who has vowed to veto a separate Palestinian bid for statehood recognition at the UN Security Council, believes the campaign detracts from tough bargaining needed with Israel to make real progress.

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Angry US officials said Washington was withdrawing

Mar 25 Night Crackdown Plan

Ghulam Azam was 'involved'

Finds war crimes probe; formal charges against 4 Jamaat leaders by Dec 5

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Former Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Ghulam Azam took part in the planning of Operation Search Light, the crackdown by the Pakistan army on the unarmed people of Bangladesh on the black night of March 25, 1971,

investigators have found.

Thousands of innocent Bangalees -- many of them teachers and students of Dhaka University -- were massacred as the military launched a genocide which continued all through the nine months of the Liberation War.

On condition of anonymity, a member of the prosecution team, which is dealing with war crimes cases, told The Daily Star yesterday about this findings of the investigation agency concerned.

Azam met the then East Pakistan **SEE PAGE 19 COL 1**



In the future, it will take many imports to make an export.

By 2025, the value of Japan's total imports of automotive components from diverse markets is forecast to overtake its total car exports globally.*

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