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BNP sets Sangsad boycott record

Khaleda leads the pack of dodgers with 6 appearances out of 284 sittings

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The BNP-led opposition lawmakers have boycotted 233 sittings in the first three years of the current Jatiya Sangsad, setting a new record in the country's House boycott culture.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia, who joined just six of the 284 sittings so far, has for her part created a bizarre precedent of

poor presence in the House compared to her predecessors, breaking even her own previous record.

She attended 28 sittings during the five-year tenure of the seventh parliament, according to the parliament secretariat.

Her political opponent Sheikh Hasina as opposition leader attended 135 sittings in the fifth parliament

(1991-1995) and 45 sittings in the eighth parliament (2001-2006).

Absent for 83 consecutive sittings till yesterday, Khaleda may be compelled to join the current JS session to save her membership. The duration of the session may get extended, which will put her membership at risk if she does not join.

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27 more bodies found in Meghna

Death toll now 139

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

With the recovery of 27 more bodies yesterday, the death toll in Tuesday's launch capsized in the river Meghna rose to 139.

Three days after the tragedy at Gazaria in Munshiganj, relatives were still looking for their loved ones lost in the mishap.

On Wednesday night, Munshiganj Deputy Commissioner Azizul Alam said 16 people were missing

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Mujib-Yahya closed-door meeting

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

On this day in 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and General Yahya Khan held a closed door meeting without their aides.

Lasting an hour, the

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Launch wasn't overloaded

Shipping minister says when probe yet to complete

While investigations into the Meghna launch tragedy are underway, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan yesterday said the water vessel was not overloaded with passengers.

"Our calculation says the launch was not overloaded with passengers," he said.

The minister was talking to reporters after an inter-ministerial meeting on illegal sand lifting from rivers, river erosion and

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MARCH 12 PUBLIC SUFFERINGS

PM sorry, reasons govt measures

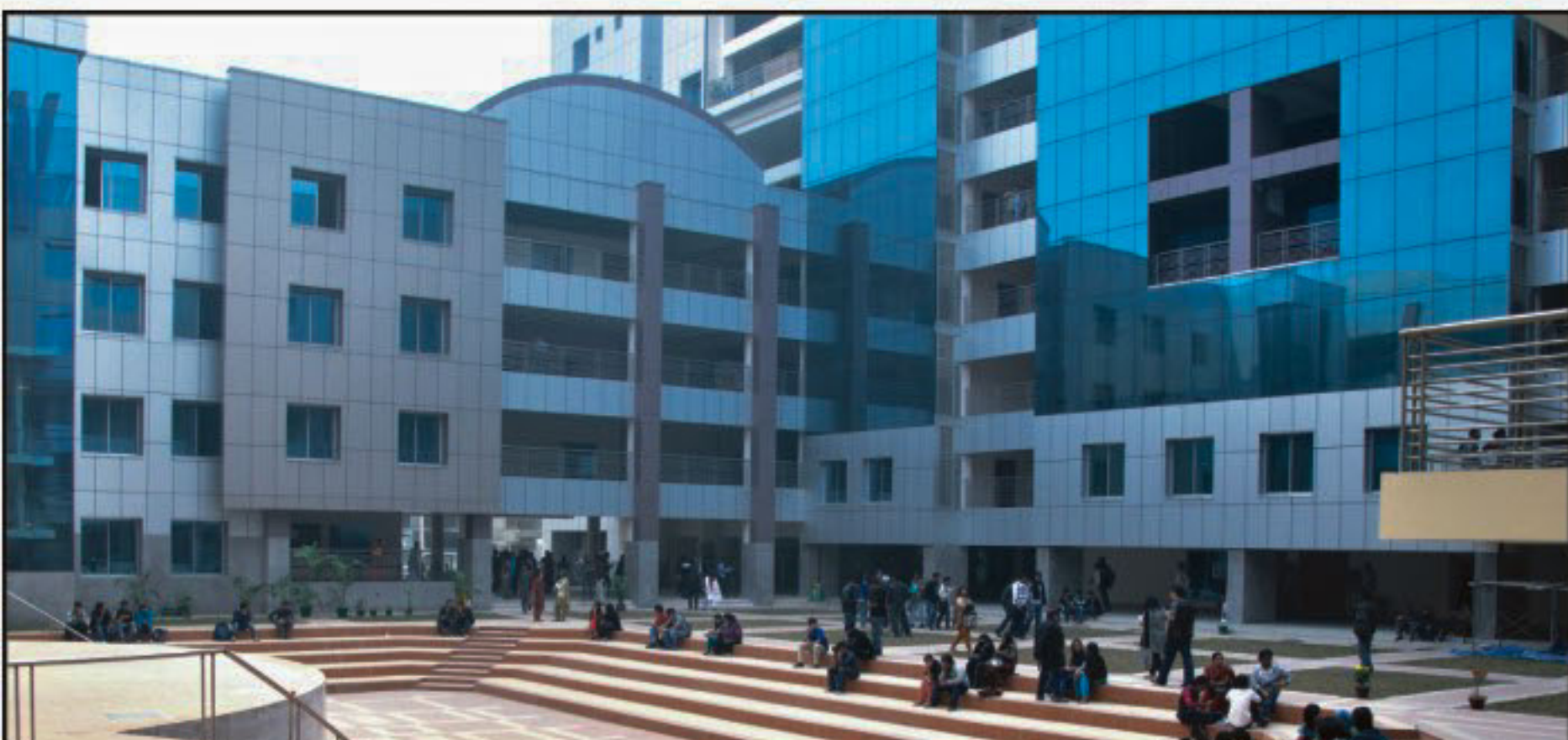
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday regretted people's suffering due to government's "security measures" taken ahead of the main opposition BNP's March 12 rally in the capital.

"We are aware that the people suffered

a lot because of the security measures that had to be taken to maintain the law and order and ensure safety to public life and property," she said at a view exchange meeting with the leaders of her party's Khulna district unit in her official

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Show proof of ISI money allegation

Fakhrul asks PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday asked the prime minister to show the documents regarding her allegation that Khaleda Zia received money from Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI).

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SEA BOUNDARY WITH MYANMAR Verdict already effective

Govt basks in success; PM wants re-election to take care of row with India

REZAUL KARIM and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday termed the triumph over Myanmar in the maritime boundary dispute case at Hamburg a victory of the whole nation.

She credited her government with getting the verdict of the International

Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Bangladesh's favour and criticised others for not taking any steps during their tenures.

Bangladesh on Wednesday won the landmark verdict at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany. The

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PHOTO: STAR
 Bangladesh now gets more fishing area in the Bay.

OIL-GAS EXPLORATION Scope widened

SHARIER KHAN

Bangladesh's winning its maritime boundary claim over Myanmar's implies that the country will now have a larger deep sea oil and gas exploration area in the eastern Bay of Bengal.

A well-placed Petrobangla source told The Daily Star that at least two new oil and gas exploration

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Strong navy day's order

INAM AHMED

Establishing full control over its maritime boundary would require Bangladesh to bolster its naval capacity with the addition of air and radar surveillance as well as new ships, defence experts feel.

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