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Face it after Eid

Khaleda threatens hartal, blockade, sit-in if demands not met; slams govt for not initiating interim govt talks; accuses Hasina, family of corruption



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday threatened to announce tougher agitation programmes like hartal, blockade and mass sit-in after Eid-ul-Fitr if the government fails to meet the opposition demands including restoration of the caretaker government system.

Addressing a mammoth rally at the capital's Nayapaltan, she also announced the BNP-led 18-party

alliance will stage demonstrations and bring out processions in the cities and district and upazila headquarters on June 17 and 24 and July 1, 8 and 15 over different demands.

The demands include release of all opposition leaders from prison and withdrawal of cases against them. Besides, the combine will press the government to trace missing BNP

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capital yesterday. Inset, Zakir Hossain arrested from the house.

TIB hails Speaker

Says an example set by regretting JS diatribes against Prof Sayeed STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency

International Bangladesh (TIB) has welcomed Speaker's decision to expunge from parliamentary proceedings the remarks made by MPs on noted litterateur and Bishwa Sahittya Kendra founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed.

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Polls 3 months before time

Hasina asks AL lawmakers to get ready, says no way back to caretaker system, 50-60 MPs' position uncertain

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked her party lawmakers to take preparations for the next parliamentary polls, keeping in mind that the election process would begin



three months before dissolution of current parliament.

Terming the caretaker government system "unconstitutional", Hasina, also the ruling Awami League chief, categorically said her government would **SEE PAGE 19 COL 4**

3 tiger cubs rescued

Poacher brought them from Sundarbans to Dhaka; claims top forest boss placed order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday rescued three Bengal tiger cubs from a wildlife smuggler's house at Shyamoli in the capital and arrested two persons in this connection. The cubs, about two months old, had been captured in the Sundarbans.

The trafficker's son Zakir Hossain told the press that the cubs had been brought in for Tapan Kumar Dey, the chief of wildlife section of the forest department. Tapan, however, refuted the claim and said he was not involved in any wildlife crime.

Tapan often handles government funds to buy SEE PAGE 19 COL 6

Officials of Border Guard Bangladesh inspect a boat carrying Rohingya people who fled the sectarian violence in

Myanmar and crossed the Naf River into Teknaf yesterday. BGB and coastguard teams pushed back eight boats of refuge seekers.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

RESTIVE MYANMAR

Border guards push back 500

UN evacuating staff from Rakhine state

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, from Teknaf

Bangladesh border and coast guards yesterday pushed back 11 boats carrying around 500 Myanmar nationals as they tried to enter Bangladesh through Cox's Bazar for refuge from sectarian violence in Rakhine state.

In the face of the deadly clashes between Muslims and Buddhists, the United Nations have also been evacuating their staff from its Maungdaw base in western Myanmar, reports AFP.

It evacuated the first batch of staff to the Myanmar capital on Sunday followed by the second batch on Monday, said Ashok Nigam, UN resident and humanitarian

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Alim indicted

17 war crime charges against him include killing of at least 585 people in 15 incidents

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday framed 17 specific charges of war crimes against former BNP lawmaker Abdul Alim, which include genocide, murder of Bangalee civilians, and burying people alive during the Liberation War.

detention of unarmed civilians.

The eighty-one-year-old politician and former minister of Ziaur Rahman's cabinet was also charged with attempt, abetment and conspiracy to commit crimes

against humanity during the war. The three-member Tribunal-2, led by its Chairman Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, framed the charges and fixed July 9 for the trial to begin with

opening statement from the prosecution. Of the 17 charges, 15 were framed in connection with Alim's alleged involvement in the killing of at least 585 people in 15 incidents. The two other charges were in connection with looting, arson, deportation and

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