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# PM calls for consensus

*Asks BNP not to set conditions for dialogue; no scope for unelected govt*

HASAN JAHIID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for a consensus over the issue of a polls-time government through talks with the BNP, but ruled out the formation of an unelected government.

She also called upon the BNP-led opposition alliance and Hefajat-e Islam to postpone their today's and tomorrow's rally and Dhaka siege programme considering the Savar tragedy.

Hasina, who is also president of the ruling Awami League, was speaking at a press conference at her Gono Bhavan residence, where editors, senior journalists and reporters were present.

In her nearly 40-minute speech, the prime minister highlighted



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Postpone BNP, Hefajat programmes

Talks to stop killings in the name of hartal

Interim govt with all parties' elected representatives

No caretaker govt again

RMG owners responsible for Savar tragedy

Wants Khaleda at JS to have a photo

## PM responds to Hefajat demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday clarified the government's position on the 13-point demand of the Hefajat-e Islam.

"We've already gone through your [Hefajat's] demands. Many of these have already been implemented while some are in the process," Hasina said, addressing a press conference at her official residence Gono Bhavan.

The Hefajat's first demand is a reinstatement of the phrase "Absolute trust and faith in the Almighty Allah" in the constitution as one of the fundamental principles of state policy.

Responding to this, Hasina noted the constitution begins with Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim [In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful].

"This is a verse of the Holy Quran. No other sentence could be more appropriate," she said, adding it demonstrates faith in Allah.

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## Hefajat gears up for Dhaka siege tomorrow

SHARIFUL ISLAM and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

The Hefajat-e Islam will lay siege to all seven entry points into the capital during its Dhaka blockade programme tomorrow to cut the city off from the rest of the country.

Leaders of the Qawmi madrasa-based organisation said they were planning to ensure the presence of around one lakh Hefajat supporters at each entry point -- Gabtoli, Tongi, Postagola Bridge, Babubazar Bridge, Kanchpur and Demra bridge, Mawa and Abdullahpur.

Apart from the Hefajat activists and supporters in Dhaka, around three lakh

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Johra Begum breaks down in tears after the body of her sister Momtaj was identified at Adhar Chandra High School playground in Savar yesterday. Momtaj was a victim of the Rana Plaza disaster.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

# Savar death toll may shoot up

*525 bodies recovered so far; rescuers see many bodies as they dig through debris*

WASIM BIN HABIB and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The death toll in the Rana Plaza disaster soared to 525 yesterday as heavy equipment continued to remove large chunks of rubble, only to discover bodies underneath.

Yesterday, 80 bodies were found, the highest found in a single day since the second phase of the rescue operation began on the night of April 28 with heavy equipment and sniffer dogs.

More bodies are thought to be buried

## Impact of disaster not really serious

*Says Muhith*

AP, Dhaka

Finance Minister AMA Muhith downplayed the impact of last week's factory-building collapse in Savar, saying he didn't think it was "really serious" yesterday, hours after the 500th body was pulled from the debris.

The minister spoke as the government cracked down on those it blamed for the disaster in the Dhaka suburb of Savar. It suspended Savar's mayor and arrested an engineer who had called for the building's evacuation last week, but was also accused of helping the owner add

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PHOTO: AFP

Bangladesh batsman Nasir Hossain plays the ball square on the off-side during his 68 in the first ODI against Zimbabwe at Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday.

## Rana's pistol, ammo found under rubble

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rescuers early yesterday recovered a pistol, five bullets and a magazine from a section of the Rana Plaza rubble that had once been the office of building owner Sohel Rana.

The firearm and ammunition were later handed over to police.

Rana, now being grilled on a 15-day remand in two cases claimed ownership of the gun and ammo, said Shahin Parvez, an inspector of the

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# Zia, Nasir shine as Tigers roar

SPORTS REPORTER from Bulawayo

Stellar performances from Ziaur Rahman with the ball and Nasir Hossain with the bat led Bangladesh to a clinical 121-run victory in the first ODI against Zimbabwe at the Queens Sports Club yesterday. Having missed out on a five-wicket haul on Test debut in the second Test in Harare by one wicket, Zia bagged his first international five-for as he ran through Zimbabwe's middle and lower order to skittle the home team out for just 148.

After Nasir Hossain's 68 and Mahmudullah Riyad's late hits took Bangladesh to 269 for eight it was first Shafiq Islam who put the Tigers on the front foot with two early wickets. The right-arm paceman bowled opener Regis Chakabva and Sikandar Raza in successive overs to have Zimbabwe in trouble at 13 for two in 3.1 overs. But then the firm grip of Brendan Taylor and Hamilton Masakadza threatened to wrest the initiative

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