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AL, BNP on collision course for next polls

STAR REPORT

Prospects for an amicable solution to the stalemate over polls-time government remain dim, as the ruling Awami League yesterday once again ruled out a return to the caretaker system and the opposition BNP stuck to its demand for a non-partisan administration to hold the polls.

The AL advisory council, think-tank of the party, has advised party President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina not to consider any dialogue proposal from the BNP if it contradicts the constitutional provisions about holding of the national polls.

Meeting at the Gono Bhaban last night, the council, however, said a proposal in line with the constitution could SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

POLLS MINUS BNP

AL's alternatives

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The ruling Awami League is considering several alternatives in case the main opposition BNP boycotts the next parliamentary polls if held under an interim government headed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The alternatives include allowing some components of the AL-led grand alliance, including Jatiya Party, to contest the elections separately.

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Wholesalers of imported onions play cards at their store in Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday as a supply crunch from India leaves them with nothing much else to do. Story on page 16. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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Daughter surrenders

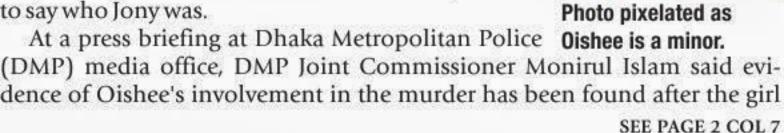
Cop, wife fed sedatives before murder; police decline to disclose motive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday detained three people, including prime suspect Oishee Rahman, in connection with the murder of Special Branch of Police inspector and his wife at their Chamelibagh home in the capital early Thursday.

Detectives said they were investigating whether the couple's 17-year-old daughter Oishee's friend Jony (also known as Rony) and 10-year-old house help Sumi aided in the double murder. They refused

to say who Jony was. At a press briefing at Dhaka Metropolitan Police Oishee is a minor.



CLAIM OF 61 DEAD Odhikar's Hefajat

list under wraps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The rights body Odhikar has refused to provide the media with its controversial list of 61 victims of the crackdown on the Hefajat-e Islam's demonstrations on May 6 though it provided five human rights organisations with those names.

"If we provide the list to the media and they publish it, the information may be misused, putting the security of the victims' families at risk," said Taskin Fahmina, Odhikar's senior researcher and programme coordinator.

She, however, said some of the

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Ensuring Building Safety

Free regulator, only

Insist experts at Star-BSRM discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An independent commission was imperative to ensure building safety in the country, said leading civil engineers and architects at a discussion in the capital yesterday.

Any local government body, like a municipality, and development control authority, like Rajuk, aspiring to obtain from this commission the authority to approve building construction must first have competent manpower, said eminent civil engineer

Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury.

The Daily Star together with steel bar manufacturer BSRM organised the discussion on updated version of in 1960. Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) and building safety at the Daily Star Centre.

The BNBC, drafted in 1993 and made legally binding in 2006, had been updated over a long period, said Prof Chowdhury, adding that the enforcement was the foremost challenge.

He also called for regular updates of the building codes like developed

countries. He gave example of Chile that introduced rigorous building codes following the deadly earthquake

"The policies are largely credited for saving the country from a major disaster when an earthquake of a sizable magnitude hit the country a couple of years ago," he said.

Prof Chowdhury also stressed the need for a proper land use planning, as the country was said to be losing 1 SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

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Policemen stand guard inside a room of the al-Fath mosque when supporters of deposed Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi exchanged gunfire with security forces inside the mosque in Cairo yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

EGYPT IN CHAOS Egypt for legal ban Cairo mosque cleared

REUTERS, Cairo

Egypt's prime minister has pro-

posed disbanding the Muslim Brotherhood of ousted President Mohamed Morsi, the government said yesterday, raising the stakes in a bloody struggle between the state and Islamists for control of the

country. The interior ministry said 173 people died in clashes across Egypt on Friday, bringing the death toll from three days of carnage to almost 800.

AFP, Cairo

Egyptian police cleared Islamist protesters from a Cairo mosque yesterday after a standoff that included exchanges of fire, as the death toll from four days of violence surpassed 800.

Friday's death toll hits 173; fresh demos planned

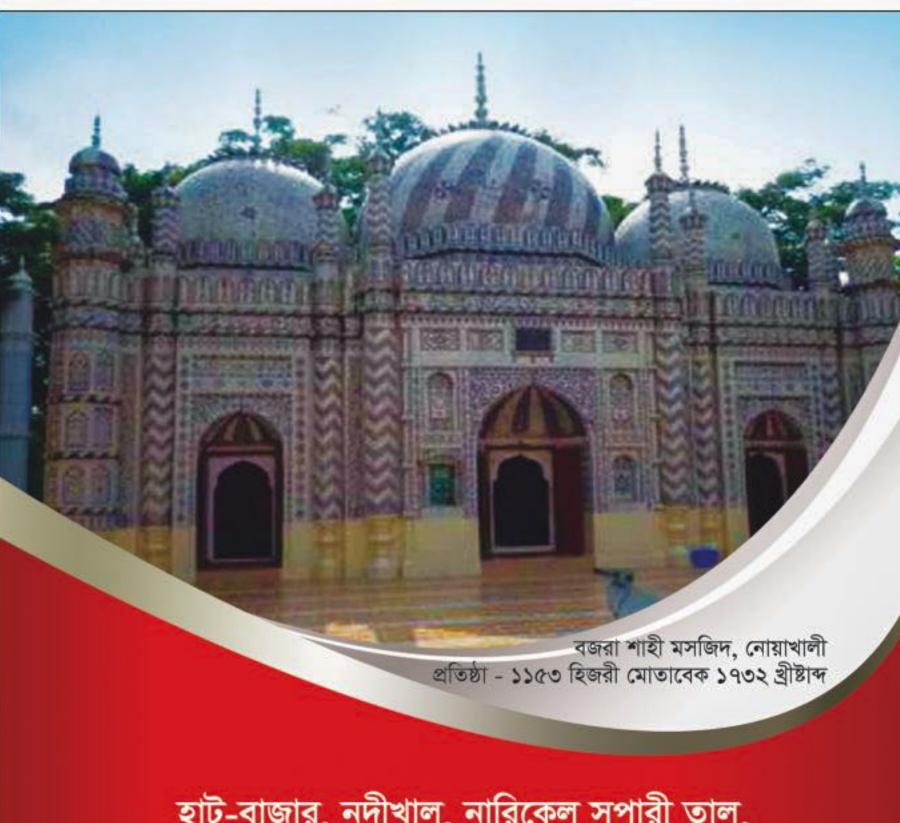
as more than 1,000 Morsi's men detained

Security forces dragged supporters of deposed president Mohamed Morsi from the Al-Fath mosque, passing through angry SEE PAGE 2 COL 7

crowds who tried to beat the Islamists, calling them "terrorists".

The clashes came as the government said 173 people had been killed in the past 24 hours alone, bring the country's death toll to more than 800 since Wednesday, when police cleared two camps of Morsi loyalists in the capital.

According to an AFP tally, at least 1,042 MORE ON PAGE 8 SEE APGE 2 COL 4



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