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Hold talks now

John Kerry writes to Hasina, Khaleda, urging them to decide on polls-time govt; AL says 'foreign intervention' not needed; BNP 'ready to sit' for dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the political situation in Bangladesh, US Secretary of State John Kerry has requested Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia to hold a constructive dialogue without wasting any more time to decide on an election-time government.

Kerry's identical proposal in separate letters to the ruling Awami League and the opposition BNP chiefs comes two weeks after the UN chief's phone calls, urging Hasina and Khaleda to resolve the crisis



John Kerry

through talks. "The USA along with the international community is concerned about the political situation in Bangladesh," Kerry said in his letters that were received by the two leaders on Sunday.

The two rival parties have reacted to Ban Ki-moon's phone calls and Kerry's letters differently and given opposing views.

As they did after the UN chief's phone call, BNP leaders yesterday welcomed Kerry's proposal for talks.

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JUTE JEOPARDY ... Jute piles up by the river in Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur yesterday. It is the peak of the season. Yet the farmers are not getting prices good enough to cover even their production costs. The prices began to decline after Eid-ul-Fitr.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

PM won't attend UNGA session

REZAUL KARIM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has decided not to visit the US to attend the 68th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) scheduled to be held at the end of this month.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury confirmed the cancellation of the premier's US tour without elaborating the cause behind the decision.

Hasina herself conveyed the decision to her cabinet colleagues at the Cabinet meeting yesterday as she would go to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah and attend meetings with party grassroots leaders.

At the meetings, she will select party candidates for

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ELECTION-TIME GOVT

BNP to unveil three models

THE MODELS

Chief of govt to be chosen on consensus and elected MP thru' by-election

AL, BNP each to nominate five eminent persons as advisers

AL, BNP each to pick five of their advisers as interim govt advisers

AL to select five ministers and BNP five from its past cabinet

BNP has to be given home, LGRD, foreign ministries

RASHIDUL HASAN

The BNP has drafted three models of a poll-time government and will soon unveil those with a view to resolving the ongoing political crisis over the holding of a free and fair general election.

All the three models propose picking a neutral and non-partisan eminent citizen for the post of chief adviser of the interim government, highly placed sources in the

main opposition party told The Daily Star yesterday.

The ruling Awami League and the BNP will choose the chief adviser on consensus and s/he will be elected to parliament through a by-election in a constituency.

He/she will lead a body of 10 technocrat advisers. About nominating the advisers, the three models suggest three options.

One option is that the AL and the BNP

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EU for polls with all parties' participation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A visiting European Union delegation yesterday stressed the need for talks among political parties to reach a consensus on the polls-time government, paving the way for a credible and participatory election.

"Election should be transparent, inclusive, credible and participatory. We want to see true democracy in Bangladesh," EU Ambassador to Bangladesh William Hanna told

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Mueen, Ashraf led the killing of intellectuals

Lone survivor of Rayerbazar killing tells war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Delwar Hossain, the lone survivor of Rayerbazar massacre, yesterday testified that he had seen alleged Al-Badr leaders Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan supervise and lead the intellectual killing mission in 1971.

Delwar, who was detained and tortured at the Al-Badr headquarters in Mohammadpur during the Liberation War, also told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that martyred professors Munier Chowdhury and Mofazzal Haider

Choudhury had been tortured there in front of his eyes.

The 22nd prosecution witness in the case against Mueen and Ashraf said he had also seen Al-Badr men killing journalist Selina Parvin by charging bayonet at Rayerbazar ignoring her earnest request.

Delwar, 70, also gave a heart-wrenching description of the brutality at the headquarters of Al-Badr, an auxiliary force of the then Pakistani occupation army that was mainly responsible for the killing of intellectuals.

During his two-hour testimony, Delwar

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YUNUS' TAX EXEMPTION 'ANOMALIES'

Govt to take legal action

Yunus Centre refutes NBR claims of law violation



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will take legal action against Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus and eight of his associated organisations for alleged irregularities in tax

exemption, a top official has said.

The decision was made yesterday at a cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, after the National Board of Revenue submitted a report to

the cabinet following its year-long probe on the tax-free benefits enjoyed by Yunus and the eight organisations.

"The NBR will take steps on issues relating to tax and tax of Revenue submitted a report to

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BASIC Bank rejoinder, our reply

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BASIC Bank has sent a rejoinder to a news item headlined "Curious buying spree" published in The Daily Star on Wednesday. The report said Sheikh Abdul Hye Bachchu, the bank's chairman, has spent around Tk 150 crore on 11 deep-sea fishing trawlers in less than two years.

But BASIC Bank denied the allegation, saying its chairman has three fishing vessels namely Crystal -1, Crystal-2 and Karnatori.

The rejoinder said, "However, it is agreeable that as a part of business expansion, four vessels -- two namely Silver Sea 1, Silum Chai 29 and two others are in the process to be purchased by Mr Hye which are yet to be registered in the name of his company."

Four vessels namely Peninsula 1 & 4 and Speed 1 & 2 as mentioned in the report do not belong to him (Bachchu) and he

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