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Not in arms, invest in education PM urges world community

BSS, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the world community to invest in quality education by diverting billions of dollars spent for creating war machines and violence.

"We must divert billions we spend for creating war machines and violence to educating our progeny for the world we want. Let's all invest in quality education for a culture of peace and non-violence," she said.

The prime minister was speaking at a discussion of a high-level event on the UN secretary-general's Global Education First Initiative (GEFI) at Trusteeship Council at the UN headquarters here on Wednesday afternoon.

The GEFI must build global partnerships and consensus for resources to promote quality education, she insisted.

As Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki drew attention of the GEFI leaders to the fact that millions of children in Gaza City of Palestine cannot go to schools due to Israeli atrocities, Hasina said the situation in Gaza is not acceptable. She urged all to raise voice against what is happening in Gaza.

The Millennium Development Goals, said the PM, helped Bangladesh champion access to education and

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PHOTO: BSS

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaking at a session on education at the UN headquarters in New York yesterday.

Clarification

Singapore Airlines Limited has given clarification on the news item headlined "BB asks for account info of 5 firms, 1 individual", saying the report mentioned that Speed Mark Transportation BD Ltd and United Aviation Enterprise Ltd are Singapore Airlines' agents, which is not correct.

The report published in The Daily Star on September 23 said Bangladesh Bank had asked all banks to provide it with account information of the two firms along with three other firms.

Singapore Airlines said, "Speed Mark Transportation BD Ltd was never an agent of Singapore

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Meet the first supersonic business jet

MAIL ONLINE

Airbus is teaming up with US-based Aerospace firm Aerion to create a supersonic jet that can fly from London to New York in three hours and from Los Angeles to Tokyo in six.

The Aerion AS2 business jet will fly at 1,217 mph,

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BNP LEADERS Case against 3 goes to trial

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against BNP leaders Aman Ullah Aman, Nazim Uddin Alam and Habibunnabi Khan Sohel in a case filed for illegally trespassing on the restricted area of Shahjalal International Airport and assaulting a security guard.

According to the prosecution, the three BNP leaders forcibly entered through the VIP gate of Shahjalal International Airport on December 18, 2010, and assaulted a security guard and prevented him from discharging his duty.

Aman, Alam and Sohel pleaded not guilty and demanded justice after Metropolitan Magistrate Md Alaul Haque read out the charges against them.

The court also fixed December 11 to start trial of the case and summoned the complainant of the case to appear before

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US, allies strike ISIS oil targets

AFP, Damascus

The US-led coalition has bombed oil facilities used by ISIS jihadis in Syria, as the world moves to choke off funding for what Obama branded a "network of death".

American, Saudi and Emirati warplanes hit oil installations in eastern Syria controlled by ISIS, broadening the campaign they launched this week beyond military targets to economic assets.

The ISIS or Islamic State (IS), which has imposed its brutal rule over swathes of Syria and Iraq, has been using such small-scale mobile refineries to generate up to \$2 million (1.6 million euros) in revenues per day, Washington said.

The strikes against the refineries killed 14 jihadis but also left five civilians dead, including a child, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitoring group.

The raids came as Obama urged leaders gathered at the UN General Assembly to join the coalition and convinced the Security Council to back a resolution aimed at stemming the flow of foreign fighters joining ISIS.

Belgium and The Netherlands committed warplanes to Iraq and Britain said its parliament would vote Friday on following suit.

"The United States of America will work with a broad coalition to dismantle this network of death," Obama told the UN.

"Today I ask the world to join in this effort."

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BNP loses so-called allies

New platform formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After leaving the BNP-led alliance a month ago, National People's Party (NPP) chief Sheikh Shawkat Hossain Nilu yesterday announced the formation of a new political alliance.

The announcement came at a press conference held at the Institute of Diploma Engineers in the capital where Nilu also said the platform is ready to contest the next parliamentary election under the Sheikh Hasina government.

Nilu will be the chairman of the new coalition called "National Democratic Front" (NDF), while Alamgir Mazumder, secretary general of National Democratic Party, another component of the BNP-led

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PRAYER TIMING September 26		
Fazr	Azan	Jamaat
4-35	5-10	
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Magrib	6-00	6-05
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

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