

No question of mid-term election

PM tells briefing in NY

BSS, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday ruled out the possibility of mid-term polls, seeking to know why there is a need for one.

She said this at a press conference at Bangladesh's Permanent Mission to the UN on the outcome of her participation in the ongoing 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

She also demanded to know what situation has arisen that the government should go for interim polls.

Replying to a question, Hasina said there were no relations between the mid-term polls and the upcoming council of Bangladesh Awami League.

She said elections would "always take place" and she thinks that there are no relations between the party council and the elections. "It's our routine work and party

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UN Women Deputy Executive Director Laksmi Puri and Global Partnerships Forum President and CEO Amir Dossal handing over the "Agent of Change" award to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a reception at the UN headquarters on Wednesday. Hasina won the award for her outstanding contributions to women empowerment. Story on page 2.

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Work together to root out terrorism

Hasina urges world community, tells UN about Bangladesh's zero tolerance policy on extremism

UNB, BSS, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the world community to work together to root out militancy and terrorism, and plug the sources of funds, arms and ammunitions across borders.

"Terrorists have no religion, caste or creed. We must unite in our resolve to defeat and degrade them in all forms and manifestations. We have to identify the root causes of terrorism and violent extremism," she said.

The PM was addressing the 71st session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) here on Wednesday.

Like the previous years, she delivered her speech in Bangla.

Hasina mentioned that last year she talked about terrorism and violent extremism as one of the two major global challenges of the time.

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'Dead baby' found alive

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A newborn baby girl cried out at the graveyard when family members were preparing to bury her yesterday morning, six hours after a doctor said she was dead.

The newborn's grandfather, Abul Kalam Mia, said his daughter-in-law Naznin Akter felt labour pains around 9:00pm on Wednesday, when the family took her to Jahid Memorial Child Hospital in Faridpur town.

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EXTORTION IN TRANSPORT SECTOR

Home ministry goes for warning first, not action

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The home minister and the shipping minister yesterday acknowledged that extortion was rampant in transport sector. But both spoke of warning the extortionists instead of going straight into action against them.

The government has obtained an intelligence report that named those involved in extortion on highways and at bus and ferry terminals. The list contains names of ruling party men, transport workers, government officials, police members and journalists, sources said.

"From intelligence agencies, we have got the names of those engaged in extortion. We

are asking them to refrain from it. Otherwise, the government will take stern action," Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told reporters at his office after a meeting on extortion in transport sector and ferry terminals.

The meeting was convened on instructions of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to stop extortion in transport sector, added the sources.

"We are giving the last warning to those involved in extortion. If they don't correct themselves, we will go for action," Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, who attended the meeting, later told The Daily Star.

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SAUDI ARABIA 6 Bangladeshi workers killed in car crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six Bangladeshi migrant workers, including two brothers, were killed and another was injured in a road accident in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

The accident occurred around 11:30am (Saudi local time) when a car carrying the workers collided head-on with another car in eastern province's Qatif town, around 350 kilometres off the capital Riyadh, Golam Moshi,

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BEREAVED CHILDREN, BROTHERS & SISTERS

Death toll 24 in launch capsized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Ten more bodies were recovered from the Sandhya river yesterday, a day after a launch capsized in the river in Barisal's Banaripara upazila.

With the recoveries, the death toll from Wednesday's launch capsized is now 24, according to fire service officials and police.

The authorities recovered the launch around 8:30am yesterday and found bodies of four children inside. Six more bodies were found floating.

Bodies of Safwan, 3, Riad, 6, Rabbi, 9, Maisha, 1, Mafiya, 4, Hamida, 40, Ruhul Amin, a member of Barisal fire service, and Khukumoni, 40, were recovered yesterday. Names of two other victims could not be known.

The district administration called off the search for missing passengers yesterday.

Ziaul Ahasan, officer-in-charge of Banaripara Police Station, said the 68-member rescue team was comprised of

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