

## Turkey urges end to Nato mission in Aegean

AFP, Istanbul

Turkish Defence Minister Fikri Isik called for the Nato migrant mission in the Aegean Sea to be completed "by the end of the year" because it had "reached its goal".

"For us there is no need for Nato forces in the Aegean," Isik told reporters on Thursday after a meeting in Brussels with defence ministers from Nato member states.

"This was a temporary mission, and the goal has been reached... There is no reason to extend it," Isik was quoted as saying by the official news agency Anadolu.

The minister was referring to the mission launched in February to tackle the huge flow of refugees and migrants to Greece on board rickety boats.

Several warships were involved in the mission launched after Turkey, Greece and Germany requested it.

Isik said Turkey would remain committed to tackling the flow of migrants and asked that the Nato mission be brought to an end "by the end of this year".

Nato chief Jens Stoltenberg praised the mission, saying it had "decreased substantially" the flow of migrants and was "making a difference".

Asked whether the mission would continue in 2017, German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen said: "We'll see then."

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were holding a secret meeting near Goyeshbari Government Primary School, a Rab team was sent there, Bina Rani Das, commander of Rab 12 in Pabna said.

The Rab team was shot at when they raided the place around 4:00am. The Rab team fired back.

The two were found dead after a 15-minute gun battle. Their associates, meanwhile, escaped, Rab said.

The weapons were found in the possession of the dead, said Bina, adding that two members of Rab were slightly injured in the operation.

According to Rab, the two killed were wanted for the murder of Shajahan Ali Master, a local AL leader, and each was accused in over a dozen cases filed with Ataikula Police Station.

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anti-narcotics police stopped their vehicles at a checkpoint on suspicion they were transporting illegal drugs.

Officers returned fire, killing the men in the town of Makilala, about 950 kilometres (600 miles) south of the capital Manila.

"Suspects (were) heavily armed and fired upon the law enforcers, which prompted them to fire back," Galgo said.

Dimaukom made a name for himself by funding the construction of a pink mosque in Saudi Ampatuan in a plea for peace in the town which has been wracked by violence.

Muslim rebels have been waging a separatist insurgency in the southern Philippines for decades.

Duterte, who swept to power in May elections on a pledge to eradicate drugs, has described his critics as "fools" and said he is not breaking any domestic laws by threatening to kill criminals.

After returning from a trip to Japan late Thursday, he threatened to step up police killings of drug suspects.

"If my wish to get rid (of illegal drugs) in my country is not granted, you can expect about 20,000 or 30,000 more. There is a war going on," he said.

## Only a leftist

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Earlier in the inaugural session, hundreds of CPB leaders and activists gathered on the rally ground from different parts of the country including the capital, holding party flags and festoons and shouting slogans against imperialism and militancy.

The speakers said both the Awami League and BNP were bourgeois parties and sharing power alternately. "The Awami League has failed but BNP is a bigger failure than the Awami League," said Selim. "We will have to forge a unity, excluding these bourgeois parties."

The CPB chief hoped that the leftists would form the government in the future.

CPB adviser Manjurul Ahsan Khan and labour leader Jashim Uddin Mondol also spoke.

The party will hold an international seminar on "Imperialism, Neo Liberalism and Religious Fundamentalism" at Jatiya Press Club today.

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"They were trying to enter the exam halls two to three minutes prior to the test after memorising the answers which were sent to their phones by outsiders," he added.

Our CU correspondent reports: A mobile court yesterday sentenced an applicant to six months' jail for his involvement in fraudulent activities during the "B" unit admission test of Chittagong University, said CU Assistant Proctor Liton Mitra.

# Myanmar probes Rohingya Muslim's death in custody

REUTERS, Yangon

Myanmar is investigating the death in custody of a 60-year-old Rohingya Muslim, the office of President Htin Kyaw said, as a security sweep in the country's northwest is increasingly beset by allegations of human rights abuses.

Security forces moved into northern Rakhine State after coordinated attacks on three border guard posts on Oct 9 killed nine police officers.

The sudden escalation of violence in Rakhine state poses a serious challenge to the six-month-old government led by Aung San Suu Kyi, who was swept to power in an election last year but has faced criticism abroad for failing to tackle rights abuses against the Rohingya and other Muslims.

The government has said some 400 Rohingya militants with links to Islamists overseas were behind this month's attacks and later clashes in which five soldiers were killed. A group calling itself Al-Yakin Mujahidin claimed responsibility for the attacks in videos posted online.

UN officials are pressuring Myanmar to allow aid and observers into the area, where the majority of residents are stateless Rohingya Muslims.

Residents and human rights campaigners say security forces have killed civilians, arbitrarily detained residents, committed rape and burned houses.

Htin Kyaw's office said via its website that authorities had opened an investigation into the death of Khawrimular, who was detained on Oct. 14 on suspicion of involvement in the earlier attacks along with his three sons and two of his brothers.

Sources in the Maungdaw area of Rakhine told Reuters Khawrimular was a community leader and previously worked for international aid organisations in the area.

Soldiers interrogated Khawrimular and returned him to Kyeinchin police station, where the suspects were being held, on the morning of Oct. 17, said an official account published in the state-run Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper on Thursday.

"On the way back, the suspect grabbed a firearm from a soldier. Responsible personnel managed to subdue Khawrimular, but he lost consciousness as a result," the report said, adding that he died on the way to

hospital.

Security forces have killed at least 33 alleged attackers since Oct. 9 and more than 50 people have been arrested. At least two other deaths in custody have been reported.

Eight Rohingya women told Reuters this week that they were raped by soldiers who entered the remote U Shey Kya village to conduct what authorities called a "clearance operation" on Oct. 19.

The 1.1 million Rohingya living in Rakhine face discrimination, severe restrictions on their movements and access to services, especially since inter-communal violence in 2012 that displaced 125,000 people.

## Malaysia to buy navy vessels from China

REUTERS, Manila

Malaysia will sign a contract to purchase Littoral Mission Ships from China when Prime Minister Najib Razak visits Beijing next week, according to a Facebook posting by the country's Ministry of Defence.

The text of a speech to be delivered by Malaysian defence minister Hishammuddin Hussein was posted on Facebook on Tuesday, but was later removed after Reuters asked a defence ministry spokesman for comment.

The purchase of the patrol vessels, if it proceeds, would be Malaysia's first significant defence deal with China and comes amid rising tensions in the South China Sea and as the United States and China compete for influence in the region.

China's foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said yesterday he was "unclear on the specifics of the situation". But responding to a Reuters question at the daily ministry briefing he noted China and Malaysia "continue to cooperate and communicate regularly across all spheres".

Malaysia's ties with the United States became strained after the Department of Justice filed lawsuits linked to a money-laundering investigation at state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), which Najib founded and had overseen as chairman of its advisory council.

## Work for next polls

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the party's presidium, the highest policy-making body of the AL, at its first meeting at the Gono Bhaban.

"She is very serious about the next polls and asked us to prepare for the polls. She also told us to take lessons from city corporation elections where our candidates were defeated despite the government's huge development work," a presidium member told The DailyStar, wishing anonymity.

At the meeting, Hasina said only development is not enough to win the polls and for this reason, party leaders and activists will have to win the people's heart so that they cast their votes for boat, the AL's electoral symbol, in the next parliamentary polls.

The ruling party's national council was held on October 22-23 when its new presidium was formed. Names of 16 out of its 19 members were announced immediately after the council.

Yesterday's meeting finalised the names of party office bearers and the AL would announce their names today. Earlier, the party declared 43 names of party office bearers out of 81.

Talking to journalists after the meeting, newly-elected AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader hinted at

cabinet reshuffle.

"There might be changes in the cabinet and so three presidium posts remain vacant," he said.

He, however, didn't say anything about the timeframe of the reshuffle. "It is the jurisdiction of the prime minister. So, I should not say anything in this regard."

Sources said Faridunahar Layli would be made agriculture affairs secretary, while SM Kamal Hossain, Iqbal Hossain Apu, Anwar Hossain, Golam Rabbani Chinu, Biplob Barua and Marufa Akter Popy would be made members of the AL central working committee, the highest decision-making body of the party.

During her introductory speech, Hasina asked party leaders and activists to inform the government of various problems of the common people so that those could be resolved in time.

"It's the responsibility of the ruling party to let the government know the various problems of the common people so that those can be resolved by taking necessary measures," she said.

She claimed that her government was doing everything possible to ensure commoners' welfare and working hard to implement all the election pledges.

## Feel like a prisoner

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world, including India and the Philippines, that are letting people experience prison life, he added.

The prison authorities organised yesterday's conference to brief about a photo exhibition to be held at the 200-year-old jail on November 2-5. The jail gate would remain open from 10:00am to 5:30pm every day during the four days and a visitor would be able to stay there for maximum two hours for a Tk 100 ticket.

In July, the authorities shifted all the inmates from the jail on the Nazimuddin Road to the newly-built central jail in Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital.

their idea to let people stay in there.

Contacted, Additional Inspector General of Prisons Col Iqbal Hasan told The DailyStar that the idea came to their mind after they visited an old prison in India's Hyderabad last week.

"The Hyderabad government has turned an old jail into a museum where people can stay and enjoy the lifestyle of prisoners. We are interesting in doing the same in our jail," he said.

Col Hasan said they would set up cells after doing some repair works at the century-old building.

People while entering the jail would be stripped of their belongings and they would have to wear prisoners' uniforms. They would be given the food meant for prisoners and would not be allowed to use any cell phone, he said.

Only adults would be allowed to stay in there and they would have to fulfill some jail formalities, he said, adding that those staying in the jail would get certificates.

## No conflict

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IGP like the Criminal Investigation Department and Special Branch. The Rab and the police are members of the same family and sometimes there might be some differences of opinion among the family members, but there is no conflict, he added.

All the units of the police, including the Rab, have been working together for a common goal of controlling law and order, curbing crimes and militancy, Shahidul said.

Senior police officials of Barisal Range and Barisal Metropolitan Police were present at the programme.

According to media reports, Benazir Ahmed, director general of Rab, in a letter dated September 27 to Senior Home Secretary Moazzemul Haque Khan alleged that police on several occasions assaulted Rab personnel even after knowing their identities. The letter cited six such incidents.

Benazir complained to the home ministry about police excesses on Rab men and said the prevailing situation was so tense that it might go out of control soon.

Later, the police headquarters issued an 11-point directive to field-level policemen and Rab personnel, asking them to communicate more effectively and show respect to each other.

Police recently also contradicted a Rab claim that Sarwar Jahan alias Abdur Rahman, who died after jumping off a building during a Rab raid in Ashulia, was Shaykh Abu Ibrahim Al-Hanif, the chief of "Neo JMB".

## BNP unlikely

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In 2000, the Awami League-led government repealed the Zila Parishad Act, 1988, and passed the District Council Act, 2000, with a provision for direct polls. But no elections to the councils have been held so far.

In December 2011, the AL government appointed 61 administrators, mostly top leaders of the ruling party's district units, to as many district councils.

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said, "We have repeatedly said that fair election is not possible under the incumbent Election Commission. It is serving the purpose of the ruling party. So there is a very slim chance of participating in the district council election under this commission."

Mohammad Shahjahan, vice-chairman of the party, said, "We're not concerned about the district council elections. We also have no interest because common people are not the voters of the election."

He alleged that the voters of the district council elections were not elected rather they were selected by the ruling party leaders.

"When the voters of district council elections are themselves controversial, it can be assumed that the results would be. Now our only concern is about the national election," Shahjahan added.

In upazila elections held in 2014, BNP favourites won 166 chairmen posts, while the nominees blessed by the AL secured 235 posts. For vice-chairman posts, the ruling party bagged 358 posts while the BNP secured 299 posts.

The union parishad elections were held in five phases this year. AL candidates won around 2,300 chairmen posts while BNP candidates won some 300 chairmen posts.

## World's biggest

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see a massive US and New Zealand-backed marine protected area established in the Ross Sea.

It will cover more than 1.55 million square kilometres (600,000 square miles) -- roughly the size of Britain, Germany and France combined -- of which 1.12 million square kilometres will be a no fishing zone.

"The proposal required some changes in order to gain the unanimous support of all 25 CCAMLR members and the final agreement balances marine protection, sustainable fishing and science interests," New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully said.

"The boundaries of the MPA, however, remain unchanged."

The Ross Sea is one of the last intact marine ecosystems in the world, home to penguins, seals, Antarctic toothfish, whales and huge numbers of krill, a staple food for many species.

It is considered critical for scientists to study how marine ecosystems function and to understand the impacts of climate change on the ocean.

Moscow was the last government opposing the move, largely due to concerns over fishing rights, after China offered its support last year.

"We had a lot of talks with them. Russian (John) Kerry reached out to Secretary President (Vladimir) Putin and (Foreign Minister Sergei) Lavrov and I think that helped a great deal to convince Russia to come on board," Evan Bloom, head of the US delegation at the meeting, told AFP.

"This decision is very important not just for the Antarctic but for efforts to promote world marine conservation." Moscow has signalled more commitment to conservation in recent times, designating 2017 as the Year of Ecology. It moved in August to significantly increase the size of a protected zone around Franz Josef Land in the Arctic.

## Batting collapse

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laid a strong foundation. Instead, their lone solace in the aftermath of the batting madness was Shakib and Mehedi's late strikes that brought the hosts back into contention by reducing England to 53 for three.

With spinners dominating the proceedings, many might be curious to know whether the Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB's) chief curator Gamini Silva has replicated the Chittagong surface and if the pitch played a part behind Bangladesh's terrible disintegration with the bat. Centurion Tamim had some answers: "The first 10 overs were a little difficult due to overcast conditions but the next 25 overs were a bit easier when we got the boundary balls. The ball started turning and the bowlers got reverse swing from 45 overs and towards the end. But I can in no way defend our collapse."

Earlier, the match started at the scheduled time despite the rain threat and Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim began his 50th Test with a big smile as he won the toss and decided to bat without any hesitation.

Bangladesh however lost opener Imrul Kayes in the third over of the day as the left-hander gave an early gift to the visitors hitting a short and wide ball from Chris Woakes to point but Tamim and Mominul (66) repaired the damage and took charge to defy the English bowlers. Tamim's third hundred against England, which came through two consecutive boundaries off Moeen, created a brilliant opportunity.

Moeen however dismissed both batsmen to bring England back into contention. The partnership was broken when Tamim was trapped in front shouldering arms and his review was dismissed. During his 147-ball innings, the elegant left-hander executed 12 brilliant boundaries. 19 runs later Mominul was bowled by a straighter delivery from Moeen.

Bangladesh then suddenly seemed to be trapped in panic mode with Stokes's reverse swing. Riyad was the first victim of that. Sabbir Rahman also

gave his wicket away to Stokes, fishing at a delivery outside off stump. Before that however, skipper Alastair Cook took a brilliant reflex catch at leg slip to give Moeen the prize wicket of Mushfiqur, who took a little time to walk to the dressing room after being knocked down by a nasty bouncer from Stokes in the previous over.

Bangladesh fielded one pace bowler to bring more spin options including Shuvagata Hom and extended the batting order but once again it proved that a long batting order is not a solution.

Instead, it is more important to execute the plan which was evident in their performance in the first Test in Chittagong and conspicuous in its absence yesterday.

Mehedi continued his brilliance, taking the wickets of Cook and Gary Ballance while Shakib claimed the scalp of Ben Duckett. Much depends on them today if Bangladesh are to put the batting collapse behind and match their Chittagong deeds.

## Four Huji-B men

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conflicting information in this regard.

"Sometimes, he is saying it is three months, sometimes six months," he said, adding, police would get to know the correct information only after interrogated Shahidullah.

The SP added that Khairul and Kibria are former students of Islamic Institute of Technology in Gazipur, and both are engineers.

The police official also claimed that the two used to make explosives.

About Aminul, the SP said he used to brainwash students of schools, colleges and universities and motivate them to join militancy through jihadi books.

During the raid by a special team, police also seized three sharp weapons, some electronics devices and some jihadi books from the cottage, he added.

## Don't take WB loan

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help the country tackle and adapt to climate change.

"The government should press hard for climate change compensations at the 22nd session of Conference of the Parties (COP 22) which is scheduled for November 7-18 in Morocco," Ifekharuzzaman said.

The TIB will submit a position paper on the compensation issue to the government tomorrow, he mentioned.

He called upon the government to continue with its campaign to realise compensations by boldly placing the issue at different international forums.

He also slammed the countries responsible for climate change and donors for not meeting their pledges of compensations.

The WB should help Bangladesh realise compensations, but it cannot do business by giving loans, the TIB executive director said.

He urged the authorities concerned to check whether all the climate

change funds from abroad were being utilised properly.

About raising the Rampal Power Plant issue at the COP 22 summit, Ifekharuzzaman said: "The Unesco and the United Nations expressed concern about the proposed plant's probable impact on the climate and the Sundarbans. I won't be surprised if any organisation or individual raise the issue there."

Hasan Mehedi, chief executive of Clean, read out a written statement at the press conference. He on behalf of the three organisations put forward 11-point demands to the Bangladesh delegation to Cop 22 and world leaders. The demands include ensuring a yearly fund of \$10,000 crore to Green Climate Fund from developed countries and easing the access of affected countries to international climate funds.

The government should form a high-powered National Climate Authorities to regulate the climate funds, he observed.

## 'Just cancel the election'

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6-point national lead over Trump, fuelled by declining support among women for his candidacy.

Trump, without evidence, has blamed his sagging poll numbers on a rigged election, and said the media had fixed the opinion polls in order to inflate Clinton's numbers.

Numerous studies have shown that voter fraud in US elections is very rare, and a number of prominent Republicans have denounced Trump's claim that the system is unsound.

While Trump campaigned in Ohio, a plane carrying his running mate, Indiana Governor Mike Pence, skidded off the runway after landing at New York City's LaGuardia Airport on Thursday night. There were no injuries, the Pence campaign said.

**STUMPING WITH FIRST LADY** Hillary Clinton on Thursday made her first joint campaign appearance with one of her most powerful supporters, first lady Michelle Obama, at a North Carolina rally to urge young people and women to vote.

Hillary, a former first lady who lost the 2008 Democratic nomination to then-US Senator Barack Obama before becoming his secretary of state, praised Michelle Obama for standing up for the rights of girls and women worldwide, drawing a sharp contrast with her Republican rival.

"I wish I didn't have to say this. ... But indeed, dignity and respect for women and girls is also on the ballot in this election," Hillary told a crowd of about 11,000. "And I want to thank our first lady for her eloquent, powerful defence of that basic value."

Michelle Obama's stinging denunciation of Trump after a leaked 2005 video showed him making lewd remarks and bragging about groping women was seen by many as one of the campaign's most striking condemnations of the New York businessman.

Without naming Trump, Obama took him to task again in North Carolina, asking the crowd which candidate they wanted to represent their daughters from the White House.

"We want a president who takes this job seriously, and has the temperament and maturity to do it well. Someone who is steady. Someone who we can trust with the nuclear codes," Obama said.

"I would not be here lying to you: I believe with all of my heart that Hillary Clinton will be that president," she said.

Although Michelle Obama was critical of Clinton during the hard-fought 2008 Democratic nominating race, any trace of bitterness appeared long behind them. The two women showed an easy rapport. They embraced and smiled. Obama called Clinton "my girl" and made a point of telling the crowd they were tight.

"If people wonder: Yes, Hillary Clinton is my friend," she said.

Hillary promised to take good care of Obama's White House vegetable garden if she won and wistfully praised the athletic first lady's dancing skills. "One could only hope."

She also lauded Obama's work for children and military families and in what was perhaps a nod to African-Americans she hopes will vote for her in the state, said Obama had faced challenges she had not as a presidential spouse.

"Let's be real. As our first African-American first lady, she's faced pressures I never did, and she's handled them with pure grace," Hillary said to applause.

Although a sometimes reluctant campaigner, the first lady has thrown herself into the race, and the Hillary campaign has deployed her strategically to increase support among young people and blacks, with whom she is especially popular.