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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Myanmar State Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin at the Gono Bhaban yesterday during talks on the formation of a joint fact-finding mission.

PHOTO: AP

Take back Rohingyas

PM asks Myanmar; visiting special envoy hands over Suu Kyi's letter to Hasina

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday renewed her call for Myanmar to take back its nationals from Bangladesh.

She made the call when visiting Myanmar State Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin met her at the Gono Bhaban in the evening, reports UNB.

The PM said the two countries can permanently resolve the refugee problem through discussions.

During the meeting, U Kyaw Tin handed over a letter of Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi to the PM.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim said the premier reiterated Bangladesh's "zero tolerance" policy against terrorism.

"Bangladesh doesn't allow any armed

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3 YEARS OF AL GOVT: LAW AND ORDER

Extra-judicial actions remain extra concerns

SHARIFUL ISLAM and AKRAM HOSEN

Extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances have repeatedly worsened the country's human rights situation in the first three years of this government's tenure.

The alarming spike in enforced or involuntary disappearances even prompted the UN in September to express concern and frustration for what it said "a very frightening trend".

The incidents of "crossfire" continued. The victims were criminals, terrorists and even activists and leaders of opposition political parties. It is alleged by victims' families that law enforcement agencies have done these in the name of maintaining law and order. Officials have also confirmed it requesting anonymity.

In addition, law and order situation worsened time and again with targeted killings, militant attacks, political violence and oppression on minority communities and some gruesome killings such as the seven murders in Narayanganj, college student Sohagi Jahan Tonu murder in Comilla, attack on Khadiza Begum Nargis in Sylhet and raping of a five-year-old girl in Dinajpur.

Apart from these incidents, the overall law and order was largely stable during this government's tenure.

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

"According to documents prepared by human rights defenders, 287 people

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'Yes we did'

Obama says in emotive farewell address, warns against fascism, admits racism still a 'divisive force in our society'

AFP, Chicago

Barack Obama addressed America and the world for the last time as US president Tuesday, in a speech that was both a tearful goodbye and a call to arms.

Capping eight years in the White House, Obama returned to his adopted hometown of Chicago to recast his "yes we can" campaign credo as "yes we did."

Surveying the staging posts of his presidency -- from the Iran nuclear deal to reforming healthcare -- the speech sought to lift supporters shaken by Donald Trump's shock election.

Obama urged them to pick up the torch, fight for democracy and forge a new, fairer, "social compact."

"For all our outward differences, we are all in this together," he said, warning that naked partisanship, racism, and inequality all threaten democracy. "We rise or fall as one."

"All of us, regardless of party, should throw ourselves into the task of rebuilding our democratic institutions."

The incoming Republican president has smashed convention, vowed to efface Obama's legacy and hurled personal insults left and right, while in a virtually unprecedented move US intelligence has accused the Kremlin of seeking to tip the election in Trump's favour.

Democrats, cast into the political wilderness with the loss of the White House, the Senate and the House of Representatives plus a majority of statehouses, are struggling to regroup.

PHOTO: AFP

Obama gave his farewell address in Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, and tried to lift supporters shaken by Donald Trump's election.

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