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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for international pressure, including from India, on Myanmar to take back hundreds of thousands of Rohingya who fled to Bangladesh to escape an army clampdown.

"We need your cooperation to put pressure on Myanmar so that the Rohingya refugees can return home," Hasina said after jointly inaugurating the Bangladesh Bhavan with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at the Visva Bharati University in Shantiniketan, West Bengal.

Later in the day, Hasina held a one-to-one meeting with Modi where they discussed various issues, including security and politics, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

"Although I was not present at the meeting, we can say that bilateral issues were discussed. Issues related to the security and politics of the region were also discussed," Bangladesh's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam told reporters.

Bangladesh and India are on the "same page" with regard to the return of the Rohingya refugees to Myanmar, he said, referring to Hasina's remarks about early repatriation of

the refugees.

Bangladesh is grateful to India for especially the assurances made by Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj when she visited Myanmar recently. Swaraj had expressed India's views regarding quick, sustainable and dignified return of the

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina shakes hands with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi after jointly unveiling the plaque of Bangladesh Bhavan at Visva-Bharati University in Santiniketan, Birbhum, yesterday.

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Real-time data pleases Bierhoff

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The first ever use of tablet computers delivering real-time player data to coaches during World Cup matches next month is a useful tool that will make teams more flexible, Germany team manager Oliver Bierhoff said on Friday.

World football's governing body FIFA earlier this month approved the use of two static tablets for coaching staff and

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Small or not, all had links with big guns

Mostly low-profile drug dealers getting killed in the ongoing nationwide drive

STAR REPORT

With the blessing of a top ruling party leader of the upazila and greasing the palms of policemen every month, Sabdul Mondol of Kaliganj in Jhenidah had run the illegal business for the last one decade, said locals and relatives.

Yet, he could not make a fortune. Instead, he had to sell three out of six bighas of his ancestral land to feed his six-member family and walk out of jail after getting arrested, they claimed.

Sabdul, 50, was killed in a "gunfight" with the Rapid Action Battalion in Narendrapur village of the district on May 20. Officer-in-Charge of the Kaliganj Police Station Mizanur Rahman said Sabdul was

accused in at least five drug cases.

Over 60 people got killed in the "shootouts" so far amid the ongoing anti-narcotics crackdown by law enforcement agencies, but the majority of them were in lower tiers of the illicit business.

"Following the killing of Sabdul, his godfather fled away," his brother-in-law Mostak Ali told The Daily Star while locals said around 50 other drug traders have left Kaliganj town.

"Sabdul had to pay a hefty amount of money to his godfather and some people in the administration even when the business was not good. So he actually never could quit," Mostak added.

Family members of those killed in

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'Shootouts' claim 10 more

ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE
63 KILLED IN 11 DAYS

STAR REPORT

An alleged drug peddler was killed in a "shootout" with Rab in the capital yesterday, the first such incident in the city since the beginning of a countrywide anti-narcotics drive by the elite force on May 4.

Nine more alleged drug traders were killed in "gunfights" elsewhere in the country yesterday, raising the total number of people killed in "shootouts" to 62 in the last 11 days.

Of the 10, two died in Netrakona and one each in Mymensingh, Gaibandha, Comilla and Sherpur in "gunfights" with law enforcers.

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NARCOTICS TRADE IN CTG

Over 100 dealers control 300 spots

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

In the port city, there are over 300 spots where peddlers have been selling drugs, including yaba, for years dodging the law enforcers, according to Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) officials.

The major spots include Barisal Colony and some areas in Sadarghat, Akbar Shah, Khulshi, Bakalia, Bayezid, Pahartali, Motijharna, Kotwali, Double Mooring, Chotopool and Halishahar.

The drug trade in Chittagong, adjacent to Ukhia-Teknaf, the gateway of smuggling yaba into Bangladesh, is controlled by 114 people, according to a list of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC). However, Rab officials say a recent home ministry list includes 58 names.

As a special drive against drug dealers goes on, most of the dealers in the port city have apparently gone into hiding, say locals and law enforcers.

A few low-tier dealers are still in some of the spots but they do not go out during the day now, they say.

Over 60 alleged drug dealers have been killed in "shootouts" with law enforcers across the country over the last 11 days.

Three of the "gunfights" took place in Chittagong.

Habibur Rahman alias Mota Habib and Md Mosharraf were killed in

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QUICK DISPOSAL OF ANTI-TERRORISM CASES

Special tribunals yet to be fully functional

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

The two anti-terrorism special tribunals formed last month for quick trial of militancy and terrorism cases are working at a snail's pace, thanks to only a handful of cases transferred to the tribunals and shortages of courtrooms and manpower.

The government on April 5 formed the tribunals for Dhaka and Chittagong through a statutory regulatory order. It ordered transfer of all cases filed under the

Anti-Terrorism Act 2009 in the two districts to the respective tribunals within 30 working days.

As of May 22, different courts in Dhaka sent only 69 of around 2000 cases to the tribunal while the Chittagong tribunal received seven of a few hundred cases, sources said.

The Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal in Dhaka has to share a courtroom with the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 due to shortage of

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Vehicles are caught up in a tailback in Ashekpur bypass area on the Dhaka-Tangail highway as the work for expanding the two-lane road into four-lane is underway. With the Eid-ul-Fitr only around three weeks away, locals and transport workers fear that holidaymakers would suffer delays on the highway as the construction work remains incomplete in parts of the road. Inset, land is being filled in Gharinda area of Tangail. The photos were taken on Thursday.

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