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Zero tolerance for terrorism

Hasina assures visiting Indian home minister

"We're always in favour of holding dialogue to mitigate any problem."

PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA

"Had an extremely fruitful meeting with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka today."

INDIAN HOME MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has reiterated that Bangladesh doesn't allow its territory to be used by any terrorist, terrorist group or entity against any state or people, and always favours resolving any issue with neighbours through talks.

During a meeting with the visiting Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh at her official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday, the PM said Bangladesh strongly condemned terrorism and violent extremism in all forms.

"In line with its zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and violent extremism, Bangladesh doesn't allow its territory to be used by any terrorist individual, group and entity against any state or people," she said. Stating that Bangladesh is in favour of holding dialogue to mitigate any problem, she said, "We're always in favour of holding dialogue to mitigate any problem. We've resolved many issues like the land boundary disputes through this process."

The PM's Additional Press Secretary M Nazrul Islam briefed reporters after the meeting, which was also attended by Bangladesh's Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and other top officials of both countries, reports UNB.

After the meeting, Singh said on his

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WORLD'S LARGEST INDIAN VISA CENTRE
OPENS IN DHAKA -- PAGE 5

France's second or Croatia's first?

1998 champions take on first-time finalists in WC final at the Luzhniki Stadium today



Kylian Mbappe, left, and Antoine Griezmann have shouldered the lion's share of goalscoring responsibility in France's run to the final and if these two forwards fire again, it might take some stopping from Croatia to deny Les Bleus a second World Cup title. PHOTO: AFP

AL-AMIN from Moscow

A month ago, if someone had predicted that France and Croatia would play the World Cup final in Russia, most of us would have dumped it as an impossible option. But here we are with that spectacularly different reality -- the Les Bleus and the Blazers lining up for today's final at the Luzhniki Stadium.

France are no rank outsiders -- they are a proven force and won the World Cup in 1998. But Croatia have certainly lived up their nickname -- blazing their way to their first-ever World Cup final. And if BELGIUM SEAL THIRD PLACE -- PAGE S1

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Croatia too dangerous

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE

Warriors! That is the word that describes Croatia the best.

Croatia has a short yet spectacular football history. A country (56,595 square km) half the size of Bangladesh has stormed

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TODAY'S MATCH (FINAL)
FRANCE V CROATIA
Time: 9:00pm
BANGLADESH TIME

Sharif had to return

Analysts say the ex-Pak PM had no option left to save his political career and party

AGENCIES, DAWN

The return of Pakistan's ex-prime minister Nawaz Sharif to the country on Friday was a 'political necessity', said analysts, adding that this will also determine the fate of his party in the coming election and in the long run.

Sharif, who claims he is being targeted by the country's powerful security establishment, is fighting for his political life as his Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party limps into the final weeks of campaign-

ing ahead of nationwide polls on July 25.

He was arrested along with his daughter Maryam Nawaz on his return to the country Friday, where he faces 10 years in prison for corruption, ahead of already tense elections his party claims are being rigged.

The election will pit the PML-N against its main rival, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, a party led by cricket star-turned-politician Imran Khan. The powerful military is accused of working behind the scenes to

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