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Persuade Myanmar to take back Rohingyas
PM to UN envoy

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged UN Secretary General's Special Envoy Christine Schraner Burgener to persuade Myanmar to take back Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh. She made the request when the special envoy on Myanmar met her at her office.

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Unsettled LCs, ghostly import

BB detects violations in forex transactions; importers open LCs, transfer money abroad but no bills of entry submitted

JEBUN NESA ALO

The Bangladesh Bank has detected some gross violations in foreign exchange transactions that have raised concerns about money laundering.

The violations have taken place in the following way.

First, letters of credit (LCs) were opened with loans from banks, and the money was transferred abroad to the designated importer's accounts.

But then the importers didn't bother to

submit the bills of entry -- the document to prove that the goods actually entered the country. In bankers' opinion, it signifies that the goods did not enter the country and money had taken flight.

This is a major financial irregularity, and this is exactly what is happening right now.

According to BB estimates, about 7 percent of the LCs remains mysteriously unsettled with no bill of entry submitted.

Janata Bank alone shares 3 percent of the LCs or about half of the cases of

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Trump, Putin move to mend relations

US president sees no reason to believe Moscow behind polls meddling

AFP, Helsinki

Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin vowed a fresh start to troubled relations between the world's greatest nuclear powers at their first summit yesterday, as the American leader rejected a chance to condemn Moscow's alleged manipulation of US elections.

The US and Russian leaders came out of their meeting in Helsinki expressing a desire to cooperate on global challenges, after talks on an array of issues from Syria, Ukraine and China to trade tariffs and the size of their nuclear arsenals.

Standing alongside Putin at a joint news conference, Trump said he had "spent a great deal of time talking about" election meddling, without going into detail or explicitly condemning any interference, after 12 Russian

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I want my boy back

Pleads mother of quota reform leader Tarek who went missing 2 days ago

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shahana Begum was frequently turning back to have a look at the photo of her son printed on the banner. Eventually she broke down in tears, which made it difficult for her to start the press conference.

Two days went by and her son did not come home.

She had a sleepless night worrying and attending two police stations to file a general diary but all in vain, while her

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After France won the World Cup in Russia just the day before, they were given a heroes' welcome as the team were paraded down the Champs Elysees Avenue in Paris yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

WC celebrations rock Paris

AFP, Paris

The World Cup-winning French team returned home to a heroes' welcome yesterday, parading down the Champs-Elysees as hundreds of thousands of cheering fans gave a raucous welcome to the country's newest idols.

France overcame a determined Croatia to win 4-2 in Sunday's final in Russia, with teenager Kylian Mbappe applying the coup de grace and cementing his place as a new global superstar at the age of just 19.

Millions of fans in France then cele-



brated into the night, honking car horns and flying the tricolour flag while the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe were lit up in the national colours of blue, white and red.

Crowds began converging early Monday on the Champs-Elysees, the gathering point for all national celebrations, to catch a glimpse of a returning squad which has captured the country's imagination.

As the celebrating players descended on an open-air bus under heavy police

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Hearts won by Croatia

SYED ASHAFAQU HAQUE

From Russia, with no surprise!

Being the most formidable among 32 teams, France won the World Cup for the second time. First-time finalists Croatia had a good shot at the ultimate glory in football. But the

World Cup, at least for now, is meant to be shared by the elite club of eight countries who won it previously.

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