



President Abdul Hamid congratulates Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Bangabhaban yesterday after she is sworn in for the third consecutive term.

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# Hasina set for 20yrs as PM

Her fourth term, third in a row, begins as president administers oath to 47-member council of ministers she leads

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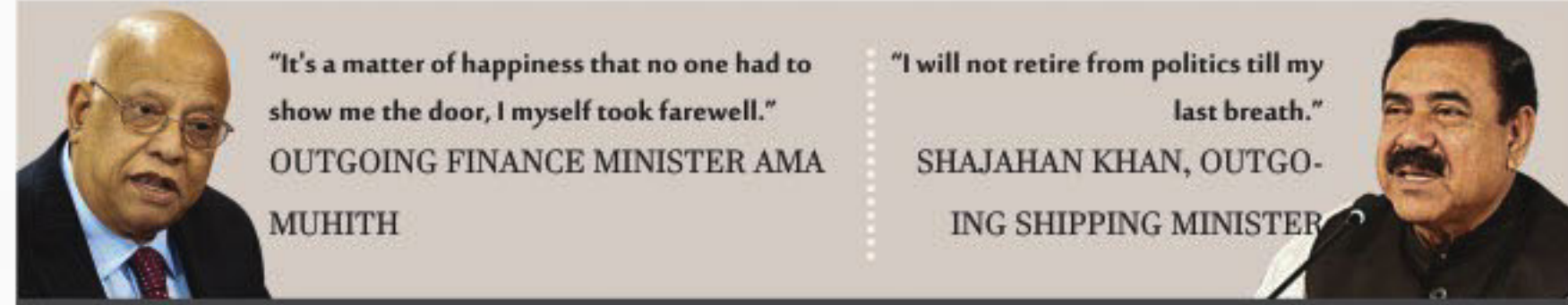
Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday formed government for the third consecutive term as she took oath as the prime minister leading a 47-member council of ministers. This is her fourth term in office. With the tenure from 1996 to 2001 and three terms in a row since 2008, she heads for a record 20 years as the prime minister. President Abdul Hamid administered the oath of office and oath of secrecy to Hasina and her new cabinet colleagues while Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiu Alam conducted the

programme at the Bangabhaban Darbar Hall. After the swearing-in was over, Hasina signed the oath of office and oath of secrecy. Her new council of ministers includes 24 ministers, 19 state ministers and three deputy ministers. She has dropped 34 of the previous cabinet, including AL heavyweights Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Mohammed Nasim and Matia Chowdhury, to induct 27 new faces and four former ministers into the council of ministers. Of the 34 left out, 23 were full ministers, nine state ministers and two deputy ministers. Besides, Hasina chose two and dropped two of

the four technocrat ministers who had resigned last month while forming the election-time government. AL insiders say the prime minister picked new faces for the cabinet from the districts that had no representation in it for long. Immediately after the cabinet members took oath, the Cabinet Division published a gazette distributing portfolios among them and the previous cabinet got abolished with this. According to the gazette, the PM herself is in charge of the Cabinet Division, Ministry of Public Administration, Ministry of Defence, SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

## Outgoing ministers welcome new ones

Accept changes in council of ministers, hope to play role in continuation of dev



STAR REPORT

Outgoing ministers yesterday expressed hopes that the new cabinet members would play a key role in accelerating the pace of development. After holding the office for 10 years, outgoing finance minister AMA Muhith said, "I think the change that has been brought is good....It is fine."

Muhith, who turns 85 this month, smiled as he told reporters that he was glad that he didn't have to leave the post "in disgrace". "It is a matter of happiness that no one had to show me the door, I myself took farewell." At the commerce ministry, outgoing minister Tofail Ahmed told a farewell ceremony that the new faces in the cabinet were qualified and tested leaders of the Awami League, SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

## Bangladesh 2nd largest economy in South Asia

To become 24th largest economy in world by 2033: UK think tank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been ranked 41st among the world's largest economies in 2019, moving up two notches from last year's. The country has become the second biggest economy in South Asia, according to an analysis by a London-based think-tank. Among the other South Asian countries, India is ranked 5th, Pakistan 44th, Sri Lanka 66th, Nepal 101st, Afghanistan 115th, the Maldives 156th, and Bhutan 166th, in the World Economic League Table, published annually by the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR). SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

## Mob beats 'extortionist' to death in Chattogram

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Angry traders and locals yesterday morning beat a former Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader to death, for alleged extortion, at Pahartali Railway Bazar in the port city. The dead was identified as Md Mohiuddin Sohel, 35, son of Abdul Barek, from SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



Sohel

## Heartiest Congratulations

Sheikh Hasina, The mother of humanity  
The fourth time elected Prime Minister of Bangladesh  
Who is being regarded as one of the top leaders of the century  
Who changed the fate of the poorest of the poor  
Who moved millions of people to live a life  
Who has surpassed the limit of any prize  
The world can offer.  
Sheikh Hasina, The true torch bearer of our  
Father of the Nation.  
You are tracing for us the  
path of glory like a North Star.  
A deep rooted daughter of  
the soil, do lead us to  
fly in the sky limitless.  
Be your continued leadership  
take us to the gateway of infinite prosperity.

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