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## Help revive healthy politics

### PM urges new Ducsu leaders also to keep peace on campus; Nur, BCL leaders meet her at Gono Bhaban

**STAR REPORT**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the newly elected leaders of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu) to help revive healthy politics in the country. "This Ducsu election was very crucial to creating leadership," she said as the student representatives called on her at the Gono Bhaban in the afternoon.

"Let healthy political trend return to the country through this election. It's our job to bring back this healthy political trend," she added.

The prime minister on Thursday invited Ducsu and hall union leaders to a meeting scheduled for 4:00pm yesterday. Responding to it, they paid the visit to her official residence.

Hasina advised them to learn how to lead the country. "You'll have to learn how you

can lead the future Bangladesh. So love the country and the people," she added.

"If you work to take the country towards development rising above personal aspirations, you'll be successful leaders. And this is the teaching of the Father of the Nation. You should follow this."

Ducsu Vice President Nurul Haque Nur, General Secretary Golam Rabbani and Assistant General Secretary Saddam Hossain addressed the meet.

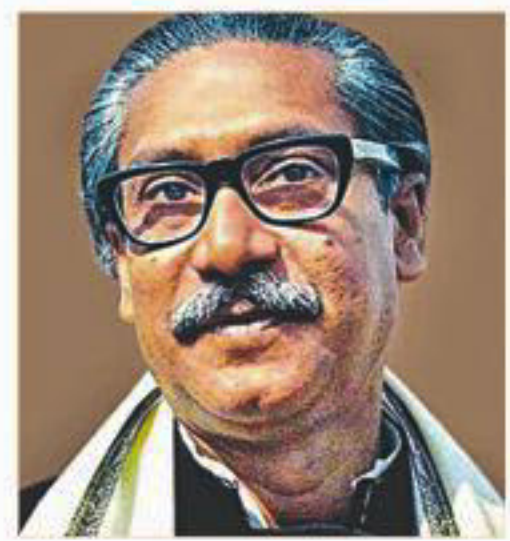
Besides, Bangladesh Chhatra League President Rezwanul Haque Chowdhury Shovan and vice-presidents of 18 hall unions spoke on the occasion.

DU BCL President Sanjit Chandra Das, also the organisation's polls steering committee chief, delivered the welcome address while Golam Rabbani introduced to the

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greets a smiling Nurul Haque Nur, vice-president-elect of Ducsu, at the Gono Bhaban yesterday afternoon while Golam Rabbani, general secretary-elect of Ducsu, looks on.



## Nation marks Bangabandhu's birth anniversary

**BSS, Dhaka**

The country is all set to celebrate the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Children's Day-2019 today in a befitting manner.

On this day in 1920, Bangabandhu, the vivacious leader of the Bangalee nation, the architect of independent Bangladesh and the greatest Bangalee of all times, was born in a

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MARCH 17, 1971

## Mujib meets Yahya

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The spontaneous non-cooperation movement of Bangalees stepped into its 16th day.

On this day in 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman met the then Pakistan's President Yahya Khan at the latter's residence to resolve the ongoing crisis for the second consecutive day.

That meeting went on for about one hour.

After the meeting, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in a press briefing told journalists that the discussion

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## Where had he been?

### Missing ex-ambassador Maroof Zaman returns after 15 months

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Former Bangladesh ambassador to Vietnam Maroof Zaman returned to his Dhanmondi home in the city early yesterday, over 15 months after he had gone missing.

"After fifteen and a half months, or 467 days... my father is back," Shabnam Zaman, elder daughter of the former diplomat, wrote in her Facebook page in the evening.

"We would now like to request privacy so that we can process and heal. We have no further comments or details to share at this time," she said.

She also expressed gratitude to those who had supported their family throughout this period.

Dhanmondi OC Abdul Latif said a police team visited the ex-envoy's house yesterday afternoon.

Maroof, 62, could not say who had "picked him up" and how he returned home as he was sick, the OC said.

The security guard at the building took him to his flat after he had reached near it around 12:45am, Latif added.

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## 5 Bangladeshis still missing

**MAZHAR UDDIN from Christchurch and MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR**

Relatives and friends were desperately waiting to know the fate of five Bangladeshis missing since Friday's terror attack on two Christchurch mosques.

Another four Bangladeshis were being treated at a hospital in the city of New Zealand.

During Friday's prayers, a "white supremacist" walked into AL Noor Mosque, indiscriminately shooting unarmed devotees. Reuters said the terrorist massacred 41 people right there.

Seven more were killed at another mosque in neighbouring Linwood while one person died after being taken to the Christchurch Hospital.

The New Zealand authorities did not disclose the identities of the victims till last night.

Talking to The Daily Star around 6:30pm yesterday, Shafiqur Rahman Bhuiyan, honorary consul to the Consulate of Bangladesh in Auckland, said he hoped the details would be available today.

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## Defiant terror suspect charged with murder

**NEW ZEALAND MOSQUE MASSACRE**

**Kiwis show outpouring of support to the victims as PM vows to reform gun laws**

**AFP, Christchurch**

The right-wing extremist charged over the horrifying attacks on New Zealand mosques flashed a white power gesture as he appeared in court yesterday, while a shellshocked community began digging graves for the 49 people he stands accused of slaying.

Australia-born 28-year-old Brenton Tarrant stood largely impassive in the dock wearing handcuffs and a white prison smock, as the judge read the first of what are expected to be a host of murder charges he is likely to face.

Flanked by armed police, the former personal fitness trainer gestured an upside-down "okay" -- a symbol used by white power groups worldwide.

He did not request bail and was remanded in custody until an April 5 court appearance.

Outside the courtroom, Christchurch residents struggled to deal with the aftermath of what is thought to be the worst act of terror against Muslims in the West.

Nearby, excavators were called in to remove the vast amount of earth needed to bury the dead, although police have not yet released the bodies to anxious families.

In a nearby hospital, doctors worked round the clock to treat 39 people for gunshot wounds and other injuries sustained in the attacks.

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## Right-wing terror threat on the rise

**Says Global Terrorism Index**

**MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA**

Generally considered peaceful and safe, New Zealand on Friday witnessed a gruesome massacre reminiscent of the one carried out by Norwegian Anders Breivik who had killed 77 people in 2011.

The possibility of such terrorist attacks happening again could not be ignored completely due to the global threat of rising violent extremism.

The Institute for Economics and Peace of Australia had indicated that such activities were on the rise.

Terrorists on Friday shot dead 49 people and wounded about 40 others in two mosques in Christchurch. The details of the massacre are still emerging.

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