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Prove it or face music

PM asks campus demonstrators raising allegations against VCs

UNB, *Dhaka*

Coming down hard on those involved in movements against the vice-chancellors of several universities, including Jahangirnagar University, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the accusers would have to face punishment if they failed to prove the allegations.

"If they fail to prove the allegations, they will be punished for bringing false accusations... we will definitely do this. Because I can't tolerate that classes will remain closed day after day," she said.

The PM made the comments while distributing cheques of financial assistance among some sick, financially insolvent and injured journalists as well as the families of journalists killed in road accidents.

The cheques were handed over at a simple ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office. The money came from Bangladesh Journalist Welfare Trust.

Hasina said movements started suddenly against several VCs and the protesters were branding them as corrupt.

Mentioning that the protesters must prove the allegations raised at Jahangirnagar University, she said, "If anyone fails to prove, the accuser will have to face the same punishment [what might have been awarded to the accused] as is mentioned in the law."

The PM said she has already directed the authorities concerned to keep the records and footage of speeches and words of everyone who are bringing allegations.

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India skipper Rohit Sharma was in rampaging form as he led India to a series-levelling win against Bangladesh in the second T20I at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot yesterday. Sharma, playing his 100th T20I, hit 85 off 43 balls. | PHOTO: AFP

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Sharma blaze levels series for India

SPORTS REPORTER

India skipper Rohit Sharma put on an awe-inspiring display of hitting as the hosts cantered to an emphatic eight-wicket win over Bangladesh in the second T20I at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot yesterday. The win levelled the three-match T20I series 1-1, with the decider to be played in Nagpur on Sunday.

In pursuit of a sub-par 153 for six from Bangladesh in perfect batting conditions, Sharma -- playing his 100th T20I -- put the bowlers to the sword with a demolition job that ended only in the 13th over when he was caught off leg-spinner Aminul Islam for 85 off 43 balls. By then, six sixes

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Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal, a freedom fighter and lawmaker of Chattogram-8 (Boalkhali-Chandgaon), passed away at a hospital in India early yesterday at the age of 67.

Badal, also the executive president of a faction of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), breathed his last at Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences around 6:45am, his younger

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CONDUCIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ROHINGYA RETURN

US slams Myanmar over inaction

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Alice G Wells

Bonnie Glick

The US has condemned Myanmar's inaction in creating conditions conducive to a voluntary, safe and dignified return of the Rohingyas.

In a statement following a visit by two top US officials to Bangladesh between November 5-7, the country also underscored that it would continue its efforts to bring an end to the refugee crisis.

USAID Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick and Acting Assistant Secretary of State Alice G Wells travelled here to promote expanded US-Bangladesh bilateral relations, boost commercial and security ties, and address the ongoing Rohingya crisis, according to a statement released by the US embassy in Dhaka.

During their time in Bangladesh, the duo visited Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, home to some one million Rohingyas, including some 750,000 who fled a brutal military crackdown in Myanmar since August 2017.

They also met ministers, government officials, business owners and opposition leaders during their visit.

"In her meetings with government of Bangladesh officials, Acting Assistant Secretary Wells stressed that the solution to the Rohingya refugee crisis lay in Burma and condemned the inaction by Burmese authorities to create conditions for voluntary, safe, and dignified returns," the statement said.

She stressed that the US would continue its bilateral and multilateral efforts to bring

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NEW ROAD LAW

Yet another week before it's in use

Ministry dragging its feet over rules formulation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The road transport and bridges ministry has once again delayed the implementation of the Road Transport-Act 2018, after the authorities already failed to take necessary measures to start enforcing it on November 1 as was announced earlier.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday extended the time by one more week for the implementation of the law.

On November 2, Quader said that no case would be

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PROTESTS AT PUBLIC UNIVS

Academic activities severely hampered

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Academic activities at some public universities have been thrown into disarray due to unrest over different issues, including allegations of vice-chancellors' involvement in irregularities and corruption.

With no immediate solution in sight, thousands of students of these universities are facing disruptions in their academic life.

Take the case of Jahangirnagar University.

Many students and teachers have been agitating on the campus since September 18, demanding the resignation of VC Prof Farzana Islam over her alleged involvement in corruption and mismanagement of a Tk 1,445-crore campus development project.

Academic activities have been disrupted from the day the agitation began. The authorities on Tuesday shut down the university for an indefinite period and ordered the students to vacate the dormitories. Most of the students have already left the dorms.

Prof Farzana denies her involvement in any graft or irregularities.

At Buet, students have been boycotting classes and tests for over a month, demanding punishment for the killers

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INDIA VS BANGLADESH

SECOND T20I BRIEF SCORE

BANGLADESH:
153 for 6 in 20 overs
(Liton 29, Naim 36, Soumya 30, Mahmudullah 30; Chahal 2-28)

INDIA:
154 for 2 in 15.4 overs
(Rohit 85, Dhawan 31, Iyer not out 24, KL Rahul not out 8; Aminul 2-29)

RESULT:
India won by 8 wickets