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French President Emmanuel Macron



# Govt may opt to go easy on BNP protests

## AL insiders say party under pressure for attacks on opposition demos

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The ruling Awami League has hinted it will try to handle BNP's ongoing protests deftly, as the government is under "pressure" from the international community for its highhandedness towards the opposition programmes.

The party high-ups have already instructed its leaders and activists not to engage in violence at the opposition rallies and processions that began late last month over the price hike of daily essentials and fuel, said AL insiders.

The police have also been directed not to arrest BNP leaders and activists en masse until the situation starts "spiralling out of control", said sources with knowledge of the matter.

"No one will be spared if they make an attack defying the party chief's [Sheikh Hasina] directives. The liabilities of such actions will eventually fall on the government. Our leader does not tolerate such misdeeds..." AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader told a meeting at the party president's Dhanmondi office on Monday.

Quader reiterated the warning the following day, but added that the BNP should not create anarchy in the name of demonstrations.

BNP's ongoing demonstrations began on August 22 with reassurances from the top level of the government that the programmes would not be restricted.

But violent attacks by the ruling party activists on BNP events kept making headlines while the opposition leaders and activists faced arrests. Four BNP men got killed and scores injured.

Wednesday's clashes between police and BNP activists in Munshiganj left a Jubo Dal leader dead.

On September 17, AL men allegedly attacked BNP



"Police will not create any obstacle to the peaceful political programmes by any opposition parties, and this is the stance of the government and the [ruling] party as well."

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden at a reception at the American Museum of Natural History on Wednesday. It was organised for the heads of state and government, who are now in New York to join the 77th United Nations General Assembly.

PHOTO: BSS

## REINTEGRATION OF RETURNEE MIGRANTS

# Loan requirements too hard to meet

JAMIL MAHMUD

Returnee migrant workers find it difficult to meet the reintegration loan eligibility set by the Probashi Kallyan Bank.

Also, there are discrepancies between the bank's loan disbursement rule and the practices by its officials concerned in this regard.

This was revealed in a recent study by Oviyashi Karmi Unnayan Program (Okup), a migrant rights group.

Going beyond the relevant rule, bank officials ask the loan seekers to use government officials as guarantor, according to the study titled "Sustainable Economic Reintegration

of Bangladeshi Migrant Workers: The Role of the Probashi Kallyan Bank", published early last month.

It also found that returnee migrants willing to invest in businesses face difficulties in submitting up-to-date trade licence and signed blank cheques of their bank accounts and also that of the guarantors.

Bankers even ask for a six month's bank statement, though there is no mention about it in the relevant rule, the report said.

Okup Chairperson Shakirul Islam, also a researcher of the study, said apart from parent, sibling, child or spouse of a loan applicant, a socially important

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## AIRPORT SECURITY

# Rejoinder, our reply

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) has sent a rejoinder to a report headlined "US team unhappy over HSA security", published in The Daily Star on September 14.

Caab termed the report completely baseless and untrue and said the regional director of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the US visited the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) twice as part of the team. The team was highly satisfied about the existing security arrangements at the

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## THEFT OF SAFF CHAMPS' CASH

# How or where, no clue yet

RASHIDUL HASAN and ANISUR RAHMAN

Nobody could tell yesterday how \$1,300 and other belongings of two of the heroes of Bangladesh's SAFF Women's Championship-winning team were stolen, staining the jubulations.

After receiving a grand reception on their arrival from Kathmandu, in which the team was put on an open-top double-decker and paraded from the airport to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) headquarters in Motijheel, Krishna Rani Sarkar and Shamsunnahar Sr discovered that their valuables have been stolen.

Their bags were found unlocked and the money missing.

Krishna lost \$900 and Shamsunnahar \$400. Mahfuza Akhter Kiran, head of the BFF women's wing at a press conference yesterday afternoon, termed the incident "extremely disappointing".

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জিডি-১৭৭৯



A hill being cut to build houses at Uttar Baluchar Jonaki in Sylhet city. Local law enforcers seem to turn a blind eye to this utter disregard for environment laws. The photo was taken recently.

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