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Irresponsible person mustn't assume power PM asks all to stay alert

BSS, Dhaka



Criticising the then BNP government's "irresponsible management" of the devastating 1991 cyclone, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said people should be cautious so that no irresponsible person assumes power.

"I urge the countrymen to be cautious so that any person like her [Khaleda Zia], who showed irresponsibility by saying that the number of deaths was less than expected, cannot come to power," she said.

The PM was addressing a programme marking the inauguration of 50 Mujib Killas, 80 flood shelters and 25 district relief warehouses-slash-disaster information centres on the occasion

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50 NAMES OF GREY ... This brown bird, commonly known as the Grey Francolin, has some fascinating names in places they are native to -- mainly plains and drier parts of South Asia. It was formerly named the Grey Partridge, while it is widely known as "teeter" in India, owing to its loud and repetitive calls "Ka-teetar..tee-tar". It is sometimes also referred to as the "chicken bird" in other places due to the resemblance. The small bird is mostly sedentary and feeds mainly on seeds, grains as well as insects, particularly termites and beetles. While the IUCN has listed the bird in the "least concerned" category, hunting still remains a big threat to the Grey Francolin. The photo was taken in Rajshahi.

PHOTO: ADNAN HOSSAIN

UNGA RESOLUTION Dhaka votes against Russia's annexation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has voted in favour of a UN General Assembly resolution demanding that Russia reverses its course on "attempted illegal annexation" of four regions of Ukraine.

In the voting that took place in New York early yesterday (Dhaka time), the UNGA passed the resolution by a large majority, calling on countries not to recognise the four Ukrainian regions which Russia has claimed following so-called referendums late last month.

A total of 143 member states voted in favour of the resolution and Belarus, North Korea, Nicaragua, Russia, and Syria voted against. Thirty-five nations abstained, including China and India.

This was the highest number of votes against Russia since its invasion of Ukraine in February this year.

The debate over the Ukrainian resolution began on Monday.

Last week, President Vladimir Putin signed documents to make the eastern Ukrainian regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson part of Russia. The UN Security Council failed to adopt a resolution, condemning the annexation, as Russia vetoed.

Bangladesh said it strongly believes that the purposes and principles of the UN Charter regarding respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of all disputes must be complied universally for everyone, everywhere under all circumstances, without any exception.

In a statement, the foreign ministry

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WWIII if Ukraine joins Nato Warns Russia as forces pound 40 cities, towns; Nato plans 'European Sky Shield'

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The admission of Ukraine to Nato could result in a third world war, Moscow warned yesterday, as Russian missiles pounded more than 40 Ukrainian cities and towns and Nato allies unveiled plans to beef up Europe's air defences.

"Kyiv is well aware that such a step would mean a guaranteed escalation to a World War Three," TASS cited the deputy secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Alexander Venediktov, as saying.

Fourteen European allies yesterday signed up to a German plan to buy new air defence systems together, as Nato looks to bolster its ability to deal with the threat from Russia.

"We are living in threatening, dangerous times," said German Defence Minister Christine Lambrecht at the signing ceremony where Germany and European Nato members committed to jointly procuring weapons for a "European Sky Shield" to better protect their territory.

Moscow renewed warnings that more military aid for Kyiv agreed earlier this week at the Nato

meeting made members of the US-led military alliance "a direct party to the conflict."

Nato is not likely to quickly allow Ukraine to join, not least because its membership during an ongoing war would put the United States and allies into direct conflict with Russia under the alliance's collective defence clause.

Ahead of the meeting of Nato's defence ministers, including close-door talks by its nuclear planning group, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin yesterday reaffirmed Washington's commitment to defend "every inch" of members' territory.

Even before the invasion, Nato had dragged its feet on Ukrainian membership. Shortly after Russia's assault began Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky signalled he was willing to consider neutrality.

Zelensky has since asked for fast-track membership, hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin proclaimed partially occupied regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and

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China aware
of sensitivity
around Teesta
project

DIPLOMATIC
CORRESPONDENT

China is serious about implementing the Teesta River Comprehensive Management Project but is also cautious due to the sensitivities it holds, said Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jiming yesterday.

"But I have to be frank... that the Chinese side is a bit reluctant about this project. The reason is the sensitivity we sensed," Jiming said at a seminar on "National Image of China in Bangladesh" organised by the Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS) at a city hotel.

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2 men held over gang rape in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two people on charges of raping a beauty parlour worker in Dhaka's Shukrabon on Tuesday night.

Mohammad Riad, 24, and Yasir Hossain Siam, 23 – both private university students – were arrested after the victim's husband filed a case against four people with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station.

The two other accused – Jitu, 24, and Taslima, 21 – are absconding, police said.

The law enforcers did not disclose the area where the arrests were made as "it might hamper further raids and investigation".

The rape took place on Tuesday night in Riad's home in the capital's Shukrabon while his parents were away, said HM Azimul Haque, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Tejgaon division.

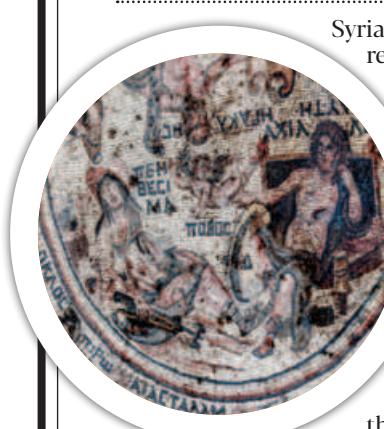
During primary interrogation, Riad told police that he noticed the 25-year-old victim in a Facebook advertisement post, in which she offered beauty treatment and parlour services at home.

On Tuesday afternoon, a girl introducing herself as Taslima called the victim and asked her

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Syria unearths stunning Roman- era mosaic

AFP, Ar Rastan



Syria has revealed a remarkably intact 1,600 year-old Roman-era mosaic including depictions of warriors in the Trojan War, with authorities hailing it as one of the "rarest" found.

The mosaic is the latest to be found in Rastan in northern Syria's Homs district, which the government seized back from rebels in 2018 after years of bloodshed.

Soldiers carrying swords and shields are seen with the names of Greek leaders who took part in the Trojan War, Hammam Saad, who

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\$200M LOAN TO COLOMBO SL to start paying back next Feb-Mar Says Bangladesh Bank governor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sri Lanka will start repaying Bangladesh the \$200 million loan in the first quarter of next year, Bangladesh Bank Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder has said.

The BB governor made the statement after a meeting with P Nandalal Weerasinghe, governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World

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**Viva - voce announcement for the
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The viva-voce of the Commonwealth Scholarships tenable in the UK (MS & PhD) – 2023 is going to be held on 16th October 2022 at UGC. The applicants are requested to check the UGC website (www.ugc.gov.bd) to find short list/s, viva-voce date/s, result/s and other directions etc. All relevant information will be uploaded at the UGC website timely. No communication will be made with the applicant/s from UGC side.

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