



## Morocco quake kills over 1,300

Rescue teams comb for survivors; 1,832 injured; no Bangladeshis reported harmed

### STAR REPORT

The deadliest earthquake in Morocco since 1960 has killed more than 1,300 people, as troops and emergency services scrambled to reach remote mountain villages where casualties are still feared trapped, authorities said yesterday.

The 6.8 magnitude quake struck late Friday in a mountainous area 72 kilometres (45 miles) southwest of tourist hotspot Marrakesh, the US Geological Survey reported.

With strong tremors also felt in the coastal cities of Rabat, Casablanca and Essaouira, the quake caused widespread damage and sent terrified residents and tourists scrambling to safety in the middle of the night.

However, no Bangladeshis were injured, said the Bangladesh embassy in Rabat.

"All Bangladeshi expatriates are safe," Ummul Husnaeen, chargé d'affaires at embassy, told The Daily



A woman standing in front of her earthquake-damaged house in the old city in Marrakesh yesterday. A powerful earthquake shook Morocco late Friday. PHOTO: AFP

## Respond to global crises unitedly

PM urges G20

### STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for strengthening global solidarity and adopting coordinated response to address crises.



"Here G20 and international financial institutions have crucial roles to play, and Bangladesh is ready to support their efforts for tailoring actionable recommendations to tackle the crises," she said while putting forward four recommendations concerning the existence of mankind and the Earth.

Hasina was addressing the "One Earth" session of the G20 summit in New Delhi, report BSS and UNB.

The premier was attending the summit at the Bharat Mandapam convention centre at the invitation of her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi.

In her second recommendation, Hasina said bold, concrete and concerted actions must be taken at the global level for ensuring global peace and stability for the greater benefit of humanity.

In her third recommendation, the premier urged all to operationalise Loss and Damage Fund as early as possible for creating additional financing mechanisms to address climate induced migration.

Hasina in her fourth recommendation said that all humans should have equal rights.

"The global community must not forget ensuring of the return of the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals to Myanmar and it must continue its humanitarian support," she said.

The PM made the recommendations as one of the champions of the UN secretary-

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Bill McGuire, professor emeritus at Britain's University College London

Star in a WhatsApp message around 6:48pm yesterday.

She said they have been in constant touch with the Bangladeshis present in the country and remained alert to provide any support given the current situation.

There are about 50 Bangladeshis enlisted with the mission who live in different parts of Morocco, the official said.

A few of them are business people while several others are in blue-collar jobs, she added.

In the mountain village of Moulay Brahim near the quake's epicentre, rescue teams searched for survivors in the rubble of collapsed houses while residents began digging graves for the dead on a nearby hill, reports AFP.

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## Macron due in town today

PORIMOL PALMA



French President Emmanuel Macron is arriving in Dhaka today on a two-day visit, in a testament to the growing importance of Bangladesh

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## Delhi declaration adopted amid divides over war

Ukraine says statement 'nothing to be proud of' as it makes no mention of 'Russian aggression'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The G20 summit in New Delhi under India's presidency yesterday reached a consensus on the leaders' joint declaration after India changed the text on the deeply divisive issue of the Ukraine war.

The announcement about the consensus on the declaration and its subsequent adoption came hours after India circulated a new text to the G20 countries to describe the Ukraine conflict.

There have been several rounds of

negotiation without any consensus on the text on Ukraine before India yesterday shared a new narrative on the Ukraine crisis for the joint declaration.

The new draft emphatically said the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is "inadmissible," which diplomats saw as an indirect message to Russia. There was, however, no direct mention of Russian aggression in Ukraine.

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