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AL committed
to upholding
democracy
PM tells US
mission; delegation
meets 2 ministers

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the Awami League is committed to upholding democracy in Bangladesh.

"We have fought for democracy and attained democracy," she said when a 12 member US pre-election assessment mission paid a

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SUKANTA HALDER

The government failed to enforce the price cap on onions and potatoes even for a single day since it issued the order about a month ago.

Government agencies raided kitchen markets numerous times across the country, but the retail and wholesale prices stayed way above the limit set by the agriculture ministry on September 14.

And the victims are the people of limited income already struggling to cope with the rising cost of living.

Consumer rights campaigners and economists believe capping prices never works unless supply increases according to demand.

Retailers say they cannot sell at the set prices since they are spending more to procure the goods. Wholesalers claim that they cannot lower the

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Govt to buy 261
SUVs in times
of austerity

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and
BAHARAM KHAN

At a time when the government has undertaken austerity measures to reduce public spending, it is going to purchase 261 Sport Utility Vehicles for district commissioners and Upazila Nirbahi Officers ahead of the national election.

A meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs,

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ADB to provide \$3b
each year till 2026

To support vaccine manufacturing efforts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Asian Development Bank is planning to provide budget support and big project financing for the next three years to facilitate the country's smooth graduation from the least developed country bracket.

"At least, we will try to achieve \$3 billion next year...on an average, \$3 billion every year [for] next three years for Bangladesh," ADB Country Director Edimon Ginting

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That's the
way to chase

NABID YEASIN

"I did not do anything special," Mohammad Rizwan said after guiding Pakistan to a record World Cup run-chase against Sri Lanka in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

At no point during Pakistan's attempt to chase down a mammoth 345-run target at the Rajiv Gandhi



International Stadium did it seem that Babar Azam's troops were after something that had never been achieved in the 48-year history of the World Cup.

The chase looked sublime and clinical -- perhaps not the adjectives often used for Pakistan, a nation that revels in its history for being unpredictable.

However, that 'unpredictable' trait of Pakistan was probably on display in the way Rizwan and Abdullah Shafique plotted the entire chase over by over despite losing their key batter and skipper Babar Azam early to be reeling at 37 for two.

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PHOTO: AFP

Rohit Sharma raises his bat after smashing a 63-ball century during India's eight-wicket victory against Afghanistan in their World Cup fixture in New Delhi yesterday.



Rohit's record ton flattens Afghanistan

AFP, New Delhi

Captain Rohit Sharma on Wednesday surpassed compatriot Sachin Tendulkar with a record seventh World Cup century to lead India to a crushing eight-wicket win over Afghanistan.

Chasing 273 for victory in New Delhi, the hosts rode on Rohit's 131 to achieve their target in 35 overs for a second straight win in the 50-over showpiece event.



He brought the nearly packed house to its feet with his century off 63 balls to go past Tendulkar's record of six tons in World Cups.

Rohit's century was also the fastest by an Indian in a World Cup, quicker than Kapil Dev's hundred in 72 balls against Zimbabwe in 1983.

Rohit hit the ball to all parts of the ground as he reached 1,000 World Cup runs and then went past

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