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# RMG workers must accept new wage

PM says at ALCWC meeting

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said readymade garment workers must accept the new minimum wage.

She said this in her introductory speech at the Awami League Central Working Committee meeting at the Gono Bhaban last night.

"If the workers do not accept this, then the people who are now instigating them to take to the streets will kill them," BSS quoted her as saying

Even though the owners increased the workers' minimum wage to Tk 12,500, the vested quarters are trying to create a situation to destabilise the garment sector, she said.

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### Don't comment on diplomats' remarks

Hasina asks party colleagues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked her party colleagues not to comment on remarks made by foreign diplomats stationed in

She issued the directive at a meeting of Awami League Central Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the ruling party, at the Gono Bhaban last night, said sources present at the meeting.

Her instructions came at a time when some foreign diplomats are

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Rachin Ravindra's impressive run in the World Cup continued as he picked up two wickets and then scored a 34-ball 42 to help his side cruise to a fivewicket win over Sri Lanka in Bengaluru yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS



# Kiwis bounce back to put one foot in semis

AFP, Bengaluru

Trent Boult led an inspired bowling display to help New Zealand down Sri Lanka by five wickets yesterday and move to the brink of the World Cup semi-finals.

Chasing a modest 172 for victory, New Zealand rode on an opening stand



between Devon Conway (45) and Rachin Ravindra (42) to achieve the target with 160 balls to spare in Bengaluru.

The Kiwis remain in fourth position with 10 points ahead of Pakistan and Afghanistan and a with much superior net run-rate than their rivals.

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**EKUSH TAPADER** from Pune

Bangladesh fast-bowling Allan coach Donald confirmed yesterday that he will step down from his role after the World Cup, becoming the first member of the Tigers' coaching staff to call it quits following their disastrous campaign





in India.

"Yes, I'm done and going home!" Donald informed The Daily Star.

Donald, who appointed as the fastbowling coach on March 4, 2022, will leave his post following Bangladesh's final match in the tournament

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### BNP looking to turn up the heat

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The BNP is planning to intensify its oust-government movement by blending hartals and blockades with programmes like sit-ins right after the announcement of the election schedule, party insiders

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### Polls within stipulated time at any cost Says CEC after talks with president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will hold the next general election within the stipulated time limit of January 29 at any cost, said Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal.

Mentioning that the commission will announce the schedule for the 12th parliamentary polls "very soon", he sought assistance from the government and all political parties regarding the election.

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