

# Dhaka unhappy with Hasina's statements in Indian media

## Asks Delhi to bar her from doing so

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Expressing dissatisfaction over former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's frequent political statements from India, Dhaka has requested New Delhi to intervene and stop her.

"The government is unhappy with Sheikh Hasina's political statements appearing frequently in Indian media. We have communicated our dissatisfaction to the Indian government through the Indian high commissioner in Dhaka," Tofique Hasan, director general at the foreign ministry's Public Diplomacy Wing, said at the weekly briefing at the ministry yesterday.

About the response from the Indian government, he said the Indian envoy told officials that he would pass the message to his government.

Hasina fled to India on August 5 after the fall of her government in the face of a mass uprising.

About initiating the process for repatriating Hasina in line with an order of the International Crimes Tribunal,

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Israeli forces launched airstrikes on Hezbollah controlled areas in Beirut for a third consecutive day yesterday, hitting locations in the capital's southern suburbs early in the morning after a night of heavy bombardments.

Plumes of smoke rose over Beirut as the strikes continued while raids also reached southern Lebanon's Bint Jbeil, where overnight airstrikes and artillery shelling inflicted heavy damage on buildings and residential complexes, according to Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA).

Five people were killed in airstrikes on the towns of Bazourieh and Jumayyimah, NNA reported.

Lebanese authorities said areas in Beirut's southern suburbs have been largely evacuated. According to the health ministry, Israeli attacks have killed at least 3,365 people and wounded 14,344 across Lebanon since October 7.

A senior Lebanese official has signalled that Hezbollah is ready to pull its forces away from the Lebanese-Israeli border in any ceasefire, whilst rejecting Israel's demand for freedom to act against the Iran backed group in the future.

Ali Hassan Khalil, speaking to Al Jazeera late on Wednesday, said Lebanon was ready to "precisely" implement a UN Security Council resolution that ended a 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah. Its terms require Hezbollah to remove fighters and weapons from areas between the border and the Litani River.