

Khaleda now undergoing a series of tests

Happy to be around family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, who has been undergoing advanced medical treatment at a clinic in London for the past three days, is currently in a stable condition.

The 79-year-old former prime minister has long battled various ailments, including liver cirrhosis, arthritis, diabetes, and issues related to the kidney, lung, heart, and eyes.

According to her doctors, she is undergoing a series of medical tests that are expected to be completed within days.

A medical team comprising British and Bangladeshi doctors is closely monitoring her health, under the supervision of Patrick Kennedy, a consultant gastroenterologist and hepatologist.

Khaleda reached London on Wednesday on an air ambulance sent by the Emir of Qatar.

There, she is very happy to be surrounded by her family after so many years, said party sources.

Her son Tarique Rahman, his wife Zubaida Rahman, their daughter Zaima Rahman, and Sharmila Rahman, the widow of Khaleda's late son Arsalan Rahman Koko, are all attending to her needs, said Mohammed Malique, an adviser to the BNP chairperson and president of BNP's UK chapter.

Tarique has been residing in London with his family since 2008. Khaleda's younger son Koko died in Malaysia in 2015.

On February 8, 2018, Khaleda was jailed



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Over 50 people were injured in a clash between workers of ready-made garment manufacturers Merimo Ltd and JMS Ltd in Chattogram Export Processing Zone yesterday. This photo of a vandalised portion of JMS Ltd's factory was taken in the afternoon.

AFP, Los Angeles

The largest of the Los Angeles' fires spread toward previously untouched neighborhoods yesterday, forcing new evacuations and dimming hopes that the disaster was coming under control.

Across the city, at least 11 people have died as multiple fires have ripped through residential areas since Tuesday, razing thousands of homes in destruction that US President Joe Biden likened to a "war scene."

Despite huge firefighting efforts, the Palisades fire's expansion prompted evacuation orders in ritzy

neighborhoods along its eastern flank, which include the famous Getty Center art museum.

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LA wildfires spread

Death toll now 11; 12,000 buildings destroyed

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Two computer traders hacked on city road

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two computer shop owners were hacked by a group of around 20 assailants armed with machetes on the capital's Elephant Road.

Some of the attackers wore masks while others had helmets during the one-and-a-half-minute attack in front of Multiplan Centre around 10:40pm on Friday, said one of the victims, Wahedul Hasan Dipu.

Besides Wahedul, president of

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CYBER PROTECTION Draft law will enable cops to harass people

Speakers say at event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The draft of the Cyber Protection Ordinance-2024 does not prioritise human rights and will empower law enforcers to harass the public, speakers said at an event yesterday.

They also criticised the government's failure to abolish the Cyber Security Act and its lack of action on dismissing cases filed under it, despite earlier promises.

At a dialogue titled "Cyber Security Ordinance: Sustaining State Repression and Voices of Victims", they called for an immediate revision of the new ordinance, after consulting with relevant stakeholders.

The event was jointly organised by two platforms -- Voice for Reform and the DSA Victims Network -- at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

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US, India want a stable Bangladesh Says US envoy in New Delhi

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Both the US and India want to see a stable, prosperous, and tolerant Bangladesh, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti has said.

Bangladesh featured prominently in a meeting between US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval in New Delhi on January 6, Garcetti said.

"I was a part of that [meeting] and Bangladesh was a big part of that conversation," he said during a media interaction at the American Center in Kolkata on Friday,

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