

## PM, new cabinet members pay homage to martyrs in Savar

STAFF REPORTER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War, a day after taking oath to form the government for a record fifth term and fourth in a row. Sheikh Hasina as the Prime Minister first paid glowing tributes to the martyrs by placing a wreath at the altar of the National Memorial at Savar, on the outskirts of the capital city Dhaka, around 11am. Flanked by the new cabinet colleagues, Sheikh Hasina, also placed another

wreath at the altar of the National Memorial. After laying the wreaths, they stood in solemn silence for some time as a mark of profound respect to the memories of the martyrs who made supreme sacrifice for the independence of Bangladesh. A smartly turned out contingent drawn from the three services gave a state salute, while bugle played the last post on the occasion. Later, Sheikh Hasina signed the visitors' book kept on the National Memorial premises. The Prime Minister with her new cabinet members ear-

lier in the morning paid homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Dhanmondi by placing wreaths at his portrait in front of Bangabandhu Bhaban in the capital. Bangabandhu's younger daughter and Prime Minister's younger sister Sheikh Rehana was present at that time. Sheikh Hasina took oath as the prime minister for the fifth term, fourth days after the Awami League secured a landslide victory in the 12th parliamentary election held on January 7, 2024. **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**



PM & Cabinet members pay homage to National Memorial at Savar, on the outskirts of the capital city Dhaka —PID

Political, economic and diplomatic challenges lie ahead: Quader

STAFF REPORTER

The challenges before the new government are political, economic, and diplomatic, said Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader on Friday yesterday. "These three challenges lie ahead. It is not so easy to protect Bangladesh from the repercussions of the global crisis in these three sectors," he said. He was speaking to journalists before the new cabinet paid homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## Holy Shab-e-Meraj on Feb 8

STAFF REPORTER

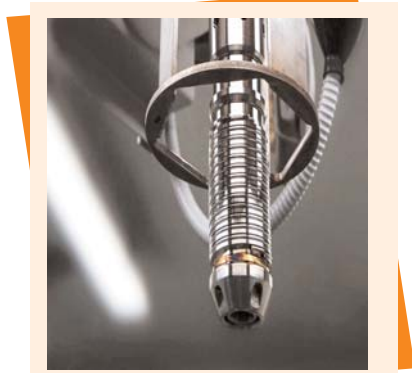
The holy Shab-e-Meraj will be observed on the night of February 8 with due respect and religious fervour as the moon of Hijri month of Rajab (1445 Hijri) was not sighted anywhere across the country yesterday. The decision was taken at a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee at the Islamic Foundation at Baitul Mukarram in Dhaka this evening with Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Md Naib Ali Mandal in the chair, an Islamic Foundation (IF) press release said. As per the decision, the Holy Rajab month will begin on Sunday (January 14), the **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## Rosatom develops new MOX fuel for fast reactors of Ruppur Newclear Power Plant Project

STAFF REPORTER

Russia's Rosatom has manufactured the first three fuel assemblies of Uranium-Plutonium MOX fuel at its Mining and Chemical Combine plant in Zheleznogorsk, of Krasnoyarsk region. This innovative fuel contains actinides like Americium-241 and Neptunium-237. The fuel bundles have been successfully tested and will be loaded into the BN-800 fast neutrons reactor at the Beloyarsk NPP. The new fuel will undergo a pilot operation for approximately one and a half years. Ruppur Newclear Power Plant Project Source Delivered the Information. Ruppur Newclear Power Plant Project Source also said MOX fuel or Mixed Oxide Fuel is a nuclear fuel that contains more than one oxide of fissile materials, usually consisting of Plutonium blended with natural Uranium, reprocessed Uranium, or depleted Uranium. Whereas, minor actinides are

transuranic elements other than plutonium that are formed in irradiated nuclear fuel as the result of nuclear reactions at the nuclear reactor. Like plutonium,



these elements do not occur in nature. Neptunium, americium, and curium isotopes are particularly important in spent nuclear fuel reprocessing and radioactive waste management. They are highly

radioactive and toxic, generate much heat, have long half-lives, and are the most hazardous components of nuclear waste.

The Russian solution for the minor actinides problem is a breakthrough for fast neutron reactors. Research shows that minor actinides in the newly developed MOX fuel will fission into a fairly wide range of radioactive and stable isotopes with less potential hazard than that of the original minor actinides. The transmutation process of minor actinides is also called "afterburning" in a reactor. "Afterburning of minor actinides is the next step in closing the nuclear fuel cycle, which should not only reduce the amount of nuclear waste for final isolation but also significantly reduce its radioactivity. In the long term, it would enable us to avoid the complicated and expensive deep burial of waste," said Alexander Ugrumov, Senior Vice President **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## BD wants ASEAN to do more to facilitate Rohingya repatriation

NEWS DESK

Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar Md Monwar Hossain has expressed his hope that the ASEAN Chair will continue to play a further positive role to facilitate repatriation of more than 1 million displaced Rohingyas to their homeland. The Rohingyas fled from Rakhine state to Bangladesh in 2017 to escape a Myanmar crackdown on them. Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chairman Alounkeo Kittikhoun met with Ambassador Monwar Hossain at the Bangladesh Embassy in Yangon on Friday and discussed the areas of cooperation. Kittikhoun was appointed as special envoy to Myanmar as Lao PDR **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## Israel rejects accusations of genocide in Gaza war at ICJ hearing

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Israel has rejected the accusations brought by South Africa to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) that its actions in Gaza amount to genocide, in a second day of a public hearing at the world body in The Hague. Israel's legal representatives on Friday claimed South Africa's case was "unfounded", "absurd" and amounting to "libel", and said Israel sought not to destroy a people but to protect its people. On Thursday, on the first day of hearings, South Africa argued Israel had committed "systematic" acts of genocide in Gaza, where more than 23,500 Palestinians have been killed amid Israel's military campaign, with at least 70 percent of whom

were women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Israel's arguments revolved around its "right to self-defence" following the attacks by Hamas on October 7, as well as what it called a lack of evidence of "genocidal intent". Christopher Staker, a lawyer representing Israel, said, "The inevitable fatalities and human suffering of any conflict is not of itself a pattern of conduct that plausibly shows genocidal intent." Malcolm Shaw, a professor of international law representing Israel, said the case relates only to charges of genocide, which "stands alone among violations of international law as the epitome of evil". If the charge of genocide is levelled incorrectly, "the **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## Govt will improve relations with East and West: Hasan

STAFF REPORTER

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud on Friday spoke about improving further relations with the East and the West. "Prime Minister entrusted me with the responsibility of foreign ministry. Inshallah, despite facing this challenge, we will move the country forward and brighten the country's image, improve relations with the East and the West." He made the remarks after laying wreaths on the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi 32 along with the newly formed cabinet members. All the ambassadors and high commissioners in Dhaka including those from the US, UK and the European Union (EU) congratulated the newly elected



government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her taking office for the fourth consecutive term, said the minister. "Look, yesterday (Thursday) at the swearing-in ceremony of the newly

elected government's cabinet at Bangabhaban, the ambassadors and high Commissioners of almost all countries, including the US, UK and EU envoys were present. They all went **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## Palak pays homage to Bangabandhu at Dhanmondi

STAFF REPORTER

Newly appointed state minister for post, telecommunication and information technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak yesterday paid homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He paid tribute to Bangabandhu by placing a wreath at his portrait in front of Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi here. Later, he also paid homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War and placed a wreath at the altar of the National Memorial, Savar. Expressing deep gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Palak said, "Thank you the Honorable Prime Minister **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

## Shrinking rivers shrink livelihoods

STAFF REPORTER

Boatmen in Lalmonirhat and Kurigram are struggling to remain afloat, facing a situation of seasonal unemployment. Amid the dry winter, around 26 rivers in the districts, including Brahmaputra, Teesta, and Dharla, have dried up and lost navigability, with shoals appearing across them. Around 200 ghats in the districts, which remain busy for rest of the year, are now empty, leaving around 1,000 boatmen amid a livelihood crisis.

other four are also considering joining other professions," he said. "Even a decade ago, the situation was different. The river did dry up but remained navigable, and we could ply boats round the year," he added. "Due to lack of income, we are in dire straits to support our families," said



"I am unable to ply my boat while people are crossing the Teesta on foot. Every year we face a livelihood crisis during dry season," said Julhas Mia, a boatman in Kalmati area of Lalmonirhat. "Of the seven boatmen in this ghat, three have started pulling rickshaws, while the

Majidul Islam, a boatman at Shimulbari ghat on Dharla River in Kurigram. Boatman Hazrat Ali at Begumganj ghat on Brahmaputra river and Bulbul Islam on Jinjiram river echoed them. "I have been plying boats for 35 years. Now I am at a standstill, with no earnings... I don't know what to do if I leave this profession," said boatman Mansur Ali at Bamondanga ghat on Dudhkumar river in Kurigram. "As there is no water in the Teesta river, **▶▶ SEE PAGE-2**

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## ICJ hearings wrap up with Israel's defence against allegations of genocide

**AFP**  
Accused of committing genocide against Palestinians, Israel insisted at the United Nations' highest court Friday that its war in Gaza was a legitimate defense of its people and said that it was Hamas militants who were guilty of genocide. Israel described the allegations leveled by South Africa as hypocritical and said that one of the biggest cases ever to come before an international court reflected a world turned upside down. Israeli leaders defend their air and ground offensive in Gaza as a legitimate response to Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, when militants stormed through Israeli communities, killed some 1,200 people and took around 250 hostage. Israeli legal advisor Tal Becker told a packed auditorium at the ornate Palace of Peace in The Hague that the country is

fighting a "war it did not start and did not want." "In these circumstances, there can hardly be a charge more false and more malevolent than the



allegation against Israel of genocide," he added, noting that the horrible suffering of civilians in war was not enough to level that charge. South African lawyers asked the court Thursday to order an immediate halt to Israeli military operations in the besieged coastal territory that is home to 2.3 million

Palestinians. A decision on that request will probably take weeks, and the full case is likely to last years — and it's unclear if Israel would and systematically raped and mutilated scores of women, men and children," Becker said. South Africa's request for an immediate halt to the Gaza fighting, he said, amounts to an attempt to prevent Israel from defending itself against that assault. Even when acting in self-defense, countries are required by international law to follow the rules of war, and judges must decide if Israel has. As the two days of hearings ended Friday, ICJ President Joan E. Donoghue said the court would rule on the request for urgent measures "as soon as possible." Israel often boycotts international tribunals and U.N. investigations, saying they are unfair and biased. But this time, Israeli leaders took the rare step of sending a high-level legal team — a sign of how seriously they regard the case and likely their fear that any court

follow any court orders. On Friday, Israel focused on the brutality of the Oct. 7 attacks, presenting chilling video and audio to a hushed audience to highlight what happened that day. "They tortured children in front of parents and parents in front of children, burned people, including infants alive,

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## Six crude bombs found on Islamic University campus

**NEWS DESK**  
The authorities of Islamic University in Kushtia recovered six crude bombs from different spots on the campus early yesterday. A group of students found two crude bombs kept at Lalon Shah Hall's gate and informed the university's proctorial body, said IU Proctor Professor M Shahadat Hossain Azad. On information, with the assistance of police and Ansar members, the bombs were recovered from various parts of the campus. Of the four, one was recovered from adjacent to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall area, two from near the Business Administration Faculty, and another one from Jatirpita Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall area. Miscreants might have placed the crude bombs to create fear among the students of the university, the proctor said. When asked about

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## Subsurface irrigation channel to produce 3.6 lakh tonnes additional crops



**NEWS DESK**  
Subsurface channels will produce 3.6 lakh tonnes of additional crops through bringing 45,000 hectares of lands under controlled irrigation in the region, including its vast Barind tract, within the near future. To this end, 22.50 lakh meters subsurface irrigation channels will be installed in command areas of 4,500 deep tube-wells that will stop the conventional process of earthen channels together with wastage of irrigation water. The promotional activities are being implemented on behalf of a project styled "Extension of Irrigation Area and Efficiency through Construction of Subsurface Irrigation Channel and

Experimental Drip Irrigation System". Barind Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA) has been implementing the four-year project in 122 upazilas of all 16 districts in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions since April 2022. Main thrust of the Taka 329.014-crore project is to resist wastage of irrigation water through the best uses and controlling of irrigation water. Project Director Shahidur Rahman told BSS that boosting crop production through enhancing command area of irrigation machineries together with well-controlling irrigation management is the allied objective of the project. He said 4.5 lakh meters ribbon pipes will be

installed in command areas of the 4,500 deep tube-wells for ensuring supplementary irrigation to various seasonal crops, including transplanted aman paddy and other less-irrigation consuming crops, to boost production of those. BMDA, ever-largest irrigation providing state-run entity in the country's northwest region, will produce 3.60 lakh tonnes of crops annually with the intervention of the project. It will impart training to 4,000 grassroots farmers to reach the latest improved agricultural technologies and techniques on to the farmers with the ultimate goal of expanding ultramodern agricultural technologies. BMDA Superintending Engineer

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## DMP arrests 30 for selling, consuming drugs in city

**STAFF REPORTER**  
The members of the Detective Branch (DB) of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) during several anti-drug campaigns arrested a total of 30 people on charges of selling and consuming drugs during the last 24 hours till 6am yesterday. The DB in association with local police carried out the drives simultaneously at different parts of the metropolis from 6am of January 11 to 6am today, according to a

DMP release. In those separate anti-drug raids, police seized a huge amount of drugs from their possessions. During the anti-drug campaign, police seized a total of 620 pieces of contraband yaba tablets, 100 grams of heroin and 13 kilograms of cannabis (ganja) from their possessions, the release added. Police filed 22 separate cases against the arrestees in these connections with respective police stations under the Narcotics Control Act.

## Blankets distributed among cold-hit people in Tungipara

**NEWS DESK**  
A total of 150 blankets were distributed from the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund among the cold-affected poor and helpless people living in Asharyan Project of Dumuria union under the upazila. Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Tungipara Moinal Haque handed over the blankets among the cold-affected people

living in the Asharyan Project yesterday morning. Tungipara Upazila Project Implementation Officer Ariful Islam, Dumuria UP Chairman Sheikh Ali Ahmed, UP member Momrez Sheikh, among others, were present. Maryam Begum, resident of the Asharyan Project said, "I am very happy to receive the blanket." She thanked the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for this.

## Myanmar rebel alliance agrees to ceasefire with ruling military

**REUTERS**  
A rebel alliance in northern Myanmar has agreed to a ceasefire with the ruling military during China-mediated talks, according to some of the parties involved, after a months-long coordinated offensive that threatened to weaken the junta's grip on power. The military, which overthrew an elected government in 2021, has been battling an alliance of ethnic minority armies fighting to end its control of their regions since late October. In particular, there has been intense violence along the northern border with China. The joint offensive, backed by a parallel pro-democracy, civilian-led government, has posed the biggest battlefield challenge to the junta since the coup and caused concern in China about the potential for disruptions to border trade and a refugee influx. A leader of one of the rebel groups, TNLA, told Reuters on Friday that the "Three Brotherhood Alliance" and the military agreed to a "cease fire without advancing further". He declined to be named due to the sensi-

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"From the (alliance) side, the agreement is to refrain from offensive attacks on enemy camps or towns. From the military side, the



agreement is not to engage in attacks through airstrikes, bombardment, or heavy weapons," he said. China's foreign ministry said on Friday peace talks were held in the Chinese city of Kunming on Jan 10-11, where "the two sides agreed to immediately cease fire and stop the war." Advertisement · Scroll to continue  
Both parties also pledged not to harm residents at the Chinese border, said foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning. "China hopes that all parties concerned in Myanmar will

earnestly implement the ceasefire agreement already reached and exercise maximum restraint," she said. Beijing had also said last month the parties had agreed on a temporary ceasefire and to maintain dialogue. But fighting continued in northern Shan State and other regions in the country, with the rebels taking control of a key commercial town, Laukkai, on the Chinese border last week. More than 300,000 people have been displaced due to the recent violence, and more than 2 million overall since the coup, according to the United Nations. The conflict has also seen Myanmar police and military personnel surrender to rebel groups or flee across borders into India. A spokesperson for Myanmar's junta did not respond to a request for comment. The two other groups in the rebel alliance, the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) and the Arakan Army (AA), did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the talks.

Kazi Firoz Rashid, Sunil Shuva Roy relieved of Jatiya Party

**STAFF REPORTER**  
In the wake of a serious turmoil in Jatiya Party (JaPa) since its debacle in the 12th Jatiya Sangsad election, two senior leaders have been expelled from the party. JaPa co-chairman Kazi Firoz Rashid and presidium member Sunil Shuva Roy have been relieved of all posts of the party on charge of breaking the party discipline. The party stated it in a press release on Friday. The statement signed by Mahmud Alam, joint office secretary, said JaPa chairman Golam Mohammad Quader MP

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## 'One-party fascism' starts with formation of new AL govt: Rizvi

**STAFF REPORTER**  
BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi today described the formation of the new Awami League government, led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, as the beginning of one-party fascism in Bangladesh. "The journey of ... one-party fascism started

yesterday (Thursday) in Bangladesh political history, on the blackest day of 1/11, after the swearing in of dummy MPs based on dummy results of a dummy election held with dummy candidates, dummy voters, dummy polling agents and dummy observers," he said. Speaking at a press

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## Mild cold wave sweeping over Chuadanga, Dinajpur, Kishoreganj, Pabna

**NEWS DESK**  
A mild cold wave has been sweeping over the districts of Chuadanga, Dinajpur, Kishoreganj and Pabna and it may continue, according to the forecast of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department. The weather forecast has been issued for the 24 hours starting at 9:00am yesterday. The country's lowest temperature was recorded at 9.6 degrees Celsius in Chuadanga and Nikli in Kishoreganj today, a correspondent from Chuadanga reports quoting Jaminur Rahman, in-charge of the district's Met office. In Chuadanga

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## Oil rises 3 per cent as some tankers avoid Red Sea after strikes

**REUTERS**  
Oil prices climbed about 3 per cent on Friday, as some oil tankers diverted course from the Red Sea following overnight air and sea strikes by the United States and Britain on Houthi targets in Yemen after attacks on shipping by the Iran-backed group. Witnesses in Yemen confirmed explosions throughout the country. Brent crude futures were up \$2.21, or 2.9 per cent, at \$79.62 a barrel at 1350 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures climbed \$2.13, or 3 per cent, to \$74.15. Both benchmarks were on course for a second straight weekly rise. The US and UK strikes come in retaliation for Houthi attacks since October on



commercial vessels in the Red Sea, concentrated on the Bab al-Mandab Strait to the southwest of the Arabian Peninsula, in a show of support for Palestinian militant group Hamas in its fight against Israel. The escalation has fuelled market

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## Britain's Sunak, in Ukraine announces increase in military aid

**REUTERS**  
British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak visited wartime Kyiv on Friday to sign a new security agreement and announce an increase in military funding for Ukraine to buy drones, including surveillance, long-range strike and sea

European Union has held up two major packages of assistance. Kyiv has relied heavily on military and financial aid from the West since the Russian invasion in February 2022. President Volodymyr Zelenskiy told the press conference he felt vital U.S. financial assistance would also

materialise and that he felt more positive now than last month. The two leaders signed what Zelenskiy described as an "unprecedented security agreement" - an arrangement the Ukrainian leader said would remain in place until Kyiv joined the NATO military alliance. "This is not simply a declaration," Zelenskiy wrote on social media platform X. In his nightly video address, the president praised the agreement as a "very serious and modern accord" providing help with weapons, intelligence, and cyber know-how, as well as sanctions and other punitive actions against Russia. It was, he suggested, similar to Israel's longstanding

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PM, new

2024, bagging 222 parliamentary seats out of 298. President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath of office and oath of secrecy to Sheikh Hasina and her new ministers at Durbar Hall of Bangabhaban at 7.06pm on Thursday. Her council of ministers included 25 ministers and 11 state ministers.

Political, economic and

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths at his portrait at Dhanmondi-32 in the capital. "We have been able to hold a peaceful and fair election overcoming the crisis today. This has been possible because of the magical touch of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," he said. "There had never been flowers on our path. We had to cross a thorny path from birth," said the Awami League leader.

"We got independence under the leadership of Bangabandhu and under the leadership of Bangabandhu's daughter Sheikh Hasina, we will build Sonar Bangla as dreamt by Bangabandhu. The main target of the government is to implement the election manifesto of the party," he added.

Holy Shab-e-

release added. Every year, on the night of Rajab 26, Muslims observe Shab-e-Meraj when Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him) embarked on a special journey to meet Allah. In the journey, the Prophet travelled on the "Buraq" to Heaven where Allah gave him some instructions to take back to the devotees regarding the details of prayers. Muslim devotees will offer special prayers at mosques and homes, seeking blessings from Allah for the welfare of the entire nation and the Muslim Ummah.

Rosatam develops

for Research and Development at TVEL Fuel Company of Rosatom.

Fabrication of fuel assemblies with minor actinides and their pilot operation in the BN-800 reactor is the key stage of the comprehensive research program of Rosatom's TVEL Fuel Company for minor actinides after burning. It started in 2021 and is scheduled to run until 2035. The program includes projects of minor actinides separation into different fractions, their intermediate storage, use in fast reactor fuel, post-

irradiation studies, etc. Another important issue is the optimization of reactor facilities for burning the maximum volume of minor actinides.

BD wants ASEAN to do

assumes Chairmanship of ASEAN from January 1. This is the first visit of the special envoy to Myanmar. The special envoy, during the meeting, briefed the Ambassador of his meetings with the SAC Chairman, Government officials and other stakeholders in Myanmar. Alounkeo shared the ASEAN Chairman's views on the implementation of the five-point consensus, the issues related to the repatriation of the Rohingyas to Myanmar from Bangladesh. The ambassador and the special envoy has agreed to closely working on the issue throughout 2024.

Israel rejects

essence of this crime would be lost", he said. Shaw added that such evidence was lacking in the arguments South Africa presented a day earlier. Detailing its evidence on Thursday, Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, a lawyer for South Africa, said, "The evidence of genocidal intent is not only chilling, it is also overwhelming and incontrovertible." "Massive disconnect" Israel's legal representatives insisted its army has acted in compliance with international law in Gaza and aimed to mitigate civilian harm by warning of impending military actions, including via telephone calls and leafleting.

Govt will

to congratulate the current government," said the newly appointed foreign minister. Responding to a question, he said there is always a kind of satisfaction in facing challenges which does not exist in other areas. "Ministry of Information was a challenge. I met that challenge with your help. It's definitely a challenge in the global context and the fact that wars are going on in different parts of the world now," said the foreign minister.

Palak pays homage to

for assigning me three times as the state minister at a young age. I want to uphold her dignity by carrying out this trust with honesty and devotion." After taking charge of the ICT division, over 18,000 government offices across the country were brought under a dedicated high speed internet. The world's largest web portal consisting of 25,000 government websites was established under the Prime Minister's Information and Communication Technology advisor Sajeed Wazed Joy's time befitting leadership.

Shrinking rivers

we can cross it on foot. Riding boats is rather difficult now," said Jasim Uddin, a farmer of Dawabari Char under Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila.

ICJ hearings

order to halt operations would be a major blow to the country's international standing. Still, Becker dismissed the accusations as crude and attention-seeking. "We live at a time when words are cheap in an age of social media and identity politics. The temptation to reach for the most outrageous term to vilify and demonize has become, for many, irresistible," he said. He said charges Israel is facing should be leveled at Hamas. "If there have been acts that may be characterized as genocidal, then they have been perpetrated against Israel," Becker said. Hamas has, he said, a "proudly declared agenda of annihilation, which is not a secret and is not in doubt." More than 23,000 people in Gaza have been killed during Israel's military campaign, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamas-run cont page 2

Six crude bombs found

the matter, IU Vice Chancellor Professor Shaikh Abdus Salam said, "We have informed the police and they will look into the matter." Kushtia Additional Superintendent of Police (admin and media) Polash Kanti Nath said they were looking into the matter. Action would be taken against those found involved in the incident, he added.

Subsurface irrigation

Shahidur Rahman said subsurface channel is very much effective to resist at least 40 percent wastage of irrigation water side by side with elevating efficiency to 94 percent.

He said each of the ten deep tube-wells will provide irrigation to orchards of various high-valued fruits, including mango, guava, malta and papaya, on ten bigha of land in drip irrigation method under the project. Time-fitting measures would be taken to make the farmers familiarized with water saving technologies, including drip irrigation, fertigation, Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) and alternate furrow irrigation in their farmlands. Various forms of cost-effective irrigation technologies would be promoted to reduce the gradually mounting cost for irrigation besides boosting soil productivity. Substantial and sustainable promotion of cost-effective irrigation can be the crucial means of mitigating the water crises in the region, particularly in the drought-prone area. Upon its successful implementation by March 2026, the project will supplement the government's efforts to make the country self-reliant in food. Mijanur Rahman, a grassroots farmer of Krishnapur village under Tanore Upazila in the district, termed the subsurface irrigation channels as blessings for them.

'One-party fascism'

briefing at the party's Nayapaltn central office, he also said the people of the country and the democratic world have rejected the 'fascist' regime of Sheikh Hasina by boycotting the dummy election held on January 7. Immediately after the "fake" election and before the end of the term of the 11th parliament, Rizvi said Sheikh Hasina formed the government at an unprecedented speed by issuing the gazette and swearing in hastily.

Mild cold wave sweep

the freezing wind has been blowing from the north side and the sun has not been visible since this morning, the correspondent said. Firoz Ali, a farmer at Natipota village of the district, said, "It's very cold today. Due to the dense fog, I am very worried about the rice seedlings planted in the field." The Met office forecast says weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country. "Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during midnight to morning and it may continue till noon at places. Air navigation, inland river transport and road communication may disrupt temporarily due to fog." "Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may fall slightly over the country. Cold day condition is likely to prevail at places over the country," the forecast says. The sun sets at 5:30pm today and rises at 6:43am tomorrow in the capital.

Oil rises 3 per

concerns about the Israel-Hamas war widening into a broader conflict in the Middle East affecting oil supplies from the region. That includes the important Strait of Hormuz, on the opposite side of the Arabian Peninsula, between Oman and Iran. Iran seized on Thursday a tanker carrying Iraqi crude south of the strait destined for Turkey. "If a large part of Strait of Hormuz flows were to be halted, it would result up to three times the impact of the 1970s oil price shocks and over double the impact of the Ukraine war on gas markets, atop already fragile supply chains and stock levels," said Saul Kavonic, an energy analyst at MST Marquee. ING analysts in a note said more than 20 million barrels per day of oil move through the Strait of Hormuz, equivalent to around 20 per cent of global consumption. US President Joe Biden said the "targeted strikes" in Yemen were a clear message that the United States and its partners will not tolerate attacks on its personnel or "allow hostile actors to imperil freedom of navigation". A Houthi spokesperson said the group would continue to target shipping heading towards Israel. Saudi Arabia, a top oil exporter and regional power, called for restraint and "avoiding escalation" and said it was monitoring the situation with great concern. Attacks by the Houthis in the Red Sea have disrupted international commerce on a route between Europe and Asia which accounts for about 15 per cent of the world's shipping traffic. Shipping giant Maersk (MAERSKB.CO) and others are diverting vessels away from the Red Sea, warning customers of further disruptions.

Kazi Firoz Rashid,

has relieved Kazi Firoz Rashid and Sunil Shuvo Roy from the posts of co-chairman and presidium members respectively of the party according to the power

bestowed upon him. The statement has already come into effect. Jatiya Party announced joining this year's election at last. The party was given 26 seats by the ruling Awami League. Besides, JaPa announced its candidature in 287 seats. However, the party's weaknesses started being exposed before the election. The party candidates started boycotting the election one after another. Jatiya Party also faced electoral debacle in the election results. The party has bagged 11 seats only in this year's election. After its founding, the party has not received such a less number of seats in Jatiya Sangsad elections earlier. Even, most of the candidates in greater Rangpur -- which is considered a stronghold of JaPa -- have also lost their security deposits. Many of the party leaders and workers have been holding party chairman GM Quader and secretary general Mujibul Huq Chunnun responsible for this debacle. They also staged demonstration at the party's chairman's Banani office following the election. They also issued ultimatums to the party chairman and secretary general.

'One-party fascism'

The BNP leader said the new parliament and the cabinet are not acceptable to the country's people. "People rejected it from all fronts." Rizvi, who has been holding virtual press conferences since BNP leaders went into hiding following violent clashes with the police on October 28, attended his first in-person press briefing today as the party's central office reopened yesterday.

Myanmar junta,

place with the "mediation and facilitation of the Chinese side" on Wednesday and Thursday in the city of Kunming in Yunnan province, which borders Myanmar, she said. Mao did not say what areas were covered by the ceasefire. The armed alliance claimed last week to have captured a northern town notorious for online scam operations in another blow to the junta. Since November people have been fleeing Laukkai town, located in a district bordering China, that was run by a Myanmar military-aligned militia and known for gambling, prostitution and online scams run out of compounds staffed by thousands of people, many trafficked.

Subsurface irrigation

BMDA Superintending Engineer Shahidur Rahman said subsurface channel is very much effective to resist at least 40 percent wastage of irrigation water side by side with elevating efficiency to 94 percent. He said each of the ten deep tube-wells will provide irrigation to orchards of various high-valued fruits, including mango, guava, malta and papaya, on ten bigha of land in drip irrigation method under the project.

Raising awareness to

of blood glucose and hypertension and treatment of lipid disorders can help manage the risk factors of heart attack. High blood pressure is known as "the silent killer" as it remains without symptoms in most individuals. On behalf of its 'Resolve to Save Lives: Hypertension Control Programme', NHFB has been conducting the hypertension screening and registration activities supported by the Global Health Advocacy Incubator's (GHAII).

Britain's Sunak

relations with the United States. "Many have heard about exemplary security agreements of the 20th century between the United States and Israel, as well as some other similar agreements," Zelenskiy said. "Now we have formed such an example for our time - it is what gives us confidence now as we defend ourselves against Russian aggression." Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, a senior Putin ally, warned on Friday that Moscow would regard any move by Britain to deploy a military contingent to Ukraine as a declaration of war against Russia. SUPPORT FROM LONDON Zelenskiy's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, said the agreement set out the support that London would continue to provide, including intelligence sharing, medical and military training, and defence industrial cooperation.

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping
2	Agency	Mongla Port Authority
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chairman, Mongla Port Authority Represented By Programmer (ICT Cell), Mongla Port Authority
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Mongla, Bagerhat.
6	Invitation for	Supply and Installation of 3D Smart Display in Entrance Corridor of Mongla Port Authority Headquarters.
7	Invitation Ref No & Date	18.14.0158.416.07.056.23-164 & 10-01-2024
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund of MPA
10	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable
11	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable
12	Project / Program Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable
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19	Name & Address of the office(s)	
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	Opening Tender Document	Deputy Chief Engineer (M&E), Mechanical & Electrical & Marine Building, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat.
20	Place/Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Office of the Chief Engineer (M&E), Mechanical & Electrical & Marine Building, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat. 16-01-2024 at 11.00 Hours
	Eligibility of Tender	As stated in the Tender Document
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	Brief Description of Related Services	As stated in the Tender Document
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# Mbappe future in spotlight as Ligue 1 returns from winter break

## Sports Desk

Paris Saint-Germain resume their Ligue 1 title bid after the winter break against last season's runners-up Lens as the focus sharpens increasingly on the future of France captain Kylian Mbappe.

The league's top scorer for each of the past five seasons, Mbappe's contract with the French champions runs out at the end of June and he is free to sign an agreement to join a new club for the 2024-25 campaign.

PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi reiterated his stance this week that the club is the best place for the 25-year-old amid endless speculation he will join Real Madrid in the summer.

"I'm not going to hide that I want Kylian to stay," Al-Khelaifi told broadcaster RMC.

"The best player in the world is Kylian and the best club for him is Paris." Reports in Spain suggest Madrid want Mbappe to commit by January 15, but he insists no decision has been made, and those around him said he would not be rushed into doing so by any ultimatum.

Liverpool have also been linked with the World Cup winner, who has spoken with the Premier League leaders in the past, notably meeting with them when he was still at Monaco in 2017. While PSG look well on course for a record-extending 12th league crown, and 10th in the past 12 seasons, any sudden developments in the long-running Mbappe saga could unsettle Luis Enrique's squad.

"We have a lot of very

important matches, I ask for you to leave Kylian alone," said Al-Khelaifi, adamant that whether Mbappe stays or not "is not a question of money".

The capital club will lose Morocco's Achraf Hakimi and South Korea international Lee Kang-in to the Africa Cup of Nations and Asian Cup respectively this month, escaping lightly compared to many others.

They travel on Sunday to Lens, whose 11-match unbeaten run was ended by second-placed Nice prior to Christmas.

The Stade Bollaert is not



Monaco, in third, have six players on international duty including Japan's Takumi Minamoto. Marseille face a similar headache after finishing 2023 strongly by going six games without defeat. One to watch: Mohamed-Ali Cho. The France Under-21 international has returned to Ligue 1 with Nice after a difficult 18 months at Real Sociedad. Cho, 19, scored only twice in 40 outings for the Basque club who face PSG in the Champions League last 16.

The former Angers striker, a youth product of PSG and Everton, will look to get his career back on track on the Cote d'Azur and could be brought into the line-up straight away with winger Jeremie Boga at the AFCON with hosts Ivory Coast.

Key stats 6 - games unbeaten for Brest, who have taken 16 of a possible 18 points since late November to climb up to

fourth place. 7 - Marseille players away at the Africa Cup of Nations, the most of any Ligue 1 side along with Lorient. 18 - league goals this season for Mbappe, more than twice the total of Monaco's Wissam Ben Yedder, who is second on the list with eight. Fixtures (all times GMT)Friday Marseille v Strasbourg (2000) Saturday Monaco v Reims (1600), Rennes v Nice (2000), Sunday, Lille v Lorient (1200), Brest v Montpellier, Metz v Toulouse, Nantes v Clermont (1400), Le Havre v Lyon (1605), Lens v Paris Saint-Germain (1945)

quite the fortress it was last term when Lens failed to win just twice at home and finished a point behind PSG, but it remains a difficult ground for visiting teams. Lens have won five of their last six at home to clamber back into European competition but were knocked out of the French Cup last weekend by Monaco on penalties.

Nice, who trail PSG by five points, must make do for the next few weeks without top scorer Terem Moffi, who was called up to the Nigeria squad in place of the injured Victor Boniface.

# Hasaranga takes 7-19 as Sri Lanka crush Zimbabwe to win ODI series

## Sports Desk

Sri Lankan leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga made a stunning return to international cricket with a career-best 7-19 to guide his side to an eight-wicket win against Zimbabwe and clinch a 2-0 ODI series win Thursday in Colombo.

In a game cut to 27 overs a side by two downpours, Sri Lanka's star bowler, in his first match after a six-month hamstring injury absence, skittled the tourists for just 96.

Sri Lanka knocked off the runs inside 17 overs with Kusal Mendis making the lion's share with an unbeaten 66 from 51 balls. Zimbabwe had got off to a good start reaching 43 for no loss but the introduction of Hasaranga proved disastrous for the visitors. Hasaranga's googly had three wickets by the end of his second over with Zimbabwe slumping to 47-3, ultimately losing four batters trapped leg before wicket.

His fourth five-wicket haul is a new record for R. Premadasa Stadium, eclipsing Angelo Mathews' 6-20 against India in 2009.

It was also the second best ODI

figures by a Sri Lankan bowler behind 8-19 by Chaminda Vaas, also against Zimbabwe in 2001. Opener Joylord Gumbie top-scored for the visitors with 29. Hasaranga, who will captain Sri Lanka in the T20 series to follow, received a standing ovation as he walked off the field.

Skipper Mendis made a 73-run stand for the second wicket alongside debutant Shevon Daniel (12) as the hosts cruised to a comfortable win with 62 deliveries to spare.

The first match in the series was washed out due to rain while the hosts secured a hard-fought two-wicket win in the second. A three-match T20 series begins on Sunday with Colombo again hosting all games. Other end Barcelona goalkeeper Inaki Pena made an impressive save from Ante Budimir five minutes before the break.

Raphinha limped off injured for Barcelona and was replaced by Yamal, who quickly threatened with his pace and incisive pass that Lewandowski could not force home.

"We deserved more" Lewandowski eventually struck in the 59th minute after

Gundogan found him with a clever ball. The Polish forward carried the ball into the box and tucked a finish home at the near post. Osasuna complained of a foul in the build-up by Andreas Christensen, but it was far from clear.

"It's evident for me (and) whether it's by chance or not, these fouls always go the way of the same teams," Osasuna captain David Garcia told Movistar.

"I think overall we deserved more, I'm annoyed for everyone, the fans who came here and those who could not come and stayed back home."

Xavi brought on Pedri Gonzalez for his first appearance in nearly a month after injury, and Joao Felix, who has fallen out of favour lately but immediately forced a brilliant Herrera save at full stretch.

Osasuna failed to put Barcelona under enough pressure to find an equaliser and Yamal slotted home at the death after good work by Felix to set up Sunday's mouthwatering final.

"Every Clasico has its own story, we can't predict many things, only that it will be an even game," added Xavi.



# Barca down Osasuna to set up Clasico Super Cup final

## Sports Desk

Robert Lewandowski and Lamine Yamal's second-half strikes earned Barcelona a 2-0 win over Osasuna on Thursday and set up a Spanish Super Cup final Clasico rematch.

The Catalans beat Real Madrid in last year's final and will face their bitter rivals again Sunday after Los Blancos beat Atletico Madrid in an eight-goal thriller in the first semi-final in Saudi Arabia.

"We want to take the ball off Madrid, that's our DNA, we're hugely motivated, it's the moment to show our best football," Xavi told reporters.

"We're in another final, another Clasico, which was our main objective -- we didn't play a brilliant game, but a serious, sensible one."

Osasuna goalkeeper Sergio Herrera kept Barcelona at bay before Ilkay Gundogan slipped in veteran forward Lewandowski to open the scoring before the hour mark.

The 35-year-old has not been at his best this season but finished

clinically to give his team the lead.

Yamal, 16, stroked home his first goal since October in stoppage time to clinch Barca's victory.

Beating Madrid last season in the Super Cup final earned Xavi Hernandez his first trophy as coach and set up the Spanish champions nicely for their league title tilt.

The sides will do battle again at the Al-Awwal Park stadium in Riyadh with Barcelona attempting to kick-start their season, which has started in disappointing fashion.

The victory over Osasuna was Barcelona's first by more than a single goal since September, during an unconvincing run of form.

"It's true that it's been some time since we've won by more than a goal, but it doesn't matter, it's about winning, playing well, and we played a solid game," Barcelona midfielder Frenkie de Jong told Movistar.

"We have to improve, we are improving -- it's quite a new team this year with a lot of changes and you always need

time to improve. (You need time) to get used to your team-mates, and we've had a lot of injuries too, we're in that process and there's a final against Madrid, it's great, two top level teams."

Record 14-time Super Cup winners Barca battled in the first half with Jagoba Arrasate's side, runners up in last season's Copa del Rey final against Real Madrid, and playing in the competition for the first time.

The vast majority of Saudi fans were supporting Barca but there was a strip of supporters dressed in Osasuna red, who cheered as Herrera pummeled Gundogan's free-kick away.

Lewandowski headed wide when well-placed to score and at the other end Barcelona goalkeeper Inaki Pena made an impressive save from Ante Budimir five minutes before the break.

Raphinha limped off injured for Barcelona and was replaced by Yamal, who quickly threatened with his pace and incisive pass that Lewandowski could not force home.

# Martino confident Miami can handle 'Messi tour' demands

## Sports Desk

Lionel Messi's Inter Miami face a globe-trotting pre-season schedule, travelling almost 25,000 miles to play seven friendlies in five countries but coach Gerardo Martino is confident they can handle the workload.

Miami will return to training this weekend and have just a week at their base in Fort Lauderdale before heading off on a tour which takes them to El Salvador, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong and Japan.

The arrival of Messi -- along with former Barcelona team-mates Sergio Busquets, Jordi Alba and most recently Luis Suarez -- has made such friendly games a significant revenue generator for the club.

But the schedule has raised concerns that Miami run the risk of overdoing games and travel before the season starts on February 21.

"We understand the business and sports sides, and we try to satisfy both sides without exceeding one or the other," Martino told reporters on Thursday.

"We have to balance how much each player participates," he added. The pressure is clearly always on Martino to feature Messi as much as possible but the club's experience last season stands as a warning.

Miami shone brightly winning the mid-season Leagues Cup shortly after Messi's arrival only to

burn out quickly amid injuries to the Argentine and Spaniard Alba. The team were unable to make a late push into the playoffs with Messi watching much of the back end of the season from the stands.

Busquets also feels the club will have to maintain an equilibrium between commercial and football activities.

"It's looking at the balance of the sporting side and the growth of this club and the revenues that benefit the

business side," he said. "We will also compete against great teams that will prepare us to be at a high level.

When it comes to time changes and long trips, we have to be prepared and physically fit, and that will help us during the season," he said.

Seven days after returning to training Miami have their first test on January 19 against the El Salvador national team in San Salvador.

After a game against FC Dallas in Texas, the

team flies to Saudi Arabia to play Al Hilal on January 29 before taking on Cristiano Ronaldo's side Al Nassr.

Three days later, Miami then face an All-Star team in Hong Kong on February 4 before jetting to Tokyo for a friendly with J-League club Vissel Kobe.

The team's pre-season finishes on February 15 with their only home game against Messi's boyhood club Newell's Old Boys.

# Refreshed Man City Ready to Pounce, Tottenham Target Top 4 at Man Utd

## Sports Desk

Manchester City appear ominously poised to strike in the Premier League title race as Pep Guardiola welcomes back key players for Saturday's trip to Newcastle, while Manchester United can ill-afford another damaging defeat when Tottenham visit Old Trafford. City enjoyed a near-perfect festive period as they won the Club World Cup for the first time in Saudi Arabia and then took maximum points from two Premier League games on their return while their rivals stumbled. The defending champions are five points adrift of leaders Liverpool, but have a game in hand and are nearing a clean bill of health. Kevin De Bruyne made his return after a five-month injury layoff in a 5-0 thrashing of Huddersfield in the FA Cup last weekend. The Belgian even registered an assist for compatriot Jeremy Doku, who was also back for the first time since early December. Erling Haaland is also nearing a return from a foot injury that has kept the prolific Norwegian absent for City's last eight games. "Kevin, Haaland, Phil (Foden), these guys win games -- that's why they're so important for us," said Guardiola as his squad rounds

into shape.

After an inconsistent first half of the season, City can take inspiration in the fact they found themselves in a very similar position 12 months ago, only to then go on and win a treble of Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup.

A trip to St James' Park would normally represent a stiff test of City's credentials to become the first side to ever win four consecutive top-flight English titles. However, Newcastle have lost five of their last six Premier League games to tumble down to ninth in the table. An injury-ravaged first half of the season has taken its toll on the Magpies as fatigue set in during a marathon slog of fixtures in December.

But Eddie Howe has most of his key men back fit and secured a morale-boosting 3-0 derby win over Sunderland in the FA Cup last weekend to stop the rot.

United's last-chance saloon Like Newcastle, Manchester United's hopes of climbing back into top-four contention are hanging by a thread. Erik ten Hag's men have lost nine of their opening 20 Premier League games to slip nine points adrift of the Champions League places.

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