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Sent:

Sunday, September 20, 2009 7:30 PM

To:

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Subject:

Re: Daily Star Article about Prime Minister Hasina's Speech

What can we do about this? And what is the other side of the saga so we are better informed?

---- Original Message -----

From: Verveer, Melanne S < Verveer MS@state.gov>

To: H

Sent: Fri Sep 18 00:30:12 2009

Subject: FW: Daily Star Article about Prime Minister Hasina's Speech

The ongoing saga involving Yunus and Hasina.

From:

On Behalf Of Dr. Muhammad Yunus

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2009 9:54 AM

To: Verveer, Melanne S

Subject: Fwd: Daily Star Article about Prime Minister Hasina's Speech

Dear Melanne:

I am drawing your attenrtion to the following report in the leading daily

newspaper in Bangladesh. All other papers carried the same news.

This is a report on the Prime Minister Hasina's speech on the floor

of the parliament. High-lighted section of the report refers to me

without naming name but giving her usual description of me.

See if you can find a way to clear her mind of all the terrifying thoughts

she has about me. I invite you to be a peace-maker! Otherwise it will become

explosive for nothing. PM Hasina is coming to NY for General Assembly

meeting, and will have a meeting with Sec H during her visit.

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See	you	soon.
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Yunus

Prime Mnister Hasina Warns

The Daily Star, Dhaka, September 17, 2009

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alerted the countrymen to the ongoing conspiracy of 'special quarter' and 'undemocratic forces' who are still plotting to wipe out democracy and grab the seat in power after being failed to capture it.

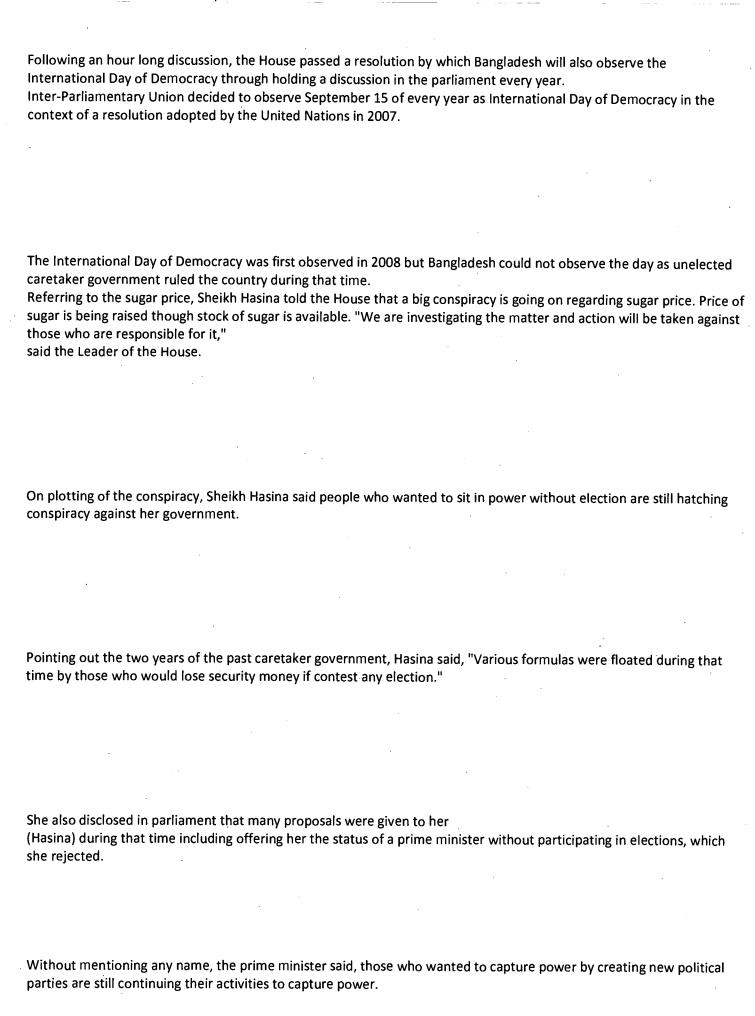
The prime minister, however, urged the Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her allies to return to parliament for raising their voices.

Recalling her experience as the opposition leader, Hasina said, "We used to walk out from parliament sessions, boycott it but we used to return to the House again."

Meanwhile, the parliament session was adjourned till 4:00pm on October 4.

Sheikh Hasina, also ruling Awami League (AL) president, urged people to keep vigil against recurrence of incidents like BDR mutiny to reverse the democratic strides. She also urged the people not to be misguided by any 'false campaign.'

"While running the government and doing development works, we find continued obstacles in every step from the 'special quarter', benefited by undemocratic government, who earlier had captured power through undemocratic means, So, I urge the countrymen to be cautious so that the democratic trend continues," she told the parliament. The prime minister was speaking at a discussion titled 'democracy and political tolerance' on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy.



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"Those persons who had failed to float a new political party, exploit people, get huge interest from poor people and remain in disguise of good men wearing good dresses are still busy hatching a conspiracy against the government," said Hasina, who was sent to a makeshift jail during the anti-graft drive of the past caretaker government.

She, however, hailed the caretaker regime for holding a free and fair election, which she claimed as the best election since 1973.

The AL Chief Hasina told lawmakers that the country has been pushed back economically, socially and culturally by applying the undemocratic and military rule while only a special quarter became rich but the majority people remained ignored.

The premier vowed that her government is committed to materialise all its election pledges to fulfil the desire of the people.

Hasina said her party believes in the definition of democracy given by Abraham Lincoln who said Democracy means--by the People, for the People.

"But this democracy has been absent in the country since 1975 when the military ruler grabbed power throwing an elected government," she said.

AL leaders Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Suranjit Sengupta, Abdul Latif Siddiqui, Advocate Fazle Rabbi Mia, Abdul Matin Khasru, Bangladesh Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon, among others, took part in the discussion.