Japanese medical

Bank for hospitals

Japan's largest medical chain will

build two new hospitals in

Bangladesh to grab a share of the

estimated \$330 million now spent

annually on overseas health care,

Tokushukai Medical Corporation

signed an agreement with

Bangladesh's Grameen Bank in

Tokyo last month to operate two

500-bed multi-speciality hospitals in

Dhaka and Chittagong, Grameen

Chairman Muhammad Yunus told

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officials said Wednesday.

giant signs up

with Grameen

AFP, Dhaka

KIBRIA KILLING

Sit-in of 73 73-yr-olds STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seventy-three 73-year-old people representing the age of slain Awami League lawmaker SAMS Kibria yesterday observed a silent sit-in in front of his Dhanmondi house in the capital

The two-hour-long exceptional demonstration with 73 candles began at 4:00pm demanding immediate arrest and punishment of Kibria's killers.

The family of former finance minister Kibria organised the programme that continues today and tomorrow at the same venue.

Family sources said the demonstrators lit the candles at 5:45pm and

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Dhaka, Yangon to finalise road link

Myanmar FM due Feb 24, to lay bridge foundation stone Feb 25

RAFIQ HASAN

Myanmar Foreign Minister (FM) Nyan Win will come to Dhaka on February 24 for giving final endorse-ment to the project of the proposed road link between Dhaka and Yangon.

Nyan Win will formally lay the foundation stone of a bridge at Taungbro on Bangladesh Myanmar border on February 25, sources said. He will hold meetings with Bangladesh Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and other high officials on various bilateral issues

Myanmar to India through pipeline over Bangladesh will also come up at the discussions.

The progress of the three-nation project (involving Bangladesh, SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

The issue of gas export from

during his three-day visit.

6 die in bus accident UNB, Manikganj

Six people died and 25 others were injured when a bus hit roadside trees on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Muljan in Sadar upazila early

yesterday. Police said a Dhaka bound bus from Khulna dropped its passengers at Daulatdia ferry ghat at 4:00am to cross the river and board another bus for an onward journey. The second bus left Paturia ghat at about 4:45am and went out of order after running two kilometres on the road to Dhaka. The passen-

gers were then shifted to a third one, belonging to the same company. Police and witnesses said when

explosive devices, sources said. SEE PAGE 11 COL 3 The outlaws' planned offensive

Khulna Rab on high alert as outlaws gets united to hit back STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

lawed organisations in southwest-

ern region have united on a '20-

point action programme' to avenge

the killing of their cadres in

aimed at attacking the elite anti-

crime force using remote-controlled

The action programme is mainly

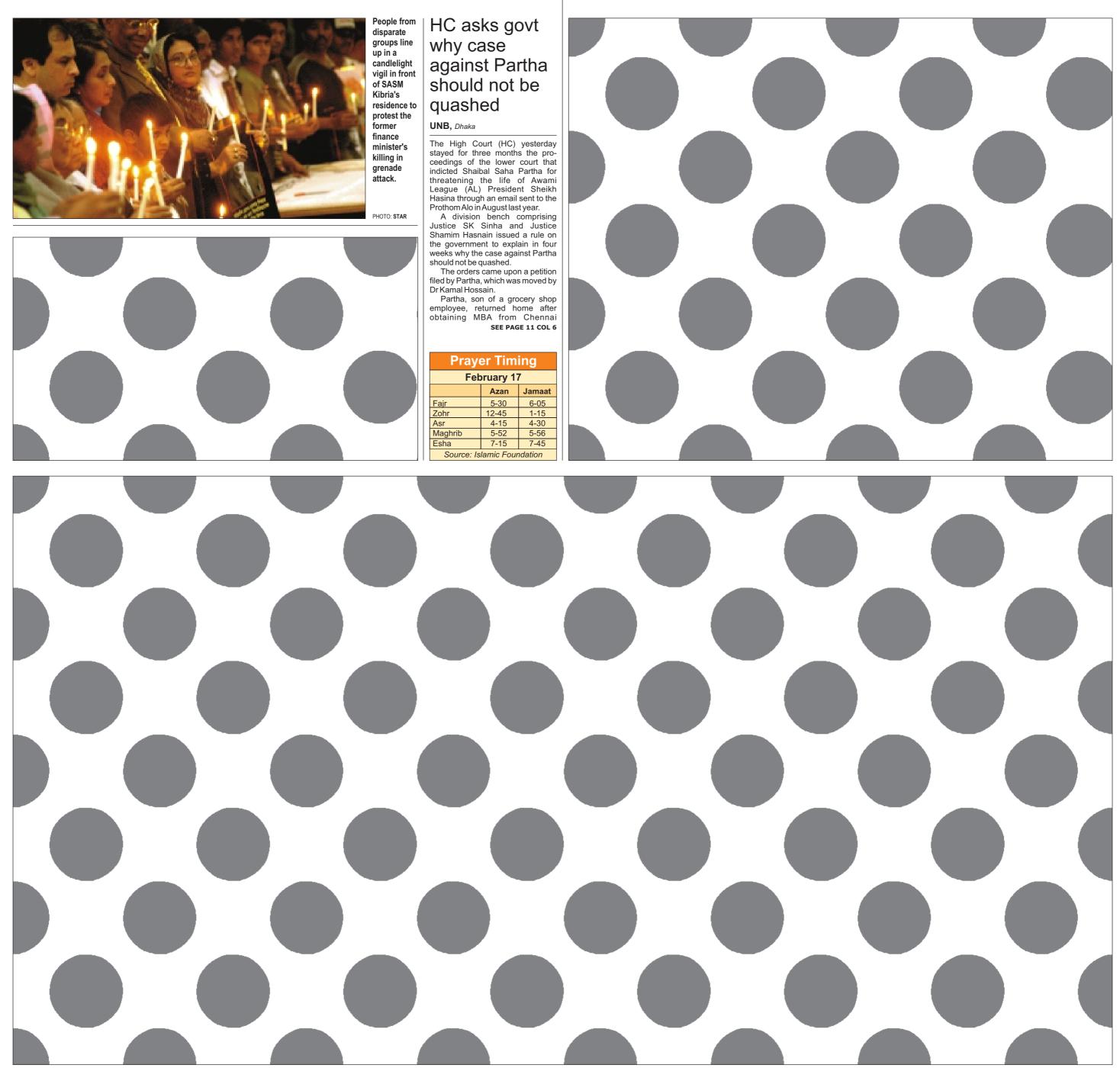
'crossfire'.

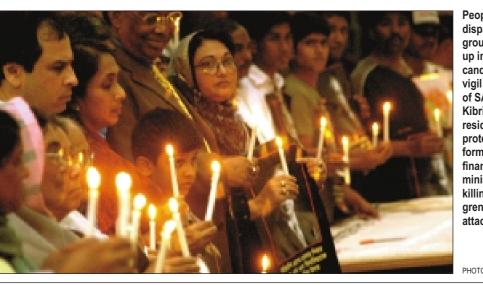
will be led by Janajuddho faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) that appears to have Rapid Action Battalion-6 (Rab-6) has been put on high alert in the emerged stronger than the 11 other wake of reports that all the 12 out-

organisations. Police sources said 50 extremists were killed in crossfire in Khulna region in the last one year.

Outlaws have killed around 3,000 people in the last 10 years and 300 in the last three years in the region, many of them from Khulna city a n d SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

AFP Wednesday.





Prayer Timing		
February 17		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-52	5-56
Esha	7-15	7-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

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