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The crash-landed DC-10 aircraft of Bangladesh Biman is lying beside the Chittagong airport runway as salvage operation is yet to start.

DC-10 CRASH-LANDING

## Pilots, flight engineer suspended

Rescue work may start today, domestic flights resume

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday removed Captain Selim from the post of chief of safety after he crashed-landed the DC-10 aircraft in Chittagong on Friday and also suspended him, the co-pilot and the flight engineer.

Sources at Biman Bangladesh

Airlines said Captain Selim, First Officer Captain Rezwan and the Indonesian flight engineer have been suspended.

The Biman flight, BG-048, flying from Dubai with 215 people on board belly-landed and skidded off the runway at Shah Amanat International Airport at 8:40am on

Friday "due to technical glitch".

A source said Captain Selim's lack of expertise in landing the aircraft "has been proven". Officials at the flight operation tower in Chittagong had repeatedly told him to correct the position of the aircraft that was not in the right position for

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### Businessman shot dead at workplace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown criminals shot dead an Awami League (AL) leader and businessman inside his Jigatola office in the city yesterday afternoon.

Five youths went to the office of Kamru Alom on the ground floor of a four-storey building at 2:45pm, gave a visiting card of local Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Arif to office peons and sought Kamru's permission to meet.

"After getting Kamru's permission, the gang entered his office room and soon we heard seven or

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## Parting Thomas calls Bangladesh a moderate country

UNB, Dhaka

US Ambassador Harry K Thomas left Dhaka yesterday, saying that Bangladesh is a moderate country.

"I didn't say Bangladesh is a moderate Muslim country... Bangladesh is a moderate country with Muslim majority," he said at Zia International Airport before flying for home to join his new assignment at the State Department after a two-year stint as US ambassador to Bangladesh.

Thomas expressed the hope that the next general elections in

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Thomas waves at ZIA

## TAX, GAS, POWER PRICING Tata, govt to appoint int'l consultant

JASIM UDDIN KHAN

The government and the Tata Group in the third-round negotiations yesterday decided to appoint an independent international consultant to fix tax holiday facility and gas and power pricing for the proposed \$2.5 billion investment.

Both parties will propose names tomorrow to select the consultant.

"The pricing of gas and power and extension of tax incentive to such a heavyweight industrial conglomerate needs suggestions from an internationally experienced consultant," said a top-level official who attended negotiations prefer-

ring anonymity.

The Indian corporate giant intends to buy 2 TCF (trillion cubic feet) gas from the government, which plans to buy 500-megawatt electricity from Tata's proposed 1000-megawatt coal-based power plant.

Two sides also discussed the government proposal on the land for the proposed Tata steel plant, with the government wanting to allocate wetland at Ruppur in Ishwardi to Tata. But Tata has asked for land in a densely populated area adjacent to Ruppur.

The opening session of the

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