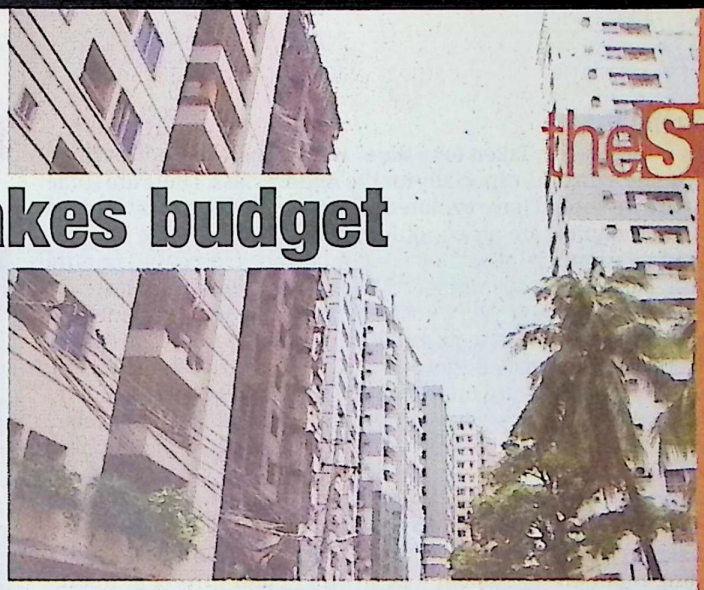
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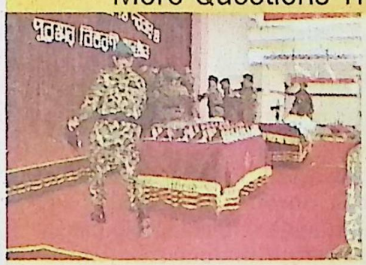
A High-stakes budget

With the new budget all set to be announced, the Hasina administration faces a series of challenges. Economic analysts say the next budget a first for the new government -- will be aligned with efforts to tackle the fallout of global recession on the local economy.

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The Pilkhana Probe
More Questions Than Answers



On May the 27th, exactly three months after the massacre at the Pilkhana BDR Headquarters, the government inquiry report finally saw the light of day. In the end, the government probe report had more bark than bite. The report, running to 309 pages, failed to dig up the exact cause of the bloody revolt.

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Khadi: Reviving the Heritage



The survival of khadi and subsequent rise in its recognition as a tradition worth preserving for its historical and economical value is certainly a remarkable story. From the economic point of view, khadi earned fame in the early nineties and has kept our local weaving industry from the onslaught of smuggled Indian garments that have flooded the markets. In the last fifteen years or so, fashion houses have succeeded in bringing khadi back as part of contemporary fashion.

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