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# HC orders tests of all medicines

Asks for detailed reports on measures for justice in deaths of 76 children from toxic paracetamol, tells govt to make guidelines to check drug adulteration

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The High Court yesterday directed the director general of Directorate of Drug Administration and the inspector general of police to submit reports on measures they have taken since 1991 to ensure justice in connection with deaths of 76 children that year due to adulteration of paracetamol syrup.

An HC bench of justice MD Imman Ali and Justice Obaidul Hasan also ordered the health submit a compliance report. secretary, DG of DDA, managing director of

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), and the chairman of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) to test samples of all medicines available on the market.

They were directed to collect the samples from 20 places under 10 police stations, and complete the tests in 5 weeks. The court fixed December 13 for the next hearing when the health secretary and the DG of DDA are to

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STAR REPORT

## A sour warning for Obama

Republicans win House, Democrats keep Senate in midterm polls

REUTERS, Washington

: American voters have delivered a sour warning to President Barack Obama just two years after he celebrated his election in · front of a roaring crowd -- forget the change agenda and connect · with the people.

Slapped by Tuesday's midterm elections that shunted his fellow Democrats out of power in the House of Representatives · and eroded their majority in the Senate, Obama must now per-For the first time in the history: suade Americans that he understands their frustrations and sees of the United States of : fixing the economy as his No 1 priority.

> If he cannot, he risks being turned out of office himself in 2012. Opinion polls had predicted the swing toward the

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Awami League lawmaker Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj stands in solemn silence before the sculpture of his father Tajuddin Ahmad, the first prime minister of the country, to pay homage marking the Jail Killing Day. The photo was taken from Four National Leaders Jail Memorial Museum in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

## Hasina renews Testimony of pledge on retrial brutality

The government will hold a retrial of the killing of four . The building inside Dhaka Central Jail where the four national leaders in jail, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina · national leaders were brutally assassinated on November : 3, 1975 has been renovated and turned into a museum to yesterday.

The premier made the remark at a discussion organised · commemorate their sacrifice. in the capital to mark the Jail Killing Day with Awami . Several ministers, family members of the martyred League (AL) presidium member Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury ; leaders and witnesses of the brutal killings visited the in the chair.

Paying rich tributes to the leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, : Jail Killing Day. Tajuddin Ahmad, AHM Kamruzzaman and Captain: It was dead of the night on November 3, 1975. The whole Mansur Ali-- she reiterated her government's commitment · compound of Dhaka jail suddenly woke up with the harsh to holding the retrial.

### First junior school exams start today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first-ever Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations of 15,05,391 class VIII students from 27,221 educational institutions across the country start today.

At the pre-examination briefing at the secretariat yesterday, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said all the necessary preparations are complete for the examinations.

From now on, there would be no class final examination for class VIII, he added.

The examinations would help reduce drop outs and bring a qualitative change in **SEE PAGE 15 COL 6** 

### KHALEDA'S OFFICE

### BNP demands explanation on cops' presence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders yesterday demanded an explanation for the presence of additional law enforcement personnel near the party chairperson's Gulshan office Tuesday night.

"We hope the government will clarify the incident if it believes in democracy. They will be in trouble if they want to put Khaleda Zia in difficulty," party standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan said yesterday while attending a human chain programme in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

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KILLING OF 4 NATIONAL LEADERS

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

· building yesterday and recalled the incidents of the historic

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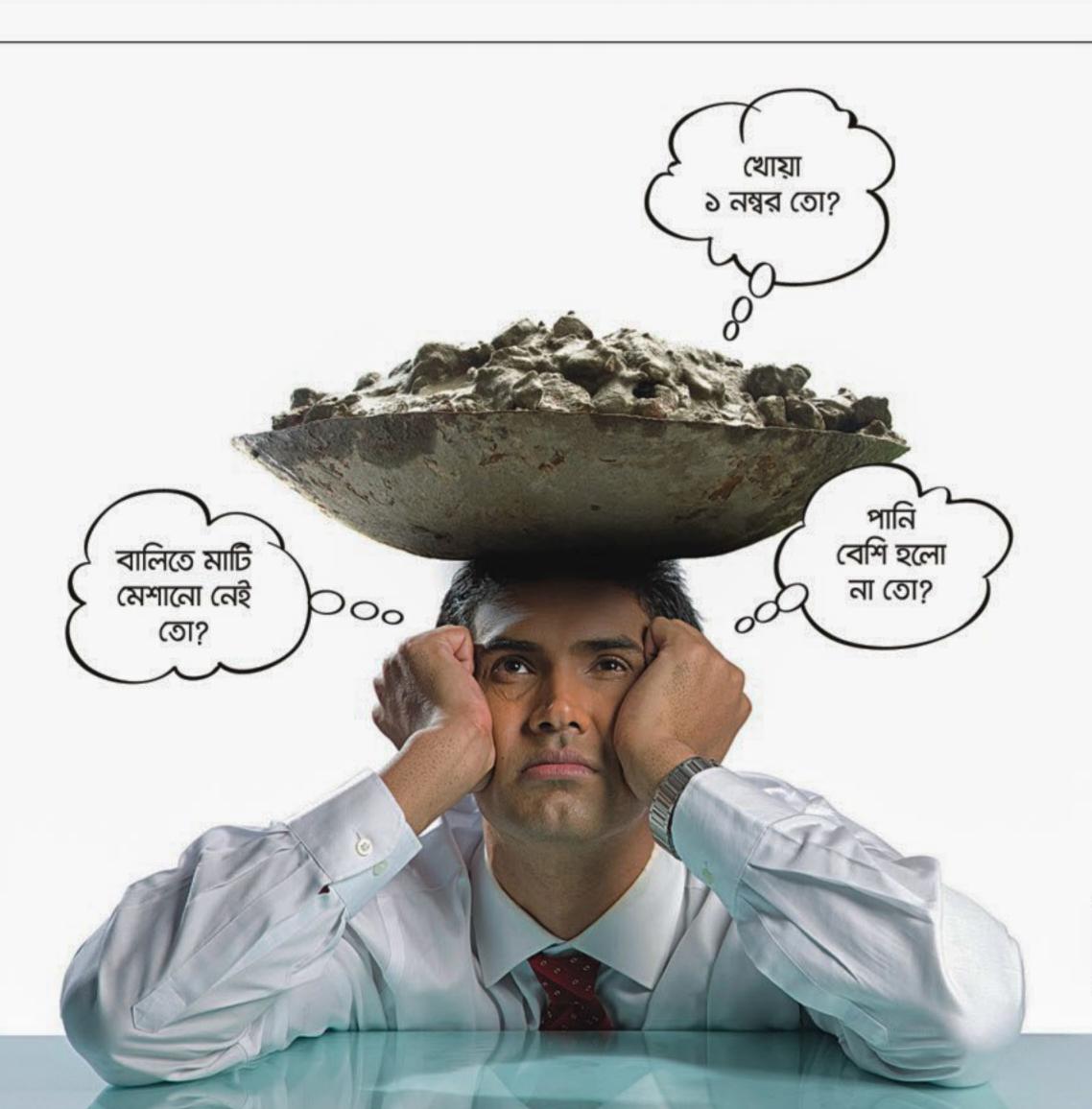
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