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Stock trading resumes tomorrow; Muhith holds stormy meeting of stakeholders

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The government will form a highprofile committee to probe the allegations of stockmarket manipulation by inflating share prices or misusing the book building method.

It will also look into whether any money has been drained off the market, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

Probe body in 15 days

Book building to be redesigned

Circuit breaker will not

continue Plans to allow buyback

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Share credit rules ease

The government has suspended the book building method for initial at a high-profile meeting public offering (IPO).

"We will form a probe committee in 15 days to find out what went: wrong in the stockmarket," said Muhith.

The minister was speaking at a . press conference in the Secretariat · after a meeting with stakeholders in : Minister AMA Muhith and SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

one man

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

A leading businessman : yesterday came under fire on the recent stock market debacle.

Allegations against the : businessman was made at · a four-hour-long meeting at the state guesthouse Padma between Finance

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Worker killed in clash with cops

100 hurt as medicine factory workers demonstrate for pay hike in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A worker of ACI Pharmaceuticals was killed and more than 100 were injured, 15 by bullets, in a clash with police at Siddhirganj in Narayanganj yesterday.

Bullet-hit Enamul Haque, 25, of Rangpur died at Narayanganj 200-bed

Hospital around noon, policesaid.

At least 10 policemen were also injured. All the injured including policemen were taken to Narayanganj 200-bed

SAM Badrul Alam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Siddhirganj Police Station, said SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

BISWA IJTEMA Lakhs join Akheri Munajat

HELEMUL ALAM and RAKIB AHAMMED

The first phase of the Biswa Ijtema at Tongi near the capital ended yesterday with the offering of Akheri Munajat (concluding prayers) joined by lakhs of Muslims from home and abroad.

The devotees sought forgiveness and blessings from Allah for Muslims around the world.

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policeman along with other devotees offers munajat at the end of the first phase of Biswa Ijtema, one of the largest congregations of the Muslim, at Tongi Railway Station yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Sangsad TV awaits debut

JS goes into new-year session tomorrow

RASHIDUL HASAN

Sangsad Bangladesh Television will go on air tomorrow by broadcasting live President Zillur Rahman's address to the new-year session of parliament.

An exclusive channel for the Jatiya Sangsad, it began a two-hour test transmission via satellite at 6:00 pm yester-

During the dry run, it unveiled its logo and the theme song, and screened documentaries on historic events, SEE PAGE 7 COL 3

5 judges to find corrupt in judiciary

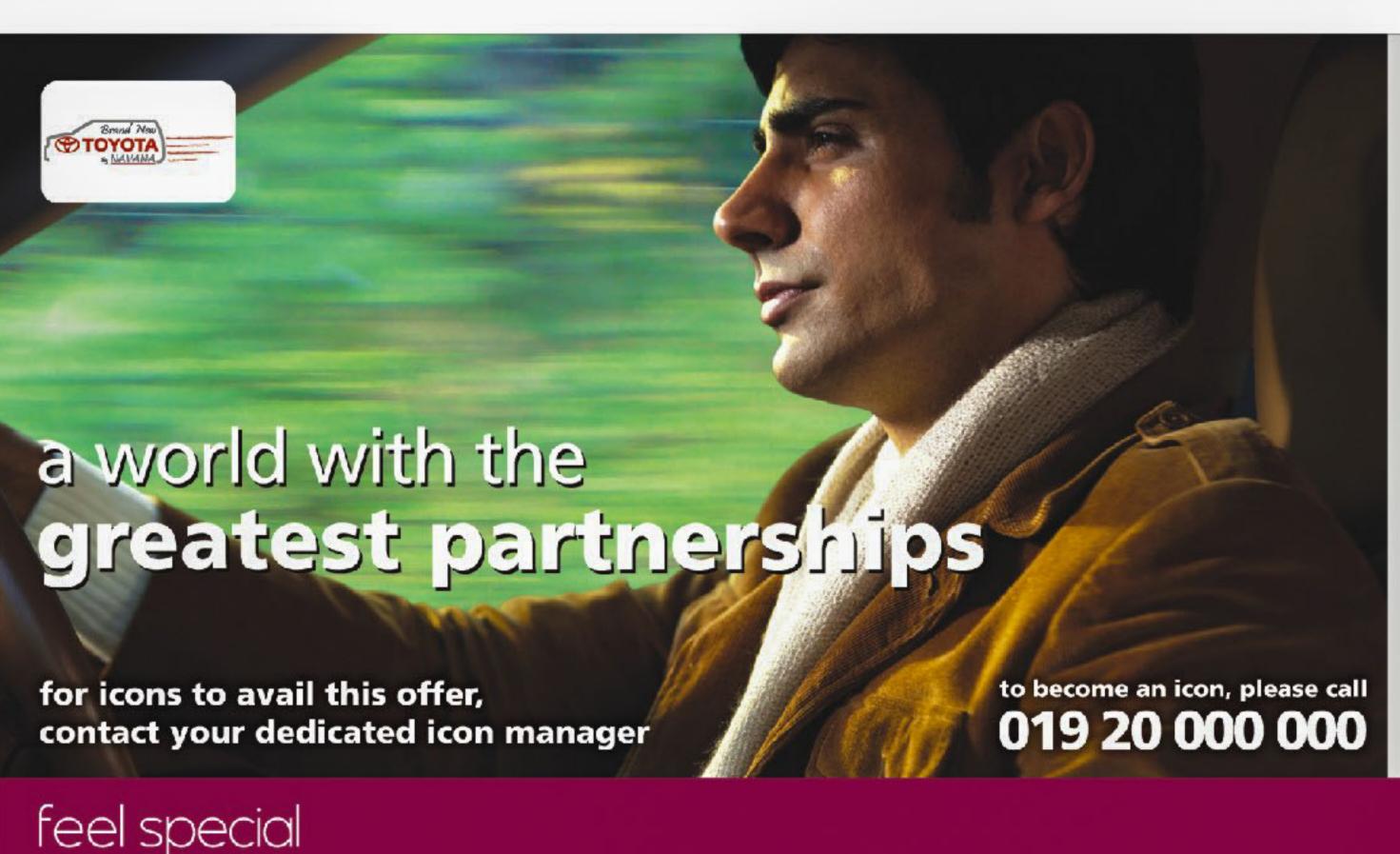
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque yesterday formed a five-member probe committee to identify corrupt people in the judiciary and discourage harassment of people.

Justice SK Sinha of the Appellate Division will lead the committee. Justice Mohammad

Anwarul Haque, Justice AKM Fazlur Rahman, SEE PAGE 19 COL 3





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