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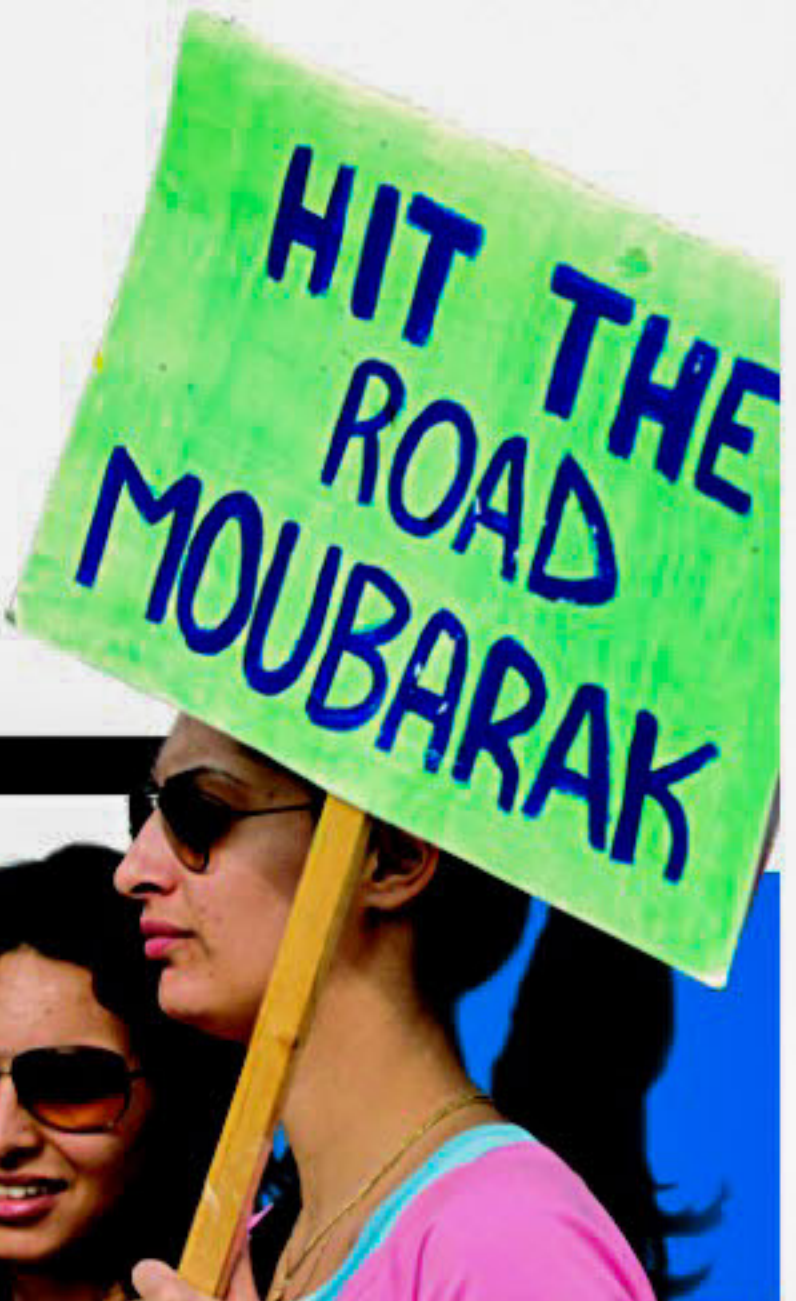
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Shahedul Anam Khan examines US role in the troubled nation and Middle East

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SUING KHALEDA
BNP calls hartal for Monday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday called a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal for February 7 protesting filing of a case against its Chairperson Khaleda Zia and demanding cancellation of government's plan to build a new airport.

Party Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain declared the

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No airport against people's will

PM says the proposed airport site to be shifted following a feasibility study

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Against the backdrop of fierce protest from local residents against construction of an international standard airport in Arial Beel of Munshiganj, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said no airport will be built there against the will of the area's people.

"Awami League government is people's government and it won't do any-

thing going against their will," she said while justifying the need for a new airport of international standard for the country's development.

Chairing a weekly cabinet meeting in Bangladesh Secretariat, the premier said the site of the proposed airport will be shifted to another place after a feasibility study.

The site will be shifted to the south of

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Police make U-turn on case against Khaleda

STAR REPORT

In a U-turn on their earlier claim, police last night said they did not make any entry of a case against opposition leader Khaleda Zia in connection with Monday's violence in Munshiganj.

But in the morning, Officer-in-charge Shakhawat Hossain of Sreenagar Police Station confirmed to The Daily

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'UNKNOWN' DISEASE
8 more die in northern dists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight people, mostly children, of Hatibandha and Pirgachha upazilas of Lalmonirhat and Rangpur districts died of an "unknown disease" yesterday raising the death toll to 12 while 24 more patients are admitted to different hospitals.

Of the diseased, seven -- Gourab Roy, 2, Nishad, 3, Yasmin Akhter, 4, Anonya Ghosh, 4, Kajol Islam, 8, Sadequl, 22, and Azizul Islam, 32, -- are of Hatibandha and Tamanna, 4, is of Pirgachha.

On Tuesday, five people -- Sabina, Sajjad, Razzak Miah and Aranya Ghosh -- died of this disease in Lalmonirhat

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DU students raised voice for Bangalees against Urdu

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

It is indeed intriguing that Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan was given a seat in the Constituent Assembly from the quota reserved for East Bengal since no place could be found for him from any of the provinces constituting West Pakistan. Despite this favour done to him, obviously with little objection from Bangalis, the prime minister chose to dismiss Dhirendranath Dutta's

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Raped girl whipped to death

Fatwa enforcers find victim guilty

A CORRESPONDENT, Shariatpur

Four arrestees were remanded yesterday for links with a fatwa (religious edict) that led to whipping of a rape victim to death in Shariatpur.

Fourteen-year-old Hena, daughter of farmer

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Govt asked to explain failure to stop fatwa

HC gives Shariatpur admin 15 days to tell why it could not save life of 14-year-old rape victim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered district officials in Shariatpur to explain why they failed to protect 14-year-old rape victim Hena from being whipped to death as per a fatwa on Monday.



Mofiz Uddin



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The deputy commissioner, the superintendent of police of Shariatpur and the thana nirbahi officer of Naria upazila -- where the incident took place--will have to report to the HC in 15 days how it happened although the court (HC)

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Subsidised food for 7.5 lakh more

Minister allays fear of food crisis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has started providing food grains at subsidised prices to 7.5 lakh more poor people across the country.

In response to lawmakers' queries, Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque yesterday said this in the parliament, trashing the apprehension of food crisis.

According to the initiative, which started but yet to get the full swing, each of over three lakh Class-IV

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Notice

We have decided to withhold our reply to the rejoinder of the Ministry of Environment and Forests by a day as a mark of respect to its state minister Hasan Mahmud, who lost his father yesterday. So, find our reply to rejoinder tomorrow.

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