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productivity to keep pace with popu-

lation growth.

Matia said the govern-

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#### **OBAMA ON EGYPT**

The US president believes the country will never be the same



## Govt on food alert

Piles up 38pc more subsidy as food grains

get pricey in world market

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and PORIMOL PALMA

The government will increase subsidy for food grains and agri inputs by 38 percent in the current fiscal year to check price hike of food grains.

Economists consider the additional subsidy necessary to cushion the impact of soaring prices of essentials on the country's poor.

The subsidy is expected to go up to Tk 7,025 crore from the present outlay of Tk 5,088 crore, said officials in

the food and agriculture ministries.

The raise comes hard on the heels of hikes in rice prices in recent weeks.

Talking to The Daily Star, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, however, allayed fears of rice prices going beyond the reach of consum-

She said the government lowered

### Cairo at ease

all international treaties

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's new military leadership yesterday vowed to pave the way for democracy and abide by international treaties as the hopeful country celebrated victory on the day after Hosni Mubarak's overthrow. The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces said the

current government would remain in place for a peaceful democratic state," though it set no official timetable.

rule and triggered an outpouring of national solidarity. SEE PAGE 13 COL 7

COMMENTARY

### Army commits to power transfer, Egypt regains its dignity

Meaning of Mubarak's departure MAHFUZ ANAM

We in Bangladesh feel a special affinity with the people of transition to "an elected civil authority to build a free : Egypt as we watch them celebrate Mubarak's fall. As they · regain freedom, self respect and dignity, we shared their The streets and squares of downtown Cairo were in the · every step as we were there. Obviously our events of 1971 hands of the mostly young demonstrators whose deter- · are (were) far deeper and bigger to be comparable. mined 18-day revolt overturned 30 years of autocratic . However, closer to the present events in Egypt was our : victory over autocracy in 1990 that saw the end of another SEE PAGE 13 COL 1

Tremor

jolts city

A mild earthquake shook

the capital and other parts

of the country yesterday

time this month causing

Two other earthquakes

jolted the capital and some

other parts of the country

February 4. The quakes

faults at Bangladesh-India

and Bangladesh-Myanmar

were at three different

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STAR REPORT

# COME

#### SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The seasons circle the earth. Something of a spring is to be deciphered in their orbit, for that is one way of observing their graces, their movements, as they add substance to life on this planet, indeed to the concept of time and space. And that precisely is what you notice this morning on your doorsteps. There is a sudden profusion of colours around you, that timeless scented presence of flowers in a season redolent of **SEE PAGE 6 COL 3** 

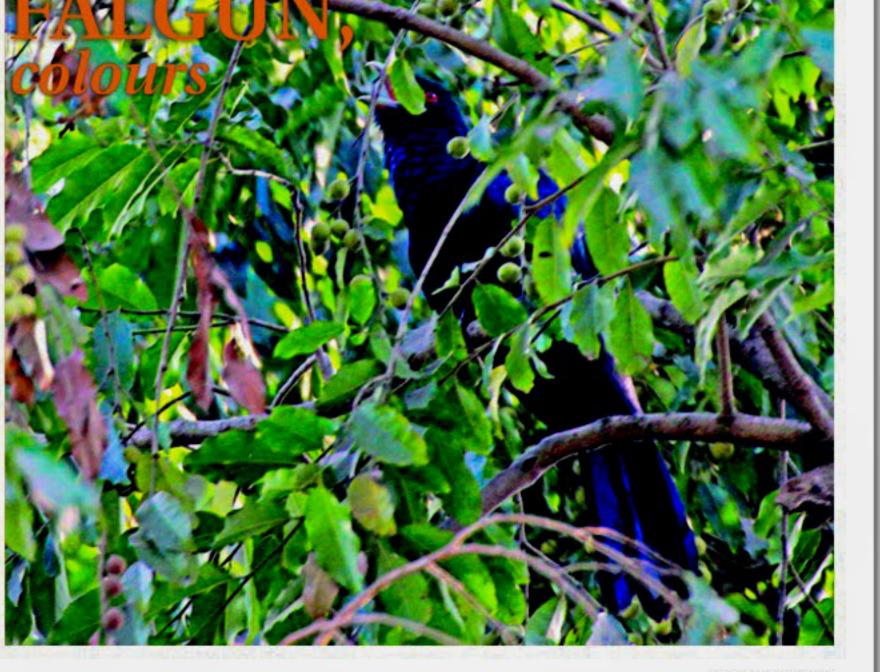


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#### 8TH AMENDMENT VERDICT

### Mode of execution now under question

SHAKHAWAT LITON

A parliamentary body's decision to introduce a bill to reinstate the constitution's articles repealed or altered by the first military regime has raised questions about execution of the two-decade old Supreme Court verdict on the eighth amendment.

The parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendment took the decision on Wednesday. In so doing, it rejected the argument that the articles had automatically been reinstated following the SC verdict scrapping the fifth amendment, which ratified the changes made during the first military rule.

But back in 1991, article 100, which had been altered by the eighth amendment, was restored to its original form without passing any bill to that effect. All it took was a reprint of the constitution. Earlier in 1989, the Supreme Court cancelled parts SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

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### Brac Bank comes in aid of Hena's family

Fatwa accused Idris remanded STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Brac Bank has come

forward to donate Tk 1 lakh to the family of Hena Akter, the girl whipped to death in Shariatpur last month, following a report published in The Daily Star on February 11 headlined "Double Blow for family".

Hena's father Darbesh Kha, a day labourer,

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### Lead-up picks up pace

It's time for cuckoos to sing and herald the arrival of Falgun.

SPORTS REPORTER

The World Cup is now all but underway, with the first batch of warm-up matches completed yesterday across the three host nations -- ICC Cricket World Cup Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh hit the ground running in their first warm-up fixture against Canada at Chittagong's Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, brushing aside the North

The Tigers bowled out the Canadians for a measly 112, with captain Shakib Al Hasan picking up three wickets for five runs. Tamim Iqbal then played a scintillating innings SEE PAGE 13 COL 3

2011

Americans with a commanding display on the field and with the bat.

# power-cut

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday faced an embarrassing situation brought about by a power failure while attending the 52nd convocation of the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB).

Just as the announcer uttered the name of the prime minister to deliver her speech as chief guest, the power supply was cut off at the IEB premises.

The electricity remained off for almost 30 **SEE PAGE 13 COL 8** 

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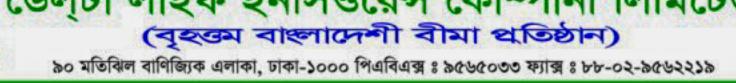
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around for Bangla SYED BADRUL AHSAN Vociferous protests marked a meeting of the Youth League soon after Nazimuddin made his remarks on the language issue on January 27, 1952. Contact was made with the Awami Muslim League, the political party

Unity all

formed by Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani and Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy in June 1949 as a protest move against the ruling Muslim League. It was a step that would have a far-reaching impact on Bangalee

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