respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Tuesday's The Daily Star report headlined "Rowdy protests on street."

Abul Kashem

Instead of finding out the reasons behind the violence, PM strongly ordered the Home Minister to identify those responsible for vandalizing the stock market area by demonstration. No doubt, it is a praiseworthy initiative on the part of our beloved PM. But, it was expected in the same context, if the PM could have asked the other concerned authorities to find out neutrally the real culprits (in a real sense) who have vandalized the stock market by siphoning millions of taka from the small investors which is not difficult on the part of the PM and her administration. The people hope an effective and appropriate long term measure from our prime minister.

Arshad Khwaja

It is an unfortunate event for general public. Unfortunately the stock price has way to go down IMHO. I would say \$3500 is the floor. I hope I am wrong but looking at the 24 month trend and the 12 Forward PE (if we can truly rely on BD data) and the market panic...We still have room to fall. I hope some say general public (not those investment banks) are on the side line for market to stabilize.

Md Russell Talukder

The rowdy investors are to be blamed for their greed, lack of investment knowledge and all those phrases that are so vibrantly used by the so called intellectuals, political leaders, market insiders and by the people in general, but most importantly they are to be blamed for trusting and voting a party that has been historically incompetent to deal sensitive and sophisticated issues such as share market or controlling price of daily essentials.

Widen up the walls of the jails, as you may have to put all the 35 lakh investors in the jail if you really ever dream to be in power in Bangladesh.

And Bangladesh no more needs an opposition party, be it BNP or Jamaat, these 35 lac investors are more than enough to decide the fate of AL.

Matiur Rahman

How strong is the causal connection between Bangladesh GDP growth and stock market capitalization is an empirical issue. The way the market rose in streaks of gains and they way it is falling indicate market manipulation. The stock market turned out to be a casino. I feel sorry for the ill-informed/uninformed small investors. Policies should not be reactive to stabilize the market by taking excess fads out earlier.

Robin, California

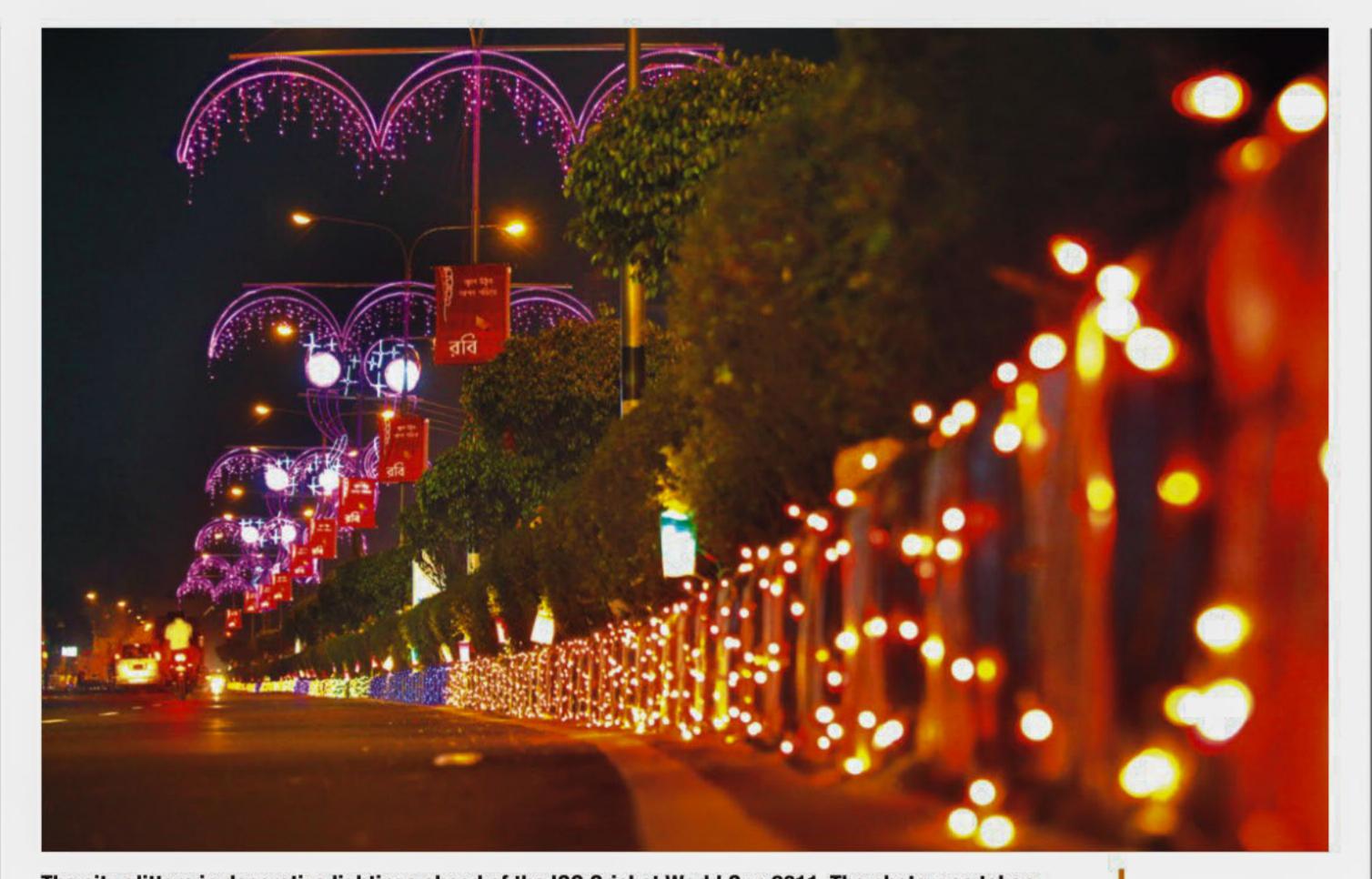
Bangladesh should close all the stock exchanges and open casinos instead. Bangladesh stock exchanges have become a joke!

MC

The newspapers are miserably failing in their role to educate and warn about the risks of investing in stocks. By and large the media is highlighting the anger of the investors while not telling them if anyone guaranteed a positive return on their mindless investments.

An observer

Few more steps the government can take to address the critical issues in the fall of stock trading. These are: a) Open discussion in the parliament and in the cabinet for a solution; b) The committee set up for the review is just a toy piece for the work. The TOR must be revised and more active and qualified people be put in charge to find out the clue in the shortest possible time i.e. in 10 to 14 days time.



The city glitters in decorative lightings ahead of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011. The photo was taken near Shaheed Jahangir Gate at 8:00pm yesterday.

RASHED SHUMON

ARIAL BEEL CASE

Prof Sirajul Islam gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court granted anticipatory bail for four months to Dhaka University teacher Prof Emeritus Sirajul Islam Chowdhury and 21 others in four cases filed in connection with clashes at Arial Beel in Munshiganj.

Police filed all the cases against them with a court in Munshiganj on January 31on charges of killing, impeding police duties and creating unrest at Arial Beel. The HC bench of Justice MA

Wahhab Miah and Justice M

Khasruzzaman also issued four rules upon the government to explain why the accused should not be granted regular bail in the cases. Sirajul Islam and the others yesterday appeared before the bench seek-

ing bail in the cases. Earlier on February 13, they filed four petitions with the HC for bail in the cases. Advocate Ramzan Ali Sikder and

Barrister Sara Hossain appeared for the petitioners.

'FAILURE' IN MANPOWER EXPORT

JS body slams govt

RASHIDUL HASAN

METROPOLITAN / NEWS

A parliamentary body yesterday bitterly criticised the government for its "failure" to prevent the declining trend of manpower export that appears as a threat to the country's economic sector. The parliamentary

standing committee on planning ministry observed that the government's various diplomatic efforts and overseas visits by ministers and other highprofile officials could not resolve the problems centring manpower export. It also expressed dissatis-

faction at the performance of the expatriate welfare and overseas employment ministry for its poor performance, although the ministry is supposed to ensure welfare of migrant workers.

The expatriate welfare ministry's officials present at Bangladeshi workers are the meeting however explained their various measures taken to improve the ernment's wrong steps. situation.

and our foreign missions try concerned to take immedoing? Don't they under- diate steps to recover our stand that day by day we're labour market on an emerlosing our labour market, gencybasis," Oli Ahmed said. lifeline of our remittance

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the meeting held at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

He said the government at different times issued statements that it had taken proper steps to recover the labour market. "But the real picture is different," Oli, also president of Liberal Democratic Party, added.

The committee chief said members of the parliamentary body observed that the foreign visits was just a misuse of public money. Their visits and the government's diplomatic efforts could neither recover labour market nor resolve problems of the migrant workers, he added.

The watchdog also observed that the declining trend of manpower export caused down flow of remittance which is a threat to the country's economy.

It also said around 500 about to lose their jobs in South Korea due to the gov-

"We have asked the gov-"What is the government ernment as well as the minis-

The committee was flow?" Col (retd) Oli Ahmed, informed that the country's chief of the parliamentary manpower export declined body, told The Daily Star after by 20 percent compared to

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Members of Rapid Action

Battalion (Rab) seized illegal VoIP

equipment and arrested three

people in this connection after a

raid at capital's Nawabpur area

Nasir, 42, and his employees

Tareq, 22, and Tusuf, 25.

SIM cards and handsets.

The arrestees are Mohammad

A team of Rab-10 conducted

the raid at a flat of a five-storied

market, also a residential build-

ing, named 'Shah Poran Market'

They seized five VoIP

machines, a laptop, 1,400 mobile

at Nawabpur at around 1:30pm.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

yesterday.

the statistics of September 2010. Besides, as many as 41,220 migrant workers returned to the country last year after losing their jobs in different countries.

The ministry informed the committee that only 3.84 lakh migrant workers went abroad by December last year while 4.75 lakh and 8.75 lakh migrant workers went abroad in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Remittance growth slowed last year compared to the previous year, and the inflow fell short of the yearly target by \$1 million.



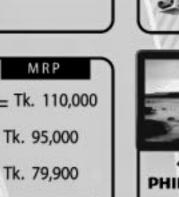


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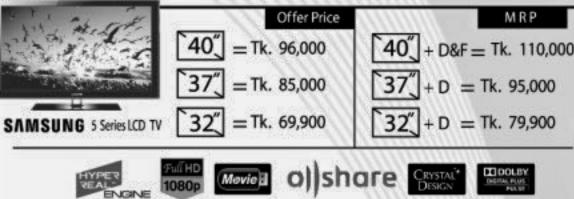
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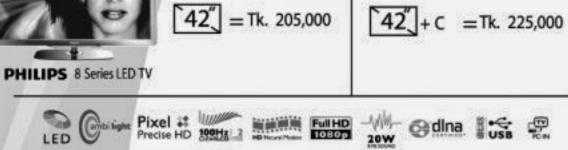


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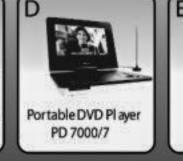






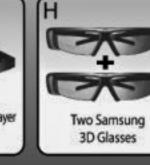
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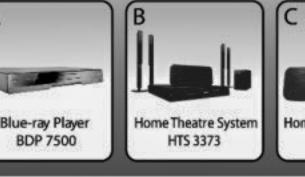
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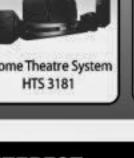
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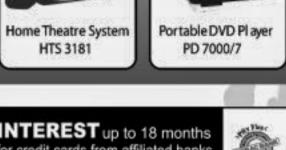
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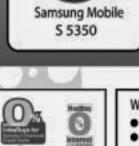
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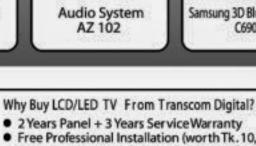


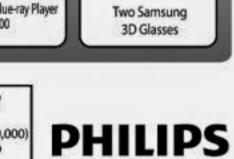












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