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Bangladesh captain Shakib reflects on the task at hand against Ireland

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A UK court agrees on WikiLeaks chief Assange's extradition

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No specific request to IOM yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) yesterday made an urgent appeal to the international community for funding so that it could help evacuate migrants from turbulent Libya.

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## Latest on ME, Africa unrest

AFP, Cairo

Here are the latest developments in unrest sweeping the Middle East and North Africa.

LIBYA: Gaddafi blamed al-Qaeda for an insurrection that poses the worst threat to his four decades in power as swathes of

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## Nuke power deal with Russia inked

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday signed a primary deal with Russia for installing a 2,000MW nuclear power plant at Rooppur in Pabna.

By signing the deal, the government launched country's first nuclear power plant project (NPP) which would be completed in 2017-18 at a cost of \$1.5 to 2 billion.

Secretary of the Ministry of Science Abdur Rob Howlader and Deputy Director General of Russian Atomic Energy Corporation Nickolay Spasskiy initiated the deal at Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.

State Minister for Science and ICT Yeafesh Osman, Russian

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## BANGLADESHIS TRAPPED IN LIBYA

## Safe exit not the only concern

*Thousands without food, water; Egypt denies entry to 400*

ARUN DEVNATH and PORIMOL PALMA

Thousands of desperate Bangladeshis are crying for food, water and a safe exit from violence-riven Libya, witnesses said yesterday amid unfolding scenes of deepening chaos in the sprawling desert country.

Top officials said they do not think Bangladesh has the need for a large-scale evacuation of its citizens from Libya immediately, dealing a double blow to the marooned people, as other Asian countries have already moved to rescue their nationals.

Brega, or Marsa Al Brega, about a 1,000km east of Tripoli, is just one area where at least 600 Bangladeshis are struggling to survive hungry days in a so-called camp.

They had worked for Al Nahar Company, which was set up by the Libyan government in 2006 for irrigation and water supply across the country. They are now without any job as the company has suspended its operations in the wake of rioting by anti-government protesters and bloody crackdowns by Libya's brutal regime. The flow of income for the workers has come to a halt.

"We are living off little food and with no electricity and water," said

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So what if there is no cricket ground or a pitch or any proper gear, the World Cup fever is here and spreading. The photo was taken at Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Other forces take lesson from mutiny

*Move to have stringent law to discourage armed rebellion*

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and SHARIFUL ISLAM

The horrifying border guard mutiny in 2009 has prompted other forces, which have no stringent law regarding rebellion, to mull stronger and severe punishment as a preventive measure.

The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has already enacted a law with a provision of death penalty for mutiny while the Ansar, which witnessed several rebellions so far, has already formulated a draft law making the provision of the same retribution. The highest punishment for mutiny in Ansar is now six months' imprisonment.

The jail force, which uses firearms to some extent, has nothing against mutiny in their existing laws, said sources, adding that the prison authorities are reviewing the existing jail code to strengthen the

laws keeping in mind any possible mutiny or resentment among jail guards in future. There are around 7,000 jail guards in 66 jails across the country.

Police officials said although they have no direct law for mutiny, the punishment for such offences can also be ensured under the civil law. Sources said police experienced a mutiny during Ershad regime when some police personnel were sacked under disciplinary actions.

The Armed Police Battalion Ordinance, 1979, based on which Rapid Action Battalion was established, states in article-8(1) that the punishment for mutiny will be life term at best while 10 years' imprisonment at least.

The Bangladesh Ansar authorities last year formulated a draft law for the force

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## Govt plans SIM tax cut

*Also to rationalise 2G licence renewal fees*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government plans to reduce SIM taxes, and rationalise the fees for 2G licence renewal and spectrum charges, Telecommunications Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju said yesterday.

"I have already talked to the finance minister so the eight hundred taka tax on SIM [subscriber's identification module] could be reduced in the upcoming budget," the minister said at a media briefing at his ministry.

Raju said, only one out of the six mobile phone operators can afford the tax. "As a result, the industry passes the tax on to the subscribers indirectly. So, we are thinking about the issue."

For long, the mobile operators have been branding the

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TIGERS FACE IRELAND TODAY  
Win is order of the day

ICC Cricket World Cup

2011

SA BEAT WI

West Indies 222 in 47.3 overs

S Africa 223/3 in 42.5 overs

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25<sup>th</sup> February

## In Remembrance of our Founders

With profound sadness and grief we embrace the memory of 25th February, the 17th death anniversary of Late Hamidur Rahman Sinha, one of the founders of The ACME Laboratories Ltd. who left behind a host of his relatives and friends for his heavenly abode. Although he is not amongst us but his intelligence, wide knowledge, prudence and positive approach still influence our mission towards the excellence. We are also engrossed by the memory of late Noorjahan Sinha, his beloved wife, who with her constant inspiration and by lighting a beacon of hope made the foundation possible in 1954.

May Allah rest his soul in eternal peace. We also pray for the salvation and eternal peace for all the departed souls to be endowed with the divine blessings of Almighty.

To mark the day, Doa and Milad Mahfil will be held today at 3.45 p.m. in Corporate Office: Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallayanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka; Dhamrai Factory and in all Sales Centers throughout the country. All relatives and well wishers are cordially requested to attend the Doa Mahfil.

All members of The ACME Family

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