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ATIQUE ANAM

Kevin O'Brien hammered a Herculean century as Ireland pulled off one of the biggest upsets in the history of World Cup cricket defeating their mighty neighbours England by three wickets at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in

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Govt explains diplomats, donors its action today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith will sit today with ambassadors of different countries and representatives of multilateral agencies to make clear the government's stance on Grameen Bank and its founder Prof Muhammad Yunus.

On behalf of the minister, Shafiqur Rahman Patwari, secretary of the banking division of the finance ministry, sent invitations to the foreign diplomats and representatives in Dhaka yesterday. The meeting will be held at the finance ministry in the secretariat in the

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Yunus 'removed'

Central Bank issues letter to Grameen Bank; Grameen terms it a legal issue, insists the Nobel hero still holds office



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Muhammad Yunus, the man who brought a Nobel Prize for Bangladesh, and the most celebrated living Bangladeshi around the globe, was unceremoniously relieved of his duties at Grameen Bank yesterday through a Bangladesh Bank letter.

The central bank said Yunus failed to seek its approval when he was reappointed as the managing director in

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Unfair, ominous

Say economists, Yunus admirers; US embassy 'deeply troubled' by move

STAR REPORT

Economists with huge policy-making experience denounced the way the government decided to remove Prof Muhammad Yunus from the Nobel Prize winning Grameen Bank.

Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud, Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, and Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya said the move will send a negative signal to the country's microcredit sector.

US Ambassador in Dhaka James Moriarty pressed the Bangladesh government to treat Yunus with respect, and the embassy yesterday



Wahiduddin Mahmud

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Microcredit borrowers baffled

STAR REPORT

Prof Muhammad Yunus' removal from the post of Grameen Bank's managing director surprised many of its borrowers, who dubbed him the pathfinder in elevating them from poverty.

Ayesha Khatun of Noorpur in Pabna took a Tk 130,000 loan from Grameen Bank on November 10, 2009 to help her son run a computer business.

"I simply could not believe my ears when I heard that Prof Yunus has been removed today from his position in the bank," said a dumbfounded Ayesha, who paid back three quarters of her loan

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New anthem played, flag shown

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

On March 3, a rattled General Yahya Khan called a round table conference of the leaders of all parties represented in the yet to meet National Assembly in Rawalpindi on March 10. The results were predictable. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman swiftly rejected the invitation. On his part, ZA Bhutto, whose incendiary statements on the scheduled NA session in Dhaka earlier had led to the crisis, accepted Yahya Khan's invitation with alacrity. However, with Mujib's

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Rebels seek outside help

Gaddafi warns US of bloody war

AGENCIES, Tripoli

Forces loyal to Gaddafi attacked an important town in Libya's east yesterday, sparking a rebel warning that foreign military help might be needed to "put the nail in his (Gaddafi's) coffin" and end his long rule.

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Survived, they tell of horrors

PORIMOL PALMA

He was hungry and tired. Still, he refused the lunch provided by government officials at the airport yesterday.

"When I survived without rice for over the last two weeks, I will not die to reach home," said Sajeeb, who arrived at the Hazrat

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8,000 out on Libya borders

348 arrive on IOM-arranged flight, 36 others fly in on their own

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 8,000 Bangladeshis who could get evacuated troubled Libya are now languishing at the Egyptian and Tunisian borders with little food and water coupled with extreme night chill, only to get back home.

The aggrieved evacuees said the Bangladesh government has not done enough for them and that they are now feeling "abandoned" as many of them have no travel documents.

Meanwhile, 33 Bangladeshi engineers stranded in Marsa Brega urged the government to make arrangement so that they can get aboard on an Indian ship likely to arrive at Brega port tomorrow.

"Till Wednesday, there were no bombings or shootings here but clashes between rebels and Gaddafi forces has started today," said two of the engineers to The Daily Star, adding that this made them to stay inside their company premises.

"I reached the Egyptian border Saturday and went without food until I got on a flight and begged some water from the Europeans," said Sazedul Hossain, who went to Benghazi, Libya to work for Al Maruf Construction Company nine months ago.

Sazedul and 35 of his colleagues came home yesterday

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With little food and no shelter Bangladeshis are waiting on Ras Jedir border, Libya for any sort of arrangement to come back home from the revolt-hit country.

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