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BNP protests bid to 'tarnish Zia's image'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition BNP leaders at a protest rally in the capital yesterday said they will give a fitting reply to the people who are out to tarnish the image of party founder late president Ziaur Rahman.

Countering a demand to try Zia for killing Col Abu Taher, they said those

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Champs gone

India set up semis with Pakistan

SPORTS DESK

Yuvraj Singh smashed an unbeaten half-century under pressure as India dispatched defending champions Australia from the World Cup with a five-wicket win at Ahmedabad yesterday. Their victory set up a dream semifinal against archrivals Pakistan at Mohali on March 30.

It had looked to be slipping away from the hosts when captain MS Dhoni perished to a spectacular catch at point by Michael Clarke. At that point, the home side were on the verge of exiting their own party, with 74 runs still needed off 77 deliveries with only five wickets in hand.

But Yuvraj and Suresh Raina took the fight to the Aussie pace attack to take India home with 14 balls to spare. Yuvraj remained unbeaten with 57 off 65 balls while Raina played the perfect foil at the other end with an unbeaten 34. It was Yuvraj's fourth fifty in the

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THE ROAR REACHING DOWN UNDER: Star India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh exults after seeing his side home against Australia in the second quarterfinal of the World Cup at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

BSF killed 136 Bangladeshis since 2009

Parliament told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 136 Bangladeshi citizens were killed and 170 others injured by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) since January 2009, Home Minister Sahara Khatun told parliament yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, the home minister also said both the Bangladesh and Indian governments are now working to reduce number of border killing to zero.

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Correction

In a report published yesterday headlined "Yunus gets support from Indian peers", we inadvertently stated that more than one hundred microfinance practitioners and experts of India expressed support for Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus. In fact, 302 microfinance practitioners and experts extended the backing. We regret the error.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Tribunal for protecting witnesses, victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal will amend its rules of procedure to ensure fair trial of the crimes against humanity committed in 1971, tribunal Registrar Md Shahinur Islam has said.

"The tribunal is considering setting up a unit to provide support and protection to the witnesses and victims of war crimes," he said at a press briefing at his office yesterday.

Shahinur said the tribunal is compe-

tent enough, and is empowered by the International Crimes Tribunal Act to amend its rules of procedure any time.

Highlighting last one year's activities of the tribunal before newsmen, he said the tribunal is maintaining international standard in its proceedings.

The rights of defence and the trial procedure outlined in the act of 1973, and the rules of procedure are the glaring manifestations of the "due process of law" and "fair trial" which make the law more

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Robert Blake's comments 'unwanted'

Says Nirmul Committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee yesterday condemned Robert O Blake, the US assistant state secretary for south and central Asian affairs, for his remark on the removal of Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus from the Grameen Bank.

A statement jointly signed by three executives

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Woman killed in daylight robbery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals hacked and strangled a housewife to death and looted cash and gold ornaments in the city's Demra while police recovered body of a construction worker from a semi-constructed building at Tejturibazar yesterday.

The deceased, Reena Begum, 27, was wife of jhut (garment waste) trader Mokhbul Hossain.

Reena was not at home when four criminals stormed into her house at Sarulia around 2:30pm and tied up everyone at gunpoint.

Shefali Begum, Reena's aunt, said the criminals bound her with ropes along with Reena's seven-year-old daughter Mukta and a relative, Runa, 17.

"The criminals were in the middle of looting when Reena walked in and got stabbed indiscriminately by the

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PRAYER TIMING March 25

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-55	5-30
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-16	6-20
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

ONLINE POLL

Following Robert Blake's state-ment that the Yunus issue will have a bearing on Bangladesh-US relation, what should the Bangladesh government do?

- Look for a compromise (70.0%)
- Stick to its decision (23.8%)
- No comments (6.2%)

TOTAL VOTES : 546

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with finance ministry that Prof Muhammad Yunus should come forward for an understanding with the government regarding the Grameen Bank issue?

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