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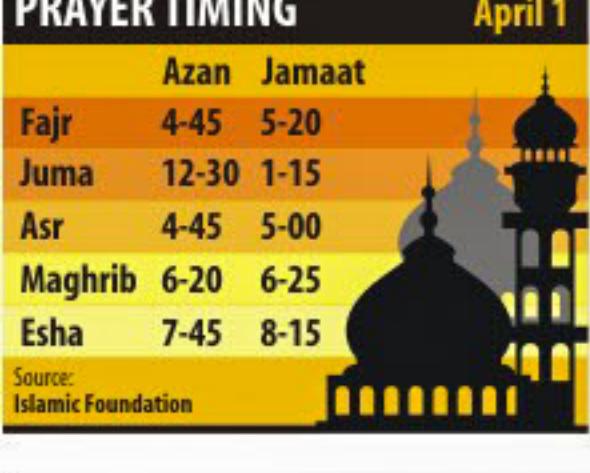
Criminals kill 2 in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown criminals shot dead two people at the capital's Jatrabari and Polashai last night, police said.

In Jatrabari incident, criminals gunned down Md Ali, an informant of Rapid Action Battalion,

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WAR CRIMES CHARGE Alim gets bail on conditions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday granted conditional bail to former BNP lawmaker Abdul Alim in connection with war crimes charges.

One of the bail conditions forbids Alim from contacting any political leaders, political parties and victims and witnesses of war crimes.

A three-judge panel headed by Justice Nizamul Huq passed the order considering Alim's old age, sickness and inability to move.

Alim, a member of late president Ziaur Rahman's



Md Abdul Alim

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France rallies round Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

French Foreign Affairs Minister Alain Juppé has lent strong support to the Grameen Bank in retaining its independence and demanded fair trial of the lawsuit filed by Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.

"We made clear that France would like to ensure a fair trial for Muhammad Yunus," he said in the French parliament on Wednesday, according to a statement of the Friends of Grameen, a voluntary

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PM for local govt leaders' evaluation

UNB, Gafurgaon, Mymensingh

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government will evaluate activities and performances of all public representatives in the local government.

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Dhaka's role vital in climate strategy

Int'l conference told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Knowledge, experience and practices of the locals should be given importance in combating climate change, experts told an international conference in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh should take the lead in disseminating the

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Rab 'shootout' kills criminal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A listed criminal was killed during a 'shootout' between his cohorts and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in the capital's Kafrul early yesterday while two alleged muggers were injured by Rab in Paltan.

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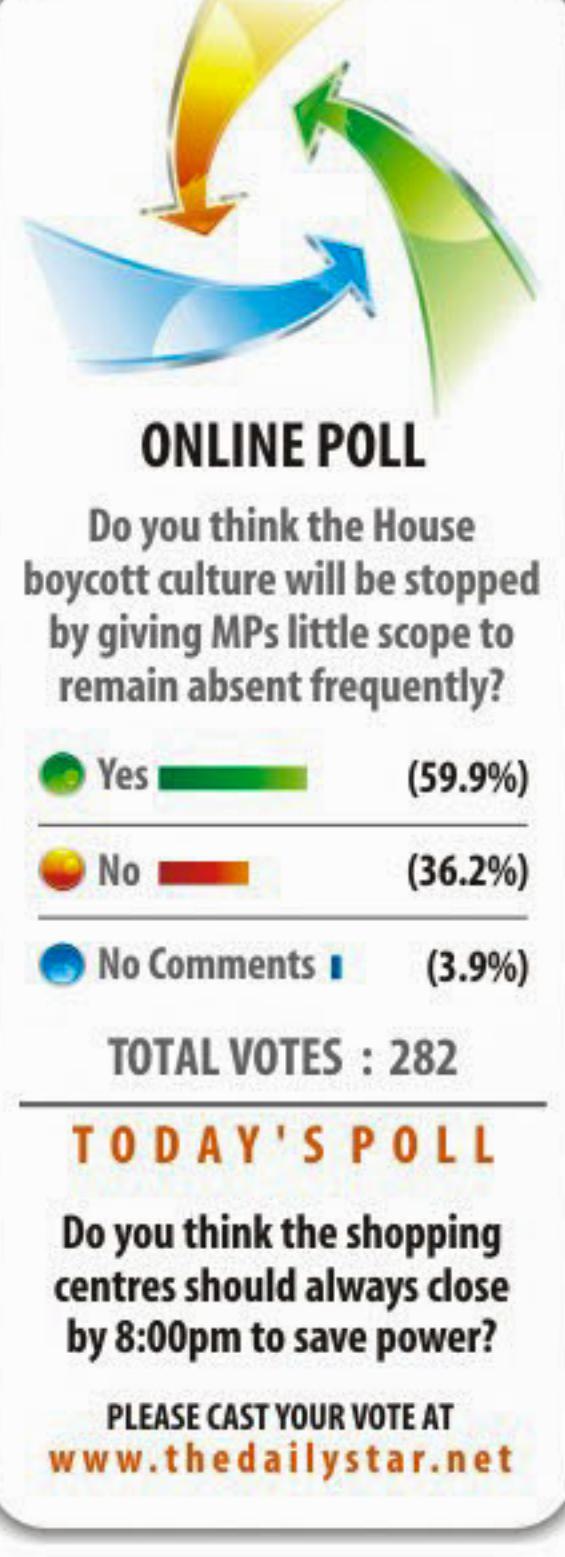
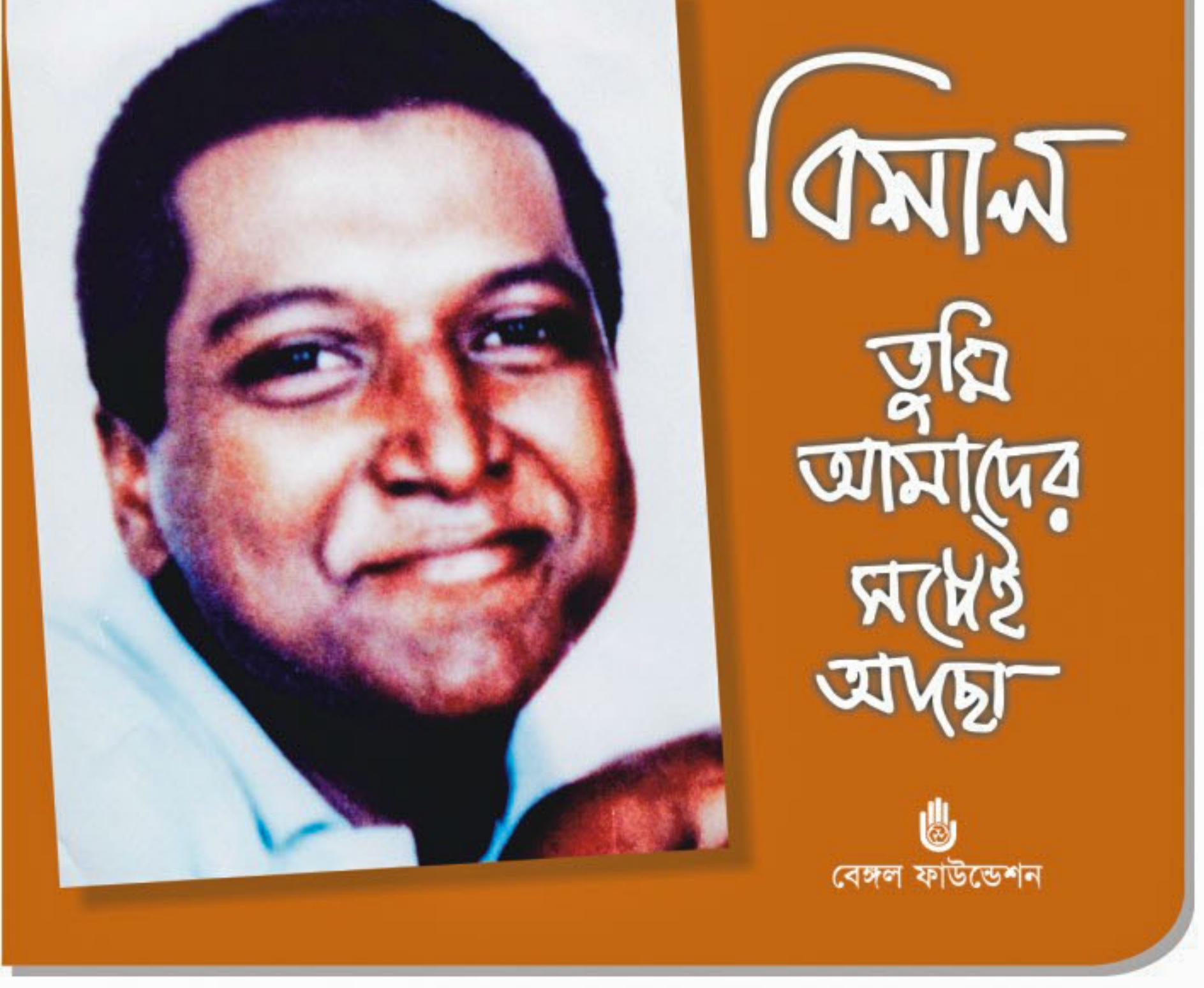
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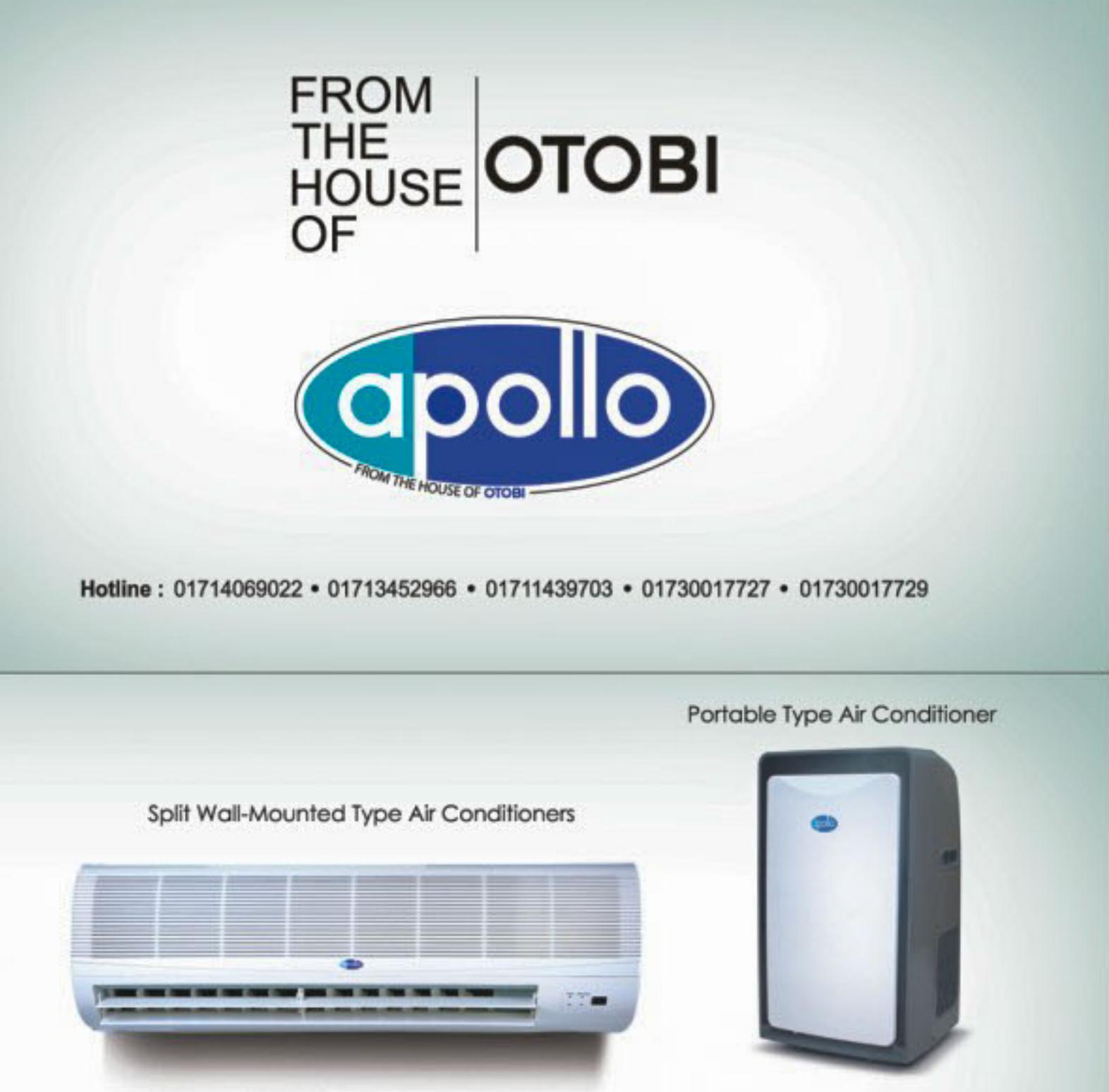
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