

FORGOTTEN HEROES

Md Asadullah Khan says true war heroes are being disregarded

PAGE 15

POETRY THREADED

The Jamdani of Dhaka is a fusion of around 2,000 years old weaving techniques of Bengal

PAGE 10-11

YET ANOTHER TEST

Barack Obama struggles hard to avoid the US govt shutdown

PAGE 7



STOCKMARKET MANIPULATION

Finger pointed at 60 individuals

Probe body chief says suspects' names can be made public

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Some 60 individuals, many associated with Awami League and BNP, have made fortunes through stockmarket manipulations, found the probe into the recent share debacle.

Many of them can be tried under the existing laws of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled, who headed the probe, told The Daily Star yesterday.

He also said the government can publish the report including the names mentioned. This view runs counter to that of the finance minister, who said he would not make the names public until he is convinced about the

Govt alerted to influence of Salman, Rakibur

Khaled for detailed probe to try manipulators

Removal of top officials of SEC suggested

allegations.

Arguing for disclosure, Khaled said in many cases suspects' names are published on the basis of first information report.

He, however, stressed the need for detailed investigations to bring them to trial.

The committee has warned the government high-ups against the influence of market players like pro-AL business tycoon Salman F Rahman and former DSE president Rakibur Rahman.

"The government must stay watchful so that Salman, Rakibur and other top market players cannot influence

SEE PAGE 19 COL 2



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Even though plenty of fish is imported from Myanmar, its prices still remain unaffordable for many people in Bangladesh. The photo was taken at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar recently.

40 hurt as Keraniganj BNP men clash with police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a clash between police and BNP activists some 40 people including 12 policemen were injured in Shakta union of Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

To bring the situation under control, the law enforcers fired 25 rubber bullets and hurled 20 teargas canisters, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohammad Faruque Hossain.

Keraniganj police said local BNP leader Amanullah Aman and his several hundred followers

SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

In deeper trouble

34,000 workers who returned from Libya find no immediate help to restart lives

MORSHED ALI KHAN and PORIMOL PALMA

The fate of the repatriated migrant workers from Libya remains uncertain with none of the authorities concerned having any immediate programme to help them restart their lives.

The majority of the around 34,000 Bangladeshis repatriated from camps in Tunisia, Egypt, Greece and Algeria, had not received salaries for months in Libya and are deep in debt. Many of these desperate young men are telephoning The Daily Star from different parts of the country wanting to know if the government or any other organisation is doing anything to help them restart their lives.

We asked top officials and

spokespersons of the Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Brac, FBCCI and the World Bank but none have any immediate programme for the displaced migrant workers.

Negotiation with WB on for help in rehabilitating returnees

The expatriate welfare ministry is now talking with the World Bank for a possible loan of around \$30 million to first pay back the IOM the costs of repatriation of 15,000 people to Bangladesh at a rate of \$1,257 each.

Secretary to the Expatriate Welfare Ministry Zafar Ahmed Khan said they are talking to the World Bank about the possible loan. The World Bank's prerequisite is to offer a small grant to the returnees

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

US worried at extra-judicial killings in Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

The United States expressed serious concern over the failure to fully investigate extra-judicial killings by security forces, including several deaths

SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

Tigers face Aussies today

Mashrafe's comeback likely

SPORTS REPORTER

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza is likely to make a comeback in the Tigers' first one-day international against Australia today at the Sher-e-Bangla National

SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

EC wants full grip on poll matters

Seeks constitutional amendment to end court's review of EC actions in holding JS polls

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Election Commission is seeking amendments to the constitution to remove the court's jurisdiction of reviewing EC's actions taken during the process of holding parliamentary polls.

It also wants another change in the constitution that makes it mandatory for a caretaker government to consult the EC before taking any steps regarding the elections.

The EC wants the changes in the constitution and sent proposals to this effect to the parliamentary special committee on the constitutional amendments last Thursday. Previous experience of the EC is compelling it to seek these amendments.

Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussein told The Daily Star yesterday about the EC's proposals.

If the constitution is changed in line with the EC's proposal, none will be allowed to challenge, before a court, the commission's decision made during the electoral process.

The electoral process begins with the announcement of poll schedule and ends with declaration of the election results through official gazette.

Similarly, the caretaker government, which is supposed to extend all-out support to the EC for holding the parliamentary polls, cannot decide any matter related to the election without the advice of the EC.

"The Election Commission will be a lot stronger if the changes are brought to the constitution in line with our proposals," he said.

The election commissioner said the EC

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

Priority privileges on accommodation & dining only for icons

To become an icon, please call **019 20 000 000**

MERMAID ECO-RESORT
COX'S BAZAR
www.mermaidecoresort.com

MERMAID CAFE
COX'S BAZAR

Icons can now spend a blissful evening at Mermaid Café, Cox's Bazar or enjoy a pleasant getaway at Mermaid Eco Resort, Cox's Bazar. Leave behind the stress of everyday life and rejuvenate your senses with nature.

Icons can enjoy the following exclusive facilities from Mermaid:

- Preferential service - priority booking, special care by the representatives, welcome drinks, etc. at Mermaid Eco Resort & Café
- 20% concession on bungalows at Mermaid Eco Resort
- Complementary food worth 12% of any bill amount on food and beverages at Mermaid Café
- Complementary food worth 20% of total bill for bills exceeding Tk. 2500 at Mermaid Café

For icons to avail this offer, contact your dedicated icon manager

feel special

The Premium Telecom Brand of the Country

