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Signing of contracts for 3 projects this week

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The airline focuses on business travellers, students

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## T20 BACK IN BANGLADESH

Tigers take on West Indies today in the first T20 here since 2006

## Seek legal action for false news

PM asks ministers

HASANIAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked her cabinet colleagues to seek legal action against "the newspapers and journalists reporting false and fabricated news against them."

The directive came when some ministers at a weekly cabinet meeting requested her to take action against "some newspapers and journalists" for tarnishing their image by publishing "completely false and fabricated

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# No caretaker, no polls

*Reiterates Khaleda as BNP caravan reaches Sylhet; communications collapse as around 3,000 vehicles with 15,000 leaders, workers choke highway*

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN, from Sylhet

The much-talked-about road march of the opposition, centring on the demand for a restoration of the caretaker system, reached Sylhet last night amid enthusiastic participation by thousands of party leaders, activists and supporters.

Led by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, the caravan set out around 10:45am from the party's Naya Paltan headquarters and arrived at the venue of the first roadside rally at Narayanganj

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Main opposition BNP's caravan -- a part of its road march to Sylhet -- can hardly move as an unusually large number of vehicles create a huge congestion on both sides of the old Bhairab Bridge. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## No more caretaker system

Says AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior Awami League leader Matia Chowdhury yesterday reiterated her party claim that the next general elections under an interim administration will be free and fair.

"People no longer want a caretaker government. It was introduced to hold three parliamentary elections and the job is done," Matia, a presidium member of the ruling party, told The Daily Star, at her secretariat office.

Matia, also a cabinet

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## Metro to follow revised route

*PM sees no damage to JS complex*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the modified metro rail route would not ruin the main architectural design of the parliament complex.

Hasina told the weekly cabinet meeting that the modified route would not cut through the preserved area of the structural masterpiece designed by Louis I Kahn in the early 1960s.

"The prime minister has seen the original map of the parliament complex. Not even an inch of it will fall on the metro route," a cabinet minister quoted Hasina as saying.

Sheikh Hasina has directed her cabinet colleagues to show the original map to all lawmakers. The PM also said the modified route would benefit people more than the one originally planned.

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## Light not thrown on graft allegations yet

*Muhith admits World Bank halts Padma Bridge funding; bins propaganda against Yunus*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank has "temporarily halted" funding the Padma Bridge project and is waiting for the government's response to its allegations of corruption in the tender

process for the project.

The government has not yet made it clear what the graft allegations are, triggering speculations on the issue.

"What the position of this halt will be

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## Executions defended

*Saudi envoy tells of sharia law, efforts to save lives of 8 Bangladeshis in KSA*

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Saudi ambassador in Bangladesh has defended the execution of eight Bangladeshi workers on charges of killing an Egyptian security guard and robbery in Riyadh four years ago.

The Saudi authorities beheaded the eight men Friday turning down clemency appeal from Bangladesh amid outcry from rights groups, including Amnesty

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## Shamim, Ivy told to sort it out

*PM reacts as talk fails again to resolve N'ganj city polls nomination standoff*

STAR REPORT

Unsuccessful for the third time in pulling out any of the two Awami League affiliated mayoral candidates from Narayanganj City Corporation elections, party presi-

dent Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked Shamim Osman and Selina Hayat Ivy to settle the issue by tomorrow.

"The party chief advised the two to decide on one candidate," Mahbubul

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