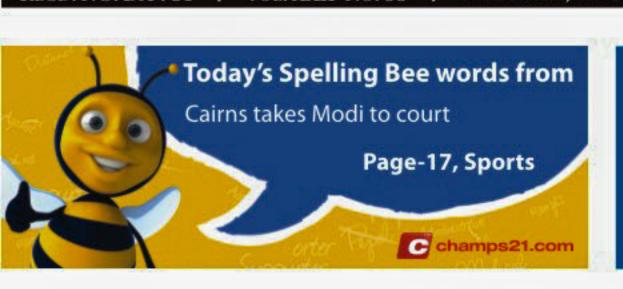
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Indian ban on export to hurt local spinners

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SUPER TUESDAY

Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney hopes to keep up momentum

CARETAKER SYSTEM

90 days

taker system, the sources added.

includes the Jamaat-e-Islami.

The Daily Star.

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

to be 30 or

model of interim govt

Khaleda may propose BNP's

The BNP plans to unveil a model for the caretaker or

interim government system at its March 12 rally and

issue an ultimatum to the government for restoration of

And if the government does not respond, the main

opposition party may launch tougher programmes like

non-cooperation movement and sit-in for an indefinite

period in Dhaka, highly-placed sources in the party have

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia may give a 30-day or 90-

day ultimatum for the government to restore the care-

Titled "Dhaka Cholo" (Let's March to Dhaka), the BNP

predicts this to be one of the biggest ever gatherings of

the leaders and activists of the four-party alliance, which

ment, including an ultimatum, from the rally if our

demand is not met before that," said Lt Gen (retd)

Mahbubur Rahman, a standing committee member.

"The party chairperson will announce a tougher move-

In whatever name or form, there must be a non-

The government scrapped the caretaker system in

partisan government to supervise the election, he told

From the capital's Paltan Maidan rally on that day,

the system to oversee the next parliamentary election.

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'ANARCHY' ON MAR 12 Ministers warn of stern action

STAR REPORT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday warned of stern actions against anyone found involved in any kind of anarchy during the BNP's March 12 grand rally in the capital.

"BNP leaders are delivering provocative speeches only to create panic among people. But the government will not spare anyone if any anarchy is created during the rally," Dipu Moni said

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The power situation in the country

could worsen during the

approaching summer and officials

yesterday said there could be as

high as 1,000 megawatts of elec-

tricity shortage a day during peak

of power shortage during the sum-

mer. But we may be able to man-

age and keep it between 500MW

and 700MW," Power Secretary

Abul Kalam Azad told reporters at

Power cuts have become very

Bidyut Bhaban in Dhaka.

"There could be up to 1,000MW

Saudi embassy official shot dead

Police yet to find out motive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An official of the Saudi embassy in Dhaka was shot dead some 30 yards off his house in the city's Gulshan early yesterday.

Khalaf Al Ali, a Saudi national who joined the embassy about two years ago, was shot once in the left chest, Nurul Alam, assistant commissioner (Patrol) of Gulshan Division, told The Daily Star.

Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdullah Al Bussairy identified the man as a diplomat.

common for people across the

country during the summer as

demand goes up, even though the

government claimed to have

added 3,000MW of electricity to

the national grid since assuming

produces 5,000MW of electricity

and yesterday's load-shedding

was 629MW, said an official of

think that there would be a repeat

of the frequent power outages

The official, however, did not

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Power Development Board.

On an average, Bangladesh

office three years ago.

Mustafa Kamal, the acting for-

Power cut to get

worse in summer

eign secretary, said Ali was on the non-diplomat list of the foreign ministry.

The ministry in a statement last night said, "As per records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the deceased had been working as an administrative staff of the Royal Saudi Embassy."

Police are yet to arrest anyone or find out the motive behind the incident, said Khandker Lutful Kabir, deputy commissioner of Gulshan Division.

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UTTAR PRADESH POLLS

Investment outlook stable Time limit

Rating agency S&P says about Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday won an investment grade with a stable outlook from the leading credit rating agency Standard & Poor's for the third straight year.

The S&P rated Bangladesh to "BB-" with a stable outlook, the US-based company said in a statement.

The company linked the rating to the country's strong growth prospects, adequate external liquidity and donor support.

The S&P however identified polarised and adversarial political setting as a potential risk to the country's stability.

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7TH MARCH Bangabandhu, in sublime oratory

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

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Thrashing defeat for Mayawati

Mulayam set to be chief minister; Rahul takes responsibility for debacle

TIMES OF INDIA, Lucknow

Mulayam Singh Yadav's Samajwadi Party swept to power jolting Congress party and BJP in Uttar Pradesh assembly polls, the results of which are a setback to Rahul Gandhi, who acknowledged the "defeat".

SP dethroned Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Mayawati by getting an absolute majority by



Rahul Mayawati comfortably crossing the required 202-mark in the 403 member

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5 Help arrest unknown

Urges Qamrul STAFF CORRESPONDENT

people

State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam yesterday asked the leaders and workers of his party Awami League to help law enforcers capture "unknown people" in the capital as, what he said, they might cause violence centring the opposition's March 12 rally.

He claimed that different militant outfits were gathering in the city ahead of the BNP rally. The opposition was trying

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'The Daily Star Odommo Chattagram' festival was scheduled to start from tomorrow, 8th March 2012.

Due to unavoidable circumstances the event will now be held from 30th March 2012 to 6th April 2012.

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Programme details will be announced later



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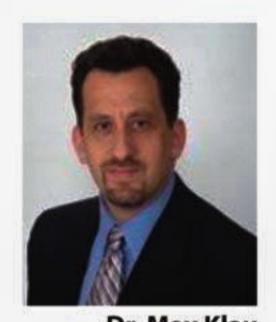
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