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SYRIA CRISIS
Unilateral military action would be a mistake: Obama

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EMBASSY OFFICIAL
Cops clueless about murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers are still without a clue about the motive behind the killing of a Saudi embassy official near his residence in the capital's Gulshan area early Tuesday.

Police seized a CCTV camera from a building near which Khalaf Al Ali, a Saudi national, was shot dead, but it does not contain any footage helpful to them in investigating the incident.

Khandker Lutful Kabir, deputy commissioner of

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ARAB LEADERS CONDEMN, PAGE 20

INTERIM GOVT MODEL
Non-political person to head

BNP to assert in its proposal at March 12 rally; plans to keep groups ready at 18 points for quick retaliation

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The BNP will not accept any ruling Awami League leader, including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, at the helm of the caretaker or interim administration to oversee the next parliamentary election.

The talk in the political arena is that the AL might go for an interim government under the leadership of President Zillur Rahman or Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina or Speaker Abdul Hamid to administer the next polls to

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People with banners and festoons are seen at Shahbagh intersection yesterday marching towards the Awami League rally near Engineers Institute of Bangladesh, triggering traffic chaos that lasted several hours during the evening rush hour. More on page 2.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

WOMEN'S DAY
TODAY

Still a long way to go

AASHA MEHREEN AMIN

Every time this day comes, there is a lot of frenzied activity all over the city on how to celebrate womanhood. The corporate sector is perhaps the most efficient in coming up with programmes to

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Women face extra hurdles

WFP says half of Bangladeshi girls get married before 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Half of the female population in Bangladesh get married before they reach 16, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) said yesterday.

Higher pregnancy rate in adolescence and under

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Khaleda rapped over ISI fund allegation

PM accuses her of siding with war criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked her arch rival Khaleda Zia to respond to the allegation that Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence paid five crore rupees for her campaign during the 1991 parliamentary elections.

Citing a recent report in the Dubai-based newspaper Khaleej Times, which made the allegation, she said, "To those who resorted to genocide and who had been defeated, you [Khaleda] sold the

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AL RALLY
People suffer en masse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League rally and its subsequent procession in Dhaka brought the capital's traffic system to its knees for several hours yesterday and city dwellers took the brunt of it.

Initially, the street between Shahbagh intersection and Matshya Bhaban was closed for the rally at Institute of Engineers of Bangladesh before noon but later in the afternoon the procession virtually closed

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Cloud over cricket

Chief selector resigns over interference

SPORTS REPORTER

Akram Khan quit as chief selector yesterday, thirty-six hours after Bangladesh Cricket Board president AHM Mustafa Kamal dropped

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SEXUAL ASSAULT
Teacher indicted

Ex-principal cleared of charges

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Porimol Joydhar, a former teacher of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College, Bashundhara branch, who had been sacked last year for violating a female student of the institution.

Porimol

Prior to the indictment, the court acquitted Husne Ara Begum, ex-principal of the institution, and Lutfur Rahman, chief of the school's Bashundhara branch, from the charges of trying to cover up the incident and any delay in taking action against Porimol.

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ভেনাস ডায়মন্ড কালেকশন

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Govt staff join AL rally

Muhith terms it 'a sign of indiscipline'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A considerable number of employees of Bangladesh Secretariat, state-owned banks and other government offices yesterday joined the Awami League rally, thereby violating their service rules.

With four banners highlighting different employees' organisations, staff of the secretariat gathered in front of the

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Awami League calls the shots

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The day after March 7 dawned in different mode for the people of Bangladesh.

Bangabandhu's speech of the previous day, which was fundamentally an enumeration of policy by him, was looked upon as a guideline to the future.

Not many entertained the thought that circumstances could return to

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