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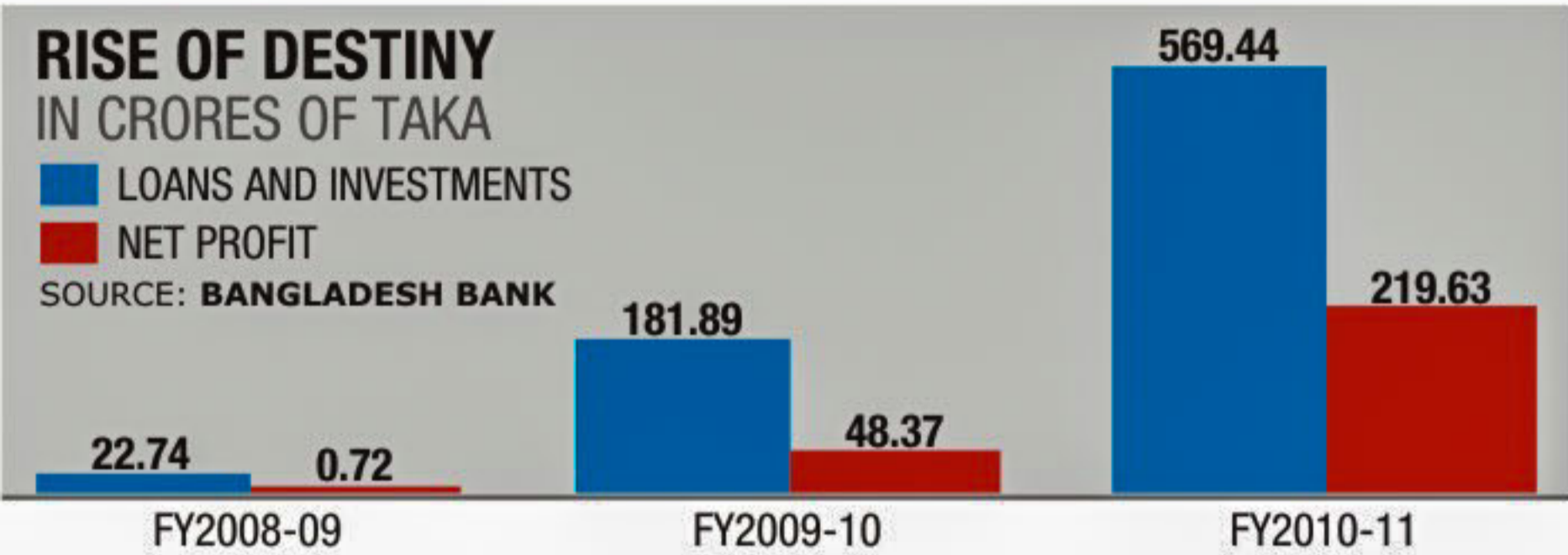
SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh Bank (BB) is surprised by Finance Minister AMA Muhith's remark that the government will take action against Destiny-2000 Ltd only if the commerce ministry and the BB ask it to do so.

"The ball is now in the government's court, not in ours," said a top official of the central bank hours after Muhith's comment yesterday.

"We've carried out the investigation [on Destiny's irregularities] for the finance

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## Destiny magic

Multi-level marketing concept posts astronomical growth in 3 years

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society, a concern of the controversial multilevel marketing (MLM) company Destiny 2000, has seen an astronomical

rise in its capital, shareholders, profit and investment since 2009, a central bank report reveals.

The company's paid-up capital has increased to nearly Tk 300 crore in 2009-10

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Supporters greet Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday as she travels across Kawhmu, the constituency where she is a candidate.

PHOTO: AFP

'I can see the sunshine now'

BBC ONLINE

As Burmese voted in by-elections for 45 seats across the country, the BBC's Jonah Fisher talked to residents of Nobel prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi's constituency about their hopes for the future.

Saturday night was not a

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# Suu Kyi wins election

Says her party; no official confirmation yet

REUTERS, Yangon

Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi won a seat in parliament yesterday, her party said, after a historic by-election that is testing Myanmar's nascent reform credentials and could convince the West to end sanctions.

Her National League for Democracy (NLD) party announced to loud cheers at its headquarters that the Nobel Peace Prize laureate had won in Kawhmu, southwest of the commercial capital Yangon, raising the prospect of her first role in government after a two decade

struggle against dictatorship. "Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has won," an NLD official announced, referring to Suu Kyi by her honorific title. Myanmar's Election Commission had yet to confirm any results from the by-elections for 45 legislative seats.

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## HSC EXAMINATIONS

# 2 principals held over fake papers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two college principals under Dhaka Education Board for faking transfer certificates to enrol students and embezzling the registration fees the students paid for the Higher Secondary Certificate examinations.

Afzalul Haque Aziz and Sirajul Islam, principals of Dhaka Model College and City Royal College, were arrested after the education board officials filed cases against them in this regard.

The students could not sit for the HSC

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## 7 WARDS IN CTG CITY

# Arsenic level way beyond limit

No move yet to seal tubewells

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg

Tubewells in seven wards of Chittagong City Corporation are pumping water with arsenic contamination 10 times higher than the safe level.

The wards' low-income group people are especially exposed to arsenic related diseases as they drink and use water from those tubewells to meet daily necessities.

CCC and other authorities have

so far taken no initiative to protect the endangered population, alleged local residents.

CCC and Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) are rather pointing fingers at each other, saying it is the other's duty to detect and seal the contaminated tubewells.

Users of those tubewells do not even know that they are being exposed to high levels of arsenic.

The findings were revealed by a

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## DEAL REVIEW

# Pranab due on May 5

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee will be coming to Dhaka on May 5 and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni will pay a return visit to New Delhi afterwards to review agreements and commitments made by Bangladesh and India since January 2010.



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## Cops sued for killing Masud

Judicial probe ordered over March 25 'shootout'

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered a judicial inquiry after four policemen and seven others were sued on charges of killing a youth and then covering up the "murder" in the name of shootout.

Father of Mohammad Masud who, the police claim, was killed on March 25 in a shootout between a group of extortionists and law enforcers, filed a murder case with the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

On the night of March 25, police called Masud out



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## DU TEACHER ASSAULT

# 2 Rab men found guilty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rab probe body formed to look into the beating up of a Dhaka University teacher has found the involvement of two Rab men in the incident.

Mokhlesur Rahman, director general (DG) of Rab, told The Daily Star that he received the report of the three-member committee yesterday.

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## Pledges not fulfilled

31 extra-judicial killings in 3 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite the government's repeated pledges to end extra-judicial killings, at least 31 such incidents happened in last three months, said a human rights body.

Twenty-six were killed in "crossfire or encounter

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