



#### Bad weather forces Nishat, Mohit to wait at Lukla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nishat Majumder and her fellow mountaineer MA Mohit remained stranded in Lukla for the third consecutive day yesterday due to bad weather while Wasfia Nazreen has been staying at Namche Bazar since Tuesday.

"We have been

stranded here for the last three days as flight services between Kathmandu to Lukla remain suspended due to rough weather," said Nishat, who scaled Mount Everest on May 19 as the first Bangladeshi women.

Lukla is around 2,860 metres above sea level, SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

## Hasina, Qatar PM talk funding of Padma bridge

UNB, Doha

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Qatari counterpart on Tuesday night discussed a number of bilateral issues, including financing for Padma bridge project and construction of a new international airport in Bangladesh.

Hasina and Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani also discussed upgrading the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport and constructing a 1,000-megawatt power plant in the country.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the US-Islamic World Forum held at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Doha.

Hasina's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting.

Issues relating to river dredging and recruitment of more manpower from Bangladesh also came up in the discussion, Azad said.

Both leaders expressed their keen interest to further strengthen bilateral ties for the mutual benefits of the two SEE PAGE 19 COL 4



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talks to Qatar Prime Minister Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al-Thani during a dinner held for the US-Islamic World Forum at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Doha yesterday. PHOTO: PID

#### BANGABANDHU INT'L AIRPORT

# Malaysia places \$5b investment proposal

UNB, Dhaka

Malaysia has submitted an investment proposal of \$5-6 billion for the construction of the proposed Bangabandhu International Airport.

The visiting Malaysian team, led by Dato S Samy Vellu, Malaysian prime minister's special envoy for South Asia, handed over the written proposal to Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Faruk Khan during a meeting at the latter's office yesterday.

"Malaysia will invest \$5-6 billion for the construction of the Bangabandhu International Airport and the visiting Malaysian delegation submitted a written proposal in this regard," Faruk Khan told reporters after the meeting.

The minister also said the government has chosen seven sites for constructing

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## Rab 'shootout' kills 3 robbers

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Three alleged robbers were killed in a gunfight with Rapid : Action Battalion (Rab) personnel in the Sundarbans at : STAR REPORT Sharankhola upazila in Bagerhat yesterday morning.

The deceased -- Nobokumar Halder, 35, Mihir Roy, 22, and Fakhrul Sheikh, 25, -- were members of a gang locally known as Akash Bahini, said Major Sabbir Rahman Osmani, deputy commanding officer of Rab-8.

robbers on the bank of Shapla canal around 10:00am.

Sensing presence of the law enforcers, the criminals: arrested while 12-13 others managed to opened fire on them prompting the Rab officials to fire : get away.

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BHOLA ISLANDS

# Fishermen damage eyes of 8 'robbers'

: Agitated fishermen damaged the eyes of eight suspected robbers in two chars : (islands) of Bhola district yesterday.

On Tuesday, fishermen beat up five He said on secret information, they raided a den of the : robbers to death in Char Bhashan of the ; same district. Three robbers were also

Police confirmed the incidents and

said the bodies of the five killed had been sent to Bhola sadar hospital for autopsy while the three arrested had been produced before a court.

Three cases were lodged Tuesday night with Char Fashion Police Station in connection with possession of illegal arms, robbery and killing. More than 500 people were made accused in the cases, said Reaz Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of the **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3** 

#### ≸tar, P Alo felicitate Latifur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former bureaucrats, politicians, academics, civil society members, corporate executives and media personalities yesterday showered Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group, with praise for glorifying Bangladesh's name abroad by winning the Business for Peace Award.

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FROM LEFT...Kazi Rafiqul Islam, president of Ahsania Mission; Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group; Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus; Muhammed Aziz Khan, chairman of Summit Group; and Anis Ud Dowla, chairman of ACI Group, at the reception for Latifur Rahman at the Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital yesterday.

#### Enforce house rent act

Tenants' association asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Bharatia Parishad, an association of tenants, yesterday demanded the enforcement of House Rent Control Act, 1991, to prevent the house owners from increasing the rent arbitrarily.

The council also urged to bring an end to the practice of evicting tenants without prior notice.

"Each year house owners increase rent by Tk 5,000 without any reason although tenants pay for the utilities (gas, electricity and water) separately," alleged Baharane Sultan Bahar, president of Jatiya Bharatia Parishad.

The House Rent SEE PAGE 19 COL 4 WAR CRIMES TRIAL

# SQ Chy seeks JS session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defence team of war crimes accused BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury yesterday pleaded with the International Crimes Tribunal-1 to grant him bail or order special arrangements so that he could join the ongoing parliament session.

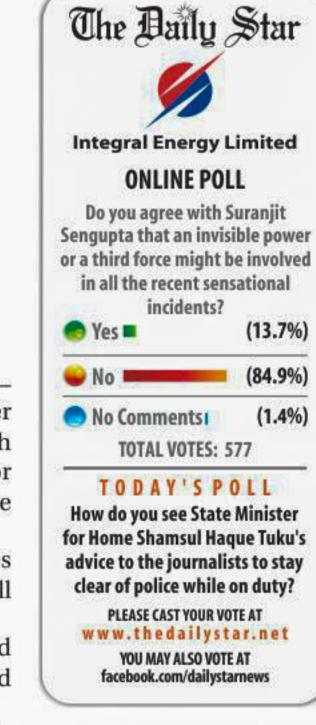
Even if his party -- the main opposition BNP -- does not join the parliament session, Salauddin Quader will do so, claimed his counsel Ahsanul Haq Hena.

Subsequently, the tribunal headed by Justice Md Nizamul Huq asked Ahsanul Haq whether his claim would be mentioned in the order, which will be passed today.

"The special arrangements can be taken without calling an adjournment of the tribunal proceedings. Even if he is granted bail, I do not want adjournment of the proceedings," said Ahsanul Haq.

He promised before the tribunal that there would be no misuse of the privilege by his client.

At this stage, Justice Huq asked Zead Al Malum, **SEE PAGE 7 COL 4** 





#### PROBING DESTINY SCAM

# Ministry asked to form commission

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REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) in its final report has recommended the commerce ministry form a commission to investigate into the irregularities in Destiny Group that owns 37 sister concerns.

Chief of RJSC Ahmedur Rahim submitted the report to Commerce Secretary Ghulam Hussain on Tuesday at the latter's **SEE PAGE 6 COL 4** 

আজ ৩১ মে ২০১২ বৃহস্পতিবার বিশিষ্ট ব্যাংকার, সমাজসেবক

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গভীর শ্রদ্ধার সাথে স্মরণ ও তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত

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অসংখ্য শিল্প-উদ্যোক্তা তৈরি করে গেছেন।

দোয়া প্রার্থনা করা হয়েছে।

Relaxed hartal in port city 25 pickets held

LOAN SCAM

2,638 crore.

2 more Sonali

Bank officers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

found involved

Two more general manag-

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25 pickets during a sixhour hartal enforced in Chittagong city by Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Otherwise, the strike

ended peacefully with a considerable number of

ers of Sonali Bank have been accused of irregularities in giving loans of Tk The board of the staterun commercial bank at a

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday detained Islami in protest of sending of a party lawmaker to jail.

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### Credit Rating Report

First Security Islami Bank Limited has been rated by Emerging Credit Rating Ltd. (ECRL) on the basis of audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 and other relevant information. The Summary of Rating is presented below:

Status	2011	2010
Long Term	A	A-
Short Term	ECRL-3	ECRL-3

Emerging Credit Rating Ltd. has assigned "A" rating in the Long Term and "ECRL-3" in the Short Term to First Security Islami Bank Limited.

Commercial Banks rated "A" in the Long Term indicates strong capacity to meet financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to adverse developments in the economy, and to business and other external conditions than institutions in higher-rated categories. Some minor weaknesses may exist, but these are moderated by other positive factors.

Commercial Banks rated ECRL-3 has an adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments in a timely manner. However, the Bank's capacity to meet its financial obligations is more likely to be weakened by adverse changes in the economy, and in business and other external conditions than higher-rated institutions.

In 2010, Emerging Credit Rating Ltd. assigned "A-" in the Long Term and "ECRL-3" in the Short Term to First Security



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