

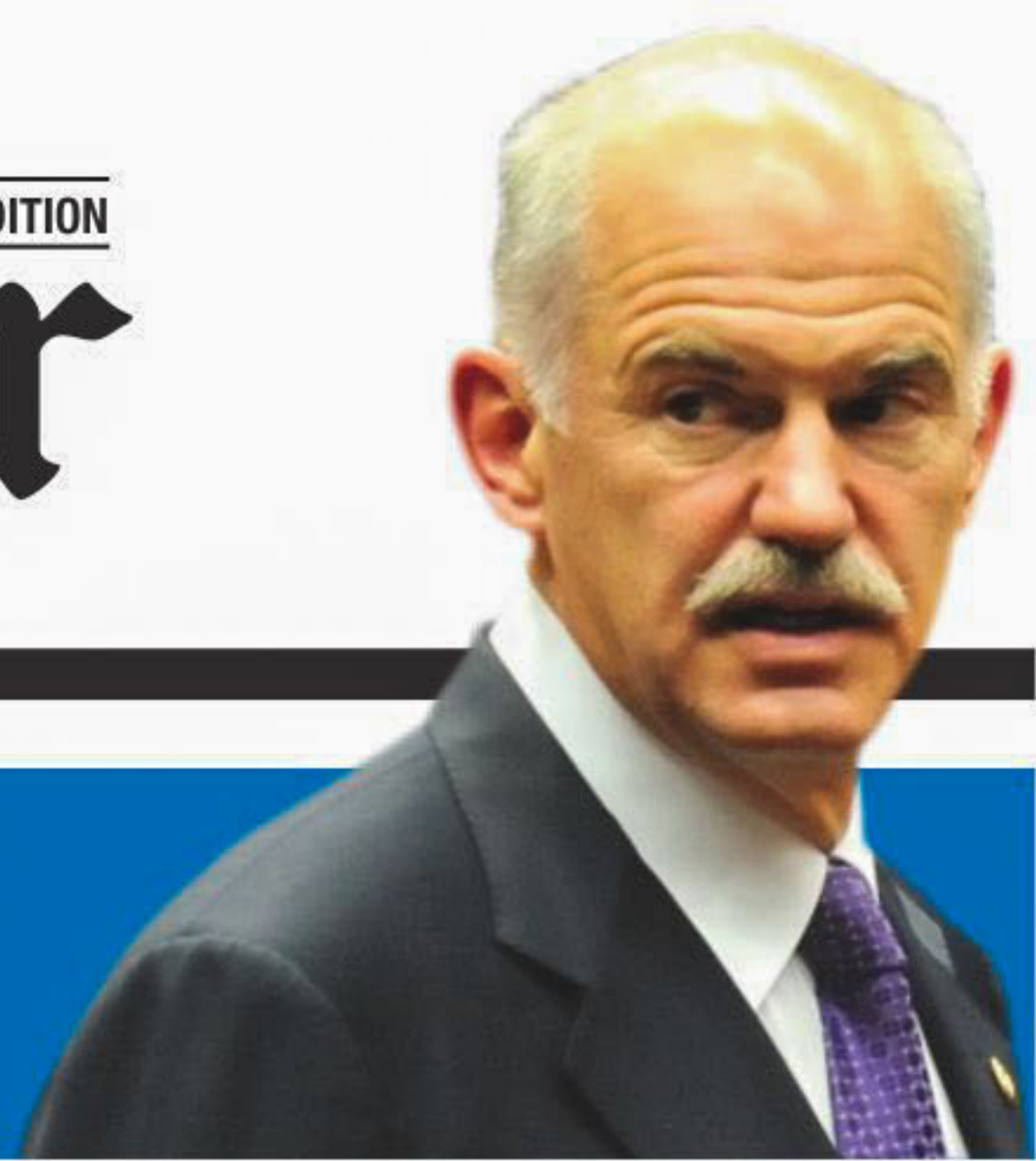
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Former Greek PM Papandreou says Europe is at a crossroads

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No let-up in Ashulia unrest

Workers protest factory shutdown, block highway, clash with cops; 50 hurt

KAILASH SARKAR

Several thousand garment workers again fought pitched battles with law enforcers in Ashulia yesterday, fuming over the shutdown of all garment factories in the industrial belt.

At least 50 people, including several police personnel, were injured in the clashes.

Agitating workers put barricades on the Dhaka-Tangail highway bringing traffic on the motorway to a halt for nearly three hours from 8:30am. They demanded that garment factory owners immediately reopen the factories in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital.

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EXPORTERS COUNT \$10M LOSS A DAY -- PAGE 20



Agitators hurl brick chips at law enforcers at Jamgara, Ashulia, on the city outskirts yesterday. PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

RMG industry in a tight spot

Export orders already fall amid global recession; now comes demo for wage hike

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

The apparel industry is in a double bind: continuous high inflation has led to a wage pressure and a gloomy global economy has left the garment owners in a tight financial situation.

The garment workers had a pay hike less than two years ago, but they are already finding it hard to meet their expenses.

Financially, the garment owners are in a bad shape too as work orders have dipped alarmingly.

Take Rahima (her real name withheld), for instance. She earns Tk 4,500 a month, and pays Tk 1,000 per month for her one-room shanty. Her landlord now wants Tk 1,400.

Over the past several months, she had to skip eggs, SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

Border trade resumes after 9 days

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, from Teknaf

Cross-border trade between Bangladesh and Myanmar resumed yesterday after a nine-day hiatus since sectarian violence erupted in the

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Border unprotected

Local admin asks for fencing, stronger watch to check intrusion from Myanmar

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK, from Teknaf

A well-protected border is a must to prevent intrusion from Myanmar and crimes like human trafficking and smuggling, officials at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar say.

Myanmar shares a 271-kilometre

border with Cox's Bazar and Bandarban, 54km with Teknaf upazila alone.

While the border on Myanmar side is secured with fences and watchtowers, it is unfenced and poorly manned on Bangladesh side.

Border Guard Bangladesh officials say



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Nasaka watchtowers and fences along the Myanmar border are seen from Shah Porir Dweep at Teknaf yesterday. The Bangladesh side of the border, on the other hand, is comparatively unprotected, lacking fences and watchtowers.

Govt to reinforce watch

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Apprehending an influx of Rohingya refugees when the state of emergency is lifted in the Rakhine state of Myanmar, the Bangladesh government has decided to reinforce guards at the border with the country.

Official sources said a meeting of five law enforcement agencies at the foreign ministry yesterday stressed the need for immediate reinforcement of adequate number of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Bangladesh Coast Guard troops along the border and also on the Naf river and the Bay.

The meeting was given intelligence reports that over 100 boats were ready in Myanmar to ferry Rohingyas into Bangladesh as soon as the state of emergency there is withdrawn or relaxed. The meeting was told

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WAR CRIMES '71

Jamaat leader Kashem held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Less than two hours after International Crimes Tribunal-1 issued an arrest warrant against Jamaat leader Mir Kashem Ali, he was arrested at a newspaper office in Dhaka yesterday in connection with war crimes and taken to the tribunal.

The tribunal later sent him to jail with a custodial warrant and fixed today for hearing what the defence has to say about the arrest.



Mir Kashem Ali

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13 lakh people interviewed by one person!

DU teacher's claim under scrutiny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities have formed a committee to investigate a PhD thesis by a teacher who claims to have interviewed around 13 lakh people in two and a half years for his work -- over 1,397 people a day.

Mohammed Nuruddin, SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

We Mourn



We are extremely shocked to learn about the sad and sudden demise of the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), **Nayef bin Abdul Aziz** (Inna Lillahi Raje'un).

We recall the great role of the late Crown Prince **Nayef bin Abdul Aziz** as the Interior Minister of KSA. He was an appropriate and dynamic Ambassador and spokesman for the **Muslim Ummah**.

The **International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC)** expresses its profound sorrow and conveys deep condolence to the members of bereaved Royal Family and prays to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul.

May Allah (SWT) grant him eternal abode in Jannah.



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BNP to form all-party action committees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP will form all-party action committees across the country to realise its demand for restoring a non-party neutral government system to oversee the next general elections.

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Which two beautiful girls will leave tonight
And who will go to the next round?

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