

BB BUYING DOLLAR

The move is to contain a fall in the value of the greenback

PAGE B1

TALKY, TUNE AND TIME

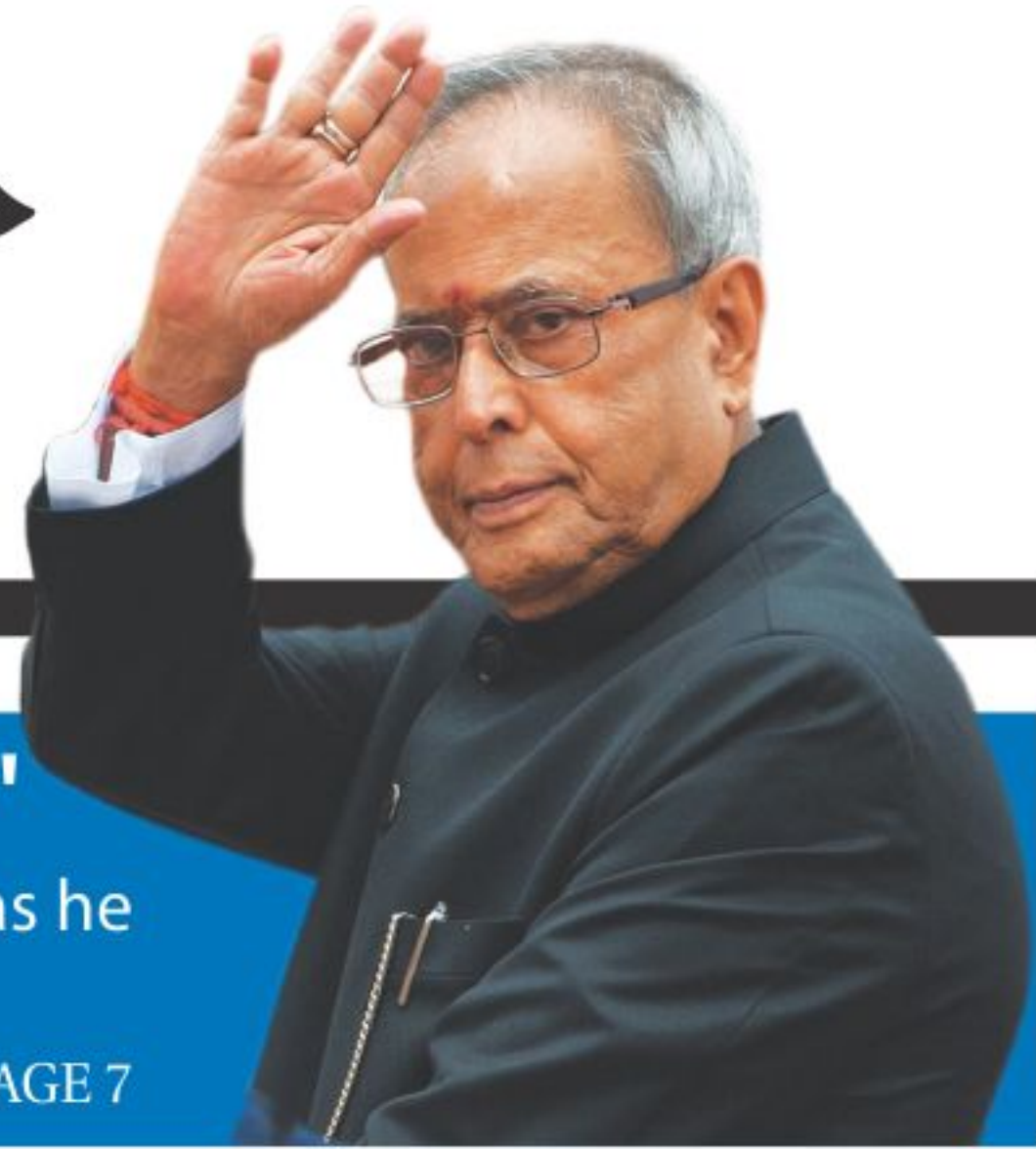
Pak TV awards legendary actress Shabnam, her musician husband

PAGE 11

'THE WORLD WAR IV'

Pranab refers to war on terror as he takes oath as Indian president

PAGE 7



RMG WORKER UNREST

Buyers want wage review

Labour minister for ration system

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE with REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

The wages of garment workers should be immediately readjusted in line with inflation and the consumer price index to quell persistent unrest in the industry. This was the demand of top buyers of Bangladeshi garment products yesterday.

Twelve leading buyers of brand products, including Walmart and JC Penny, conveyed to Labour and Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain

SEE PAGE 19 COL 4



Posters and banners before the main opposition BNP's Naya Paltan office are being torn down allegedly by city corporation staff. The picture is different at Bangabandhu Avenue, where the ruling Awami League office is located. The photos were taken recently.



PHOTO: STAR

Rizwana gets Magsaysay

Campaign for social justice earns her the award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), has won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2012 for her campaign for social and ecological justice. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) recognises "her uncompromising courage and



SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

Govt writes to WB to reconsider loan

ACC now agrees to WB proposal on forming probe panel; There will be no graft in Padma bridge project, says Muhith

STAR REPORT

The government yesterday sent a letter to the World Bank headquarters requesting the global lender to reconsider its cancellation of the Padma bridge loan.

The government move comes following the resignation of Syed Abul Hossain, who was allegedly involved in corruption in the Padma bridge project.

The Economic Relations Division

(ERD) also sent letters yesterday to the two other co-financiers, ADB and Jica, requesting them to continue funding for the project, said an ERD official on condition of anonymity.

The ERD informed the lending agencies about the government's steps taken so far to fulfil the WB's conditions for releasing the bridge fund, said the official.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

NBR mulls surcharge

Consults ministries Tuesday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is going to consult the ministries concerned on Tuesday on probable areas for imposing surcharges to raise funds for the Padma bridge project.

"We are examining areas for imposing surcharges. But it will be done after considering the views of the stakeholders," NBR Chairman Nasiruddin

SEE PAGE 12 COL 5

NEWS ANALYSIS

Chinese food for thought

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE, back from China

An ever-growing China continues to offer a plateful of concern as well as curiosity to the world outside. Concerned, as this reformed communist country shows no respect for human rights, and its socialist market economy is ominously aggressive. Curious, as the strange Chinese system shows no signs of failing.

For its part, China thinks the West is just propaganda-happy. Nothing is wrong with the Chinese system, and it is doing exactly what every other nation should have been doing, that is, developing the country and bettering people's lives.

SEE PAGE 12 COL 1

Ex-Al Badr man testifies

Tells tribunal Kamaruzzaman committed killings, atrocities during Liberation War

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Al-Badr camp guard yesterday testified to the crimes Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman allegedly committed during the Liberation War.

Monowar Hossain Khan alias Mohan Munshi claimed that Kamaruzzaman had shot a person dead at the Al-Badr camp.

Monowar, the second prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Kamaruzzaman, yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2, "My boss Kamaruzzaman was a high flyer. He used to accompany majors (of the Pakistani army). If he wanted to, he could have turned Sherpur upside down."

Monowar's job as a guard at the Al-Badr camp in



Sherpur gave him the opportunity to witness alleged Al-Badr force organiser Kamaruzzaman's activities during the war.

Assistant Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Kamaruzzaman, then president of greater Mymensingh Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami, played a key role in the formation of Al-Badr there. The Al-Badr force collaborated with the

Pakistani military, which committed genocide and mass killings during the war, according to historical and tribunal documents.

On June 4, Kamaruzzaman was charged with the murder and torture of unarmed civilians and complicity in other crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

SAUDI EMBASSY OFFICIAL MURDER

Four suspects held

DB claims arrestees confessed killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four months and 19 days into the killing of Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al Ali, detectives yesterday claimed that the incident was of simply mugging.

The DB officials came into such a conclusion after arresting four alleged criminals in connection with the murder. The arrestees are Saiful Islam Mamun, 20, Rafiqul Islam Khokon, 22, Akbar Ali Lahu,



Khalaf Al Ali

The case has recently been included as a sensational one under the home ministry's monitoring cell.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

Govt creating chaotic situation

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Accusing the government of cheating the people of the country, the main opposition BNP yesterday alleged that the government is throwing the nation into a chaotic situation in a planned way.

"BNP does not want to see any chaos. We want a peaceful handover of power.

"But it is the prime minister who is deliberately pushing the country into a dark tunnel," BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told a discussion meeting at the Jaitya Press Club.

Student leaders of the 90's organised the discussion demanding withdrawal of cases filed against BNP Chairperson

SEE PAGE 12 COL 8

A publication of The Daily Star

NOW ON SALE

AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES IN DHAKA:

- Dhanmondi:** Gyankosh, Road-4, Ph. 862-3251 & Sobhanbag Madrasa Market Ph. 811-2441
- Newspaper Stall:** Road-3 (Mirpur Road) Ph. 01715-094018
- KalaBagan:** News Corner Ph. 01819-154848
- New Market:** 01819-201571 (Gate 1 & 3)
- Shah bag:** Biponi Bitan (news paper) Ph. 01712-000568
- Pathak Samabesh, Aziz Super Market Ph. 01713-034440
- Baily Road:** Sagor Publishers, Ph. 935-8944, 01716-544444
- Motijheel:** Amir & Sons, Purana Paltan Ph. 01711-137851
- Gulshan:** DCC Market Ph. 01911-345497
- Metropolitan Shopping Plaza, 01711-520059
- Banani:** Newspaper stall (Banani Bazar Bus Stand) Ph. 01918-400730
- Aranya Crafts Ltd. Banani Ph. 988-2542
- Uttara:** Kusol Centre, 01915-397544
- Mashat Plaza, 01816-858100
- Karwan Bazar:** Kiosk, Sonargaon Hotel Ph. 811-1641 Ext.4938
- The Daily Star Office Ph. 812-4944, 812-4955, 812-4966

Outside Dhaka-Please ask your local Newspaper Agents/Hawkers

BOOK YOUR COPY NOW

DON THE BEST LOOK THE BEST WILL HELP YOU FIND THE BEST

Watch **দেশ** every Saturday 7.45 pm till Eid

এই সপ্তাহে শপিং-এ সর্বোচ্চ পুরস্কার*

ঢাকা-ব্যাংকক-ঢাকা

এয়ার টিকেট

বিস্তারিত জানতে ভিজিট করুন www.bracbank.com
অথবা যোগাযোগ করুন ২৪ ঘণ্টা কল সেন্টারে: ১৬২২২

SEE PAGE 12 COL 8