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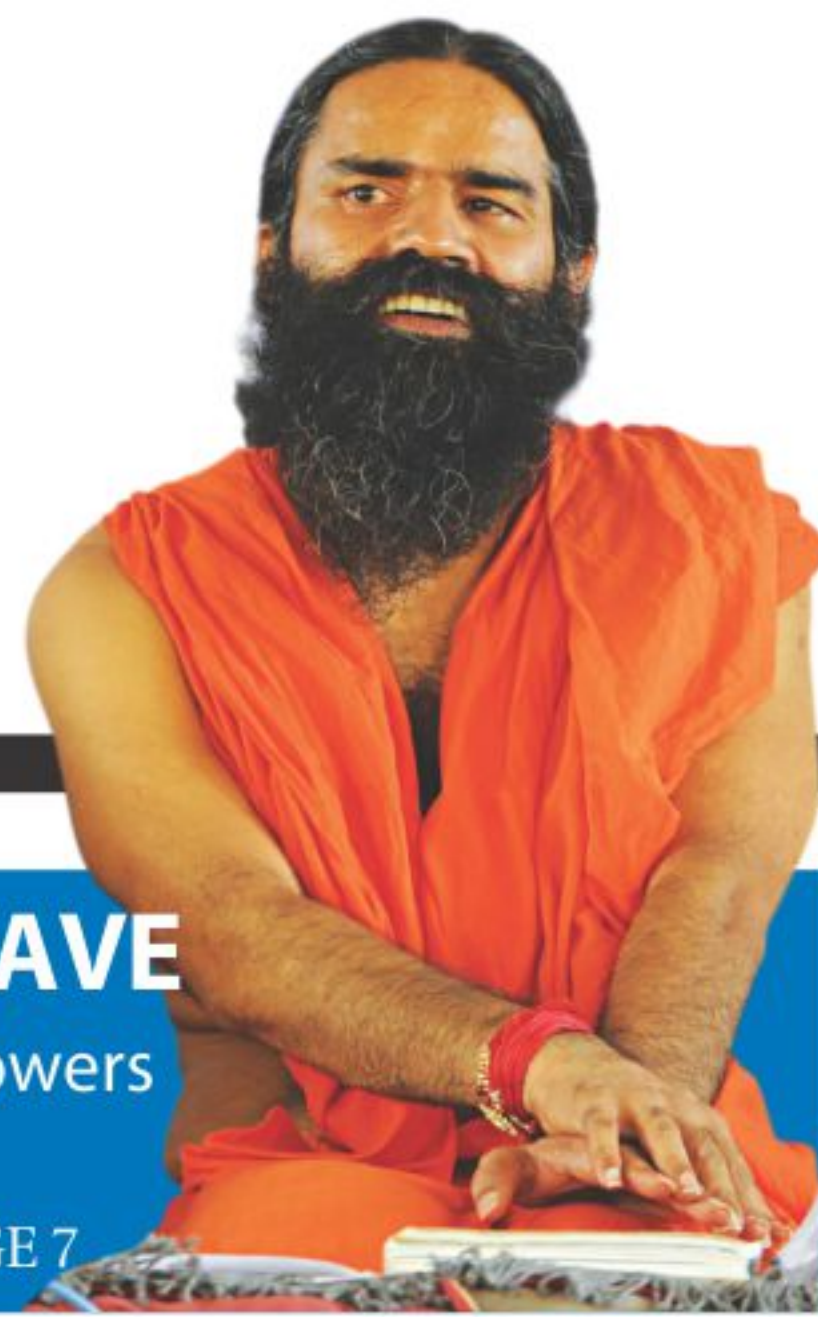
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## Ask Myanmar to settle it

PM tells UK, other countries not to put pressure on Bangladesh over Rohingya issue

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged countries, including the United Kingdom, which are concerned about the Rohingya issue, to talk to the Myanmar government instead of putting pressure on Bangladesh.

Hasina made the call at a meeting with British Secretary of State for International Development Affairs Andrew Mitchell at her hotel suite in London on Sunday evening, reports BSS.

After the meet, PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters.

Hasina told Mitchell that Bangladesh, despite being an overpopulated country, was already hosting over 28,000 registered Rohingya refugees at two camps in Cox's Bazar.



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Shakil, 12, toils eight hours a day in a factory, which produces garment items for the local market. In return, he gets only Tk 2,500 per month. While many of his age are out with parents shopping for Eid, this child, whose father died long ago, must keep working to feed and clothe his mother, two younger sisters and a brother. The photo was taken at Kamrangirchar in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

TERROR FINANCE REPORT  
IIRO gives clarification

US-based law firm Martin F McMahon & Associates, representing the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO), has responded to some points in The Daily Star's report headlined "Terror financed due to HSBC failure" which was published on July 18.

In the letter, the firm provided clarifications to some claims made in the HSBC Internal Report. The following is the firm's statement:

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## Women leaders rally behind GB

Say govt actions will make its owners powerless

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More women professionals and leaders have raised their voices against a government move to amend the Grameen Bank Ordinance of 1983, and thereby curb the autonomy of the Nobel-winning microlender.

Forty-six women yesterday issued a statement under the banner of Friends of Grameen, condemning the proposed changes to the ordinance. The number of protesters has now risen to 104.

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US worried about GB

Mozena tells Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena yesterday conveyed to Finance Minister AMA Muhith his country's concern about recent developments in the Grameen Bank issue.

This expression of worry comes after the government has made a move to amend the Grameen Bank Ordinance of 1983, apparently giving more power to the bank's

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## Hallmark loan scam under ACC probe

Several Sonali Bank officials involved in lending Tk 3,547cr to little known entities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission is investigating a state-run bank's illegal lending of Tk 3,547 crore to little-known Hallmark Group and five other companies, and the people involved in the scam.

The amount embezzled by the six entities is equivalent to almost 15 percent of the total estimated cost of the \$2.9 billion Padma bridge project.

Bangladesh Bank has recently

requested the ACC to dig into the matter after it found proof of massive irregularities in lending by state-owned Sonali Bank's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel branch from 2010 to May this year.

"It is necessary to check whether any director of the board was involved in the scam," read a BB letter to the ACC chairman.

A central bank probe found that Sonali Bank high-ups, including a deputy

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ILLEGAL ASSETS ACC to sue railwaygate accused

Ex-IGP asked to report wealth

KAILASH SARKAR

The Anti-Corruption Commission is going to file separate cases against two key figures in the railwaygate scandal, Yusuf Ali Mridha and Omar Faruq Talukder.

The anti-graft body on Sunday approved filing the cases in a day or two, as its findings contradict

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## Innocent Zakir serving life term HC gets 2 reports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday submitted two reports to the High Court on the issue of an innocent Zakir Hossain wrongfully serving a life term for another Zakir, tried in absentia for murder.

Of the reports, one was prepared by the deputy commissioner of Narayanganj and the other by the home ministry.

Both recommended punitive measures against three police officers found respon-

sible for the illegal imprisonment of Zakir, who has been in jail for around five years now.

Accepting the reports, placed by Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder, the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Farid Ahmed said it might issue directives on the matter today.

Zakir was produced before the bench

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## 35 Hizb-ut Tahrir suspects arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Sunday arrested 35 alleged members of banned outfit Hizb-ut-Tahrir from a restaurant in the capital's Panthapath where they were holding a "secret meeting".

Rab officials claimed that the meeting was convened to plan "subversive activities" or "massive showdown" after the Eid vacation. However, Rab could not clarify what kind of massive or subversive activities the youth had been planning.

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## STOCKS PROBE Khaled wins legal battle



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected a writ petition challenging the legality of Khondker Ibrahim Khaled's actions regarding stock market irregularities involving a number of individuals and enterprises.

A four-member committee headed by Khondker Ibrahim Khaled conducted an inquiry into stockmarket disaster in February and March last year, and submitted a 300-page report to the government on April 7 the same year.

In its report, the committee said around 100 individuals and business organisations were responsible for the market crash, and they windled

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**Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited**  
Rating Reaffirmed


Credit Rating Information and Services Limited (CRISL)  
Reaffirmed the Long Term Rating of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited "AA+" (Pronounced as Double A+) and Short Term Rating "ST-1"

Surveillance Rating	Explanation
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