



#### Country now without top 3 leaders

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The country is running without top leaders, including the president and the prime minister, as all of them are on foreign trips

Prime Minister Sheikh
Hasina has been in
London to attend a nutrition conference since
August 11. She is expected
to return at 8:40am today.
Hasina visited London
on July 25-29 to attend the

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Do you think the government

will be able to ensure smooth

journey for the home-bound

people before the Eid-ul-Fitr?

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TODAY'S POLL

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for the finance minister to accuse

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Yes

opening ceremony of

Olympic Games 2012.

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EID HOLIDAYS

# Rush for home begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the Eid-ul-Fitr now only days away, a mass exodus from capital will begin today as a six-day-long public holiday commences tomorrow.

Thousands of people have already bought advance bus and train tickets to go to village homes to celebrate the festival with their families.

Although government offices will remain open today, many officials and employees plan to leave their offices early to catch transport.

"My bus will start at 3:00pm tomorrow [Tuesday] from Kalyanpur. So I'll have to leave the office by 1:00pm to negotiate the traffic jam," said Kawsar Mahmud, a SEE PAGE 19 COL 2



Business is slow for roadside vendors at Motijheel in the capital yesterday due to waterlogging caused by rainfall over the last two days.

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WARTIME KILLING AT KERANIGANJ

Martyr's widow identifies Mollah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman yesterday told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah had not allowed her to touch her husband's body at Ghatarchar in Keraniganj on November 25, 1971.

Identifying Quader Mollah in the dock, Nur Jahan, widow of martyred Nabi Hossain Bulu and the eighth prosecution witness in the war crimes case against the Jamaat leader, said, "His [Quader Mollah's] hair was short and he had no beard at the time [in 1971]."

Nur Jahan, a resident of Ghatarchar, added that apart

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#### Govt handling of Tipai issue criticised

India must follow int'l rules, says NHRC chief Staff Correspondent

Green groups yesterday demanded the removal of the Bangladeshi members nominated to the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC), terming them "inexperienced and incapable" of undertaking the responsibility of the proposed

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#### BDR CARNAGE CASE

### Defence accuses CID of torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A defence lawyer of the BDR carnage case yesterday claimed before a session judge's court that his client's leg was pierced by a drill machine during remand in CID custody. SEE PAGE 19 COL 2

## EC to update voter list from Sept 15

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The Election Commission (EC) will begin the task for updating the voter list in the capital from September 15 instead of

PRAYER TIMING
Azan Jamaat
Fajr 4-13 4-18
Zohr 12-45 1-15
Asr 5-00 5-15

Maghrib 6-36 6-46





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