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Aggressive steps taken to protect US diplomats, says Hillary

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Users facing trouble in mobile money transfer since last week

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Set to receive US Congressional Gold Medal

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# Polls after JS dissolution

PM tells Sangsad, rejects BNP's demand for caretaker govt system

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Adding to the prevailing political situation, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced in parliament yesterday that the next parliamentary election would be held after the dissolution of the Jatiya Sangsad.

"The polls will not be held by retaining the House.... When the time comes, I will meet the

president and tell him that we want election. It is the jurisdiction of the president to decide when parliament will be dissolved and whether the current cabinet will continue or its size will be reduced," Hasina said.

"Such is the practice in the Westminster system of parliamentary democracy," she said.

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# Inspired, confused

React opposition, leading personalities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP is "inspired" by Sheikh Hasina's statement that the next parliamentary polls will be held after the dissolution of the House. But the

main opposition party is also "confused" as it finds Hasina's remarks on the election-time administration inconsistent.

Eminent citizens, however, consider the

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A child falls asleep in her mother's lap at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday as Biman continues to delay flights following its flight schedule collapse. The mother, Khadija Khatun, went to the airport on September 16, when she was told her flight to the Middle East would leave on the 18th. When she went to the airport on that day she was told her flight would be yesterday. She was still unsure if she would be able to leave when the photo was taken around 2:00am yesterday. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Regular travellers left in the lurch

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN and SHARIFUL ISLAM

Shahidul Islam, a Bangladeshi immigrant to Saudi Arabia, was frantically moving around at the Dhaka Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday to know his flight schedule.

The 28-year-old from Kaliakoir, Gazipur, came here on Saturday night to fly to Saudi Arabia on a Bangladesh Biman flight. But the national flag carrier was struggling hard to maintain its flight schedules as ferrying Hajj pilgrims to Saudi Arabia was at the top of its priority list amid a shortage of aircraft.

Shahidul's number did not come till last night while his tension rose with

BIMAN SEES FLIGHTS IN A SHAMBLES

# Targets Tk 100cr profit, gets chaos

Insiders lambaste decision to carry Hajj pilgrims beyond its capacity

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Biman's ambition of earning a profit of Tk 100 by ferrying more than twice the hajj pilgrims it did last year is the principal reason behind its flight schedule disaster.

With just nine planes in its fleet, it decided to carry around 57,000 pilgrims. Last year, it had leased two very large

planes, Boeing 747s, to carry the pilgrims but this year it leased just one but doubled the number of pilgrims.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines yesterday suspended all its domestic flights until November 29, so that it could use two more aircraft on international routes.

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# Alam does it again

After jute, he leads Bangladeshi scientists to crack genetic code of a deadly fungus; creates scope to stop Tk 4,000cr jute loss a year

REAZ AHMAD

A Bangladeshi scientist has decoded the genome of a most deadly fungus that causes havoc to global jute and soybean production.

The fungus -- macrophomina phaseolina -- also causes seedling blight, root rot and charcoal rot of more than 500 crop and non-crop species.



Dr Maqsood Alam

The gene sequencing of macrophomina phaseolina would particularly help Bangladeshi scientists to develop jute varieties capable of fighting the fungus that causes an annual yield loss of around Tk 4,000 crore damaging 30 percent of the country's precious natural fibre, experts said.

Jute is the second largest fibre crop next to

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# Obscene cartoon sparks debate

Weekly publishes anti-Islam caricature; France to shut down embassies, offices in 20 countries fearing backlash

AFP, Paris

France yesterday stepped up security and appealed for calm after a weekly published defamatory cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad that risked fanning outrage in the Islamic world.

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## WORLD T20 India survive Afghan scare

AFP, Colombo

Former champions India endured a scare from fearless Afghanistan before recording a 23-run win in the World Twenty20 in Colombo on Wednesday.

India, sent in to bat, took advantage of their rivals' butter-fingered display to recover from a bad start and post 159-5, with Virat Kohli top-scoring with 50 off 38 balls.

The Afghans, batting with gay abandon, raced

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# LISTED COMPANIES 359 sponsors, directors lose jobs on board

SARWAR A CHOWDHURY

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) yesterday declared vacant the posts of 359 sponsors and directors of 103 listed firms as they failed to hold at least two percent shares in their respective companies in line with a regulatory directive.

Those who lost their posts include some political leaders and well-known businessmen such as Abdul Jalil MP, Syed Mohammad Abdul Mannan MP, Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Shafiat Sobhan, Mirza Ali Behrouze Ispahani and AS Shahudul Huq Bulbul.

The stockmarket regulator also asked the listed companies to restructure their boards and submit to it certified copies of the newly-formed boards from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms by November 15, said a press statement.

Following a major slide in share prices in January-

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FULL LIST OF DIRECTORS ON B3

## FELICITATIONS

Heartiest felicitations to Engr. Md. Shamsuzzaman Nasim, B. Sc. (Textile Tech), PGD (Ind. Mgt.) Managing Director, Micro Fibre Group for being elected a Member of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) for the year of 2012-14.

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