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Undisclosed luggage bogs Biman down

Unscrupulous staff minting money at expense of the airline

SHARIFUL ISLAM

A section of Biman employees are helping transport tonnes of undisclosed cargo and luggage on Biman's international flights to make a quick buck, putting the aircraft's safety at risk.

A pilot of the national carrier told The Daily Star that before take-off,

pilots are provided with information about the weight the aircraft is carrying. And according to that information, the pilots determine the take-off speed and make other calculations such as how much fuel is needed.

If pilots are given incorrect weight figures, it may render their calculations way off the mark and

even force them to make unscheduled stops for refuelling, said the pilot.

Excess weight costs extra fuel for each flight, and pilots on several occasions had to consider emergency landing so that the aircraft doesn't run out of fuel.

A top official of Biman

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With light rain, winter creeps in

STAR REPORT

The winter will arrive after the spell of drizzle that started across the country yesterday due to westerly wind, meteorologists say. But people would not suffer extreme cold this month.

Meteorologist Bazlur Rashid said, "Average temperatures will hover between 15 and 18 degrees Celsius throughout the month. In the

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PADMA BRIDGE FINANCING

No breach of consensus

Claims Muhith; Adviser Mashiur says he won't object to long leave

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said there was no breach of the understanding on which the World Bank reengaged in the Padma bridge project.

Muhith, however, did not clarify the issue of leave of Prime Minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Mashiur Rahman.

There is no problem now in implementing the project. "It is a

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Chances almost even

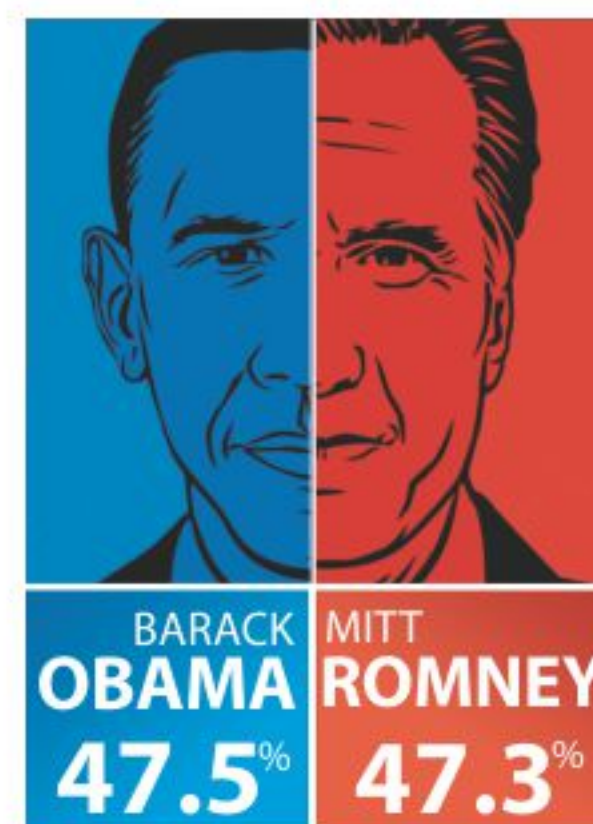
Obama focuses on turnout, Romney on Pennsylvania

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Just two days from the finish, President Barack Obama's campaign is mobilising a massive get-out-the-vote effort aimed at carrying the Democrat to victory, as Republican Mitt Romney makes a late play for votes in Democratic-leaning Pennsylvania.

Both campaigns were predicting wins in tomorrow's election. Obama was closing out the campaign with an apparent edge in some key battleground states, including Ohio. But Romney's campaign was projecting momentum and banking on late-breaking voters to propel him to

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Vested quarters spreading propaganda

Says Fakhru on Khaleda's India visit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday questioned how the Awami League general secretary learned what Khaleda Zia talked about with the Indian leaders during her recent New Delhi visit.

Raising the question, the main opposition party's acting secretary

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We Mourn

The Board of Directors and Management of the United Commercial Bank Limited are extremely saddened to inform you with a heavy heart that Alhaj Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury, MP, Honourable Chairman, United Commercial Bank Limited and also the Honourable Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Textiles & Jute has passed away on Sunday morning, November 04, 2012 at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore. (Inna Lillahe Razeun). He was 67 at the time of his sad demise. He had been suffering from renal ailments for a long time.

Alhaj Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury, MP was born on May 03, 1945 in a well reputed Muslim family at Haildhor village at Anowara Thana in Chittagong. He was a well known personality adorned with many titles such as industrialist, politician, philanthropist and valiant freedom fighter. He had been elected four times as Member of Parliament.

We, the members of UCB family, pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul and extend our profound sympathy and share the grief to the bereaved members of his family.

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