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The central bank to introduce real-time fund transfer by 2014

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A lawyer challenges Pak army over enforced disappearances

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## MARTIN SCORSESE AT 70

The filmmaker says it's more exciting to look forward to what's yet to come

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# Fire kills 11

Hundreds homeless, 15 injured as blaze at night destroys Hazaribagh slum in city; all victims are women, children

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and ASIF ISLAM SHAON

At least 11 people were killed as a devastating fire razed a slum and some of its adjoining tin-shed homes in the capital's Hazaribagh early yesterday.

The victims -- six children and five women -- were trapped and burned alive in a bathroom and a kitchen where they had taken shelter, witnesses said.

More than 15 people were also injured and about 700 shanties and 12 tin-shed houses were burned down in the blaze that originated at a rickshaw garage at Boubazar slum around 2:45am.

Fire fighters were still investigating the cause of the fire, but locals said it might have originated from cigarette butts, mosquito coils or a kerosene stove in the garage.

The shanty is home to about 3,000 low-income people, all of whom have been affected somehow or the other.

Just minutes after it broke out, the fire engulfed the nearby houses after coming in contact with some kerosene drums, which had been

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Dwellers of Boubazar slum in the capital's Hazaribagh area wailing while some others feeling simply lost as a devastating fire razed over 700 shanties early yesterday, leaving them in immense distress.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Their world, up in flames

SUSHMITA S PREETHA

Rahman Hawladar had the haunted look of a man having no reason to live any more after the fire at Boubazar slum in the capital's Hazaribagh yesterday. He lost his wife and daughter.

Residents of the

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## TANGAIL BY-POLLS AL sinks as rebel wins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Awami League rebel Amanur Rahman Khan Rana won the Tangail-3 by-election by a wide margin yesterday.

Rana bagged 97,808 votes while his rivals AL-nominated candidate

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Amanur Rahman Khan Rana

## Jamaat attacks cops again

19 hurt in Ctg, Dhaka

STAR REPORT

The Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir once again swooped on law enforcers yesterday, leaving at least eight policemen and 11 others injured in Chittagong and Dhaka.

The day before, the Jamaat announced a countrywide "peaceful programme" for yesterday, protesting government "oppression" on its leaders and filing of "false" cases against them. But the party did not give any details of its

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## ROHINGYA ISSUE Dhaka shocked by Suu Kyi's comments

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has expressed surprise over Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's recent comments about Rohingyas in

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## Myanmar needs reform

Obama in Thailand; visits Yangon today

AGENCIES

Barack Obama yesterday flexed US power in Asia on a regional tour that will make history when he lands in Myanmar, calling on its leaders to step up their startling political reform drive.

The US president touched down in Air Force One in Bangkok, sending a message that relationships like the six-decades-old treaty alliance with Thailand will form the bedrock of US diplomacy as the region

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

## As Obama goes to Yangon...

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

US President Barack Obama flies into Yangon today on a historic visit to Myanmar. The sense of history stems from

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## MPs' ACTIVITIES TIB survey flawed: Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu has termed flawed, weak and substandard the research method that Transparency International Bangladesh used for its survey on lawmakers.

"TIB used a method that conveniently fitted in its prefixed headline and

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## OBITUARY



It is with a deep sense of sadness and grief that we announce the demise of our mother, Mrs. Monowara Hossain who passed away at 11:55 pm on Thursday 1st Muharram 1434, 15th November 2012 and 1st Agrahayan 1419, at Apollo Hospital, Dhaka (Inna Illahe Wa Inna Elaihe Rajeun). Her Namaz e Janaza was held at Baridhara mosque after Jumma prayers and she was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard. She was the eldest daughter of Late Mr. Nurul Islam and Late Mrs. Maleka Begum, the eldest grand daughter of Late Khan Bahadur Bazlur Rahim, great grand daughter of Maulvi Tamijuddin of Noakhali and beloved wife of Mr. Delwar Hossain, PSP (retd).

She is survived by her husband, loving children, sons and daughters in law, affectionate grandchildren and countless relatives, friends and well wishers. May Allah grant her eternal peace and Jannat-ul-Ferdoes.

Insha Allah, her Dua-e-Khair will be held on Thursday, 22 November 2012 at 52 UN Road, Baridhara, Dhaka after Magrib prayers. Your kind participation is solicited.

Zubair, Zeba, Zareen and Zeid

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