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Saleemul Huq writes about upcoming COP18 in Doha

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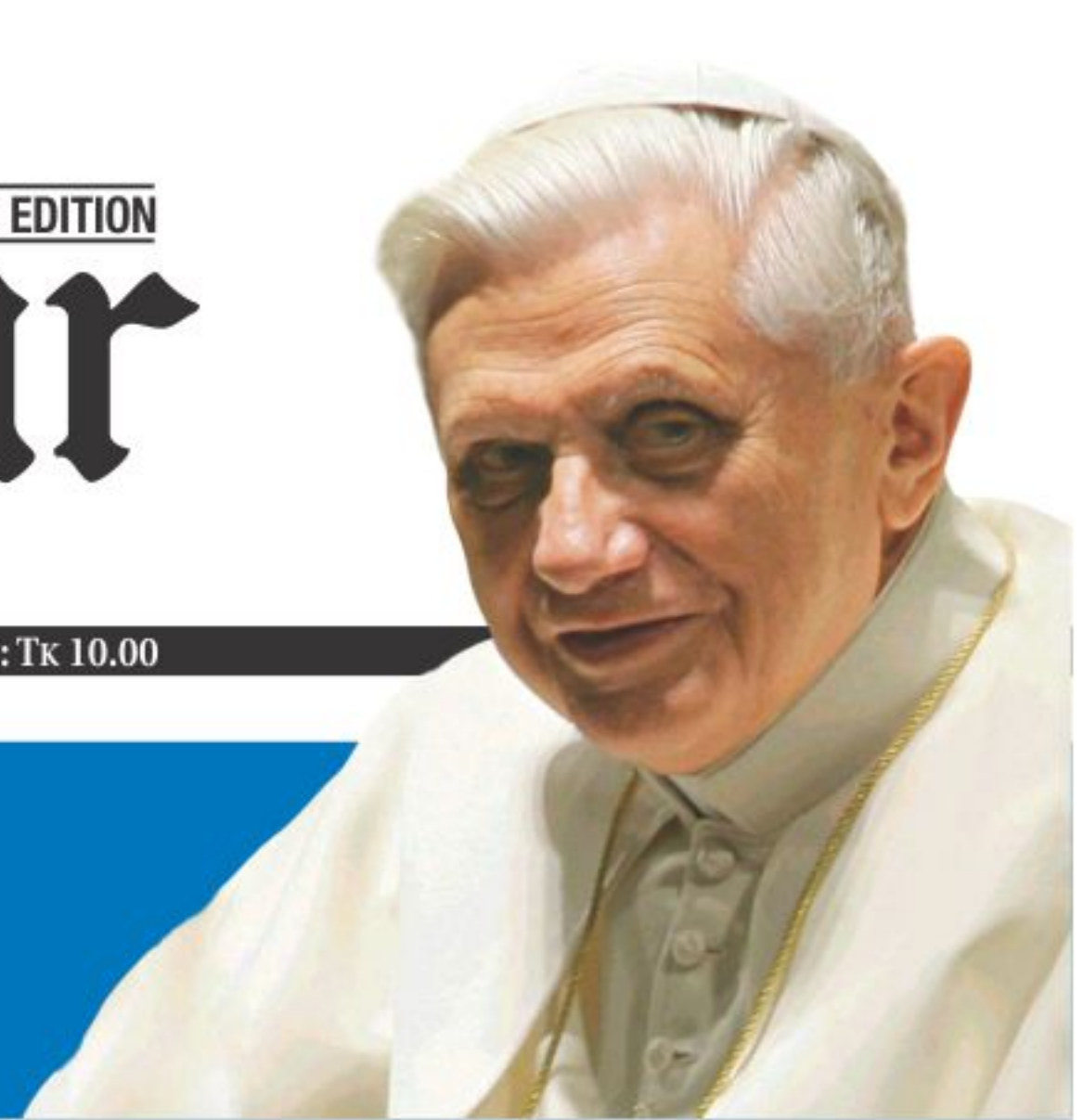
Income of most listed banks drops in the 3rd quarter

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# Stop, now

### HC asks govt to halt import, sale of harmful chemical treated food

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to immediately stop import, distribution and sale of fruits, groceries and other food items treated with formalin, carbide or any poisonous chemicals.

Responding to a writ petition, it also ordered the authorities concerned to supply all sea and land ports and the markets under the city corporations with testing kits within a month so that any food item can be checked before they are allowed into the country or sold.

Meanwhile, the commerce minister told parliament that existing laws having provisions for punishment up to death penalty or life imprisonment could prevent food adulteration if those were enforced.

The city corporations would be obliged to examine the food items people bring to them to check the purity, the court said, adding the authorities would also have to distribute testing devices in other markets of the country in phases.

The court asked the secretary to the information ministry to take steps in 15 days to raise mass awareness through media campaigns about the hazardous effects of consuming adulterated foods.

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# HAIL HASAN

### Abul Hasan becomes only the second No 10 batsman in the history of Test cricket to hit a hundred on debut

We were looking for a fast bowler, I think at the moment he (Abul Hasan) and Rubel (Hossain) are the quickest bowlers in the country. We are making him adjust to the current team. Shahadat didn't perform as well as we wanted him to. Hasan played a few matches before and we thought a new bowler would suit the team. We know he can bat a bit, but never expected him to play such a good innings.

Bangladesh chief selector Akram Khan, on picking Abul Hasan in place of Shahadat Hossain



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Bangladesh debutant Abul Hasan kisses the pitch after reaching his century on the first day of the second Test against West Indies in Khulna yesterday. Hasan, who remained unbeaten on 100, along with Mahmudullah Riyad, rescued the hosts from an ignominious position of 193 for 8 to 365 for 8 by stumps. (Story on Page 16)

100 13		First-class stats			
Runs	4s	Batting	Matches	Runs	Highest
100	13	6	174	61	

108 3		Bowling		
Balls	6s	Matches	Wickets	BBI
108	3			



The only other cricketer to match this feat: Reggie Duff, in January 1902 for Australia against England at the MCG. As his Test statistics show, he was more of a batsman than a bowler. He scored 104 runs that contained 11 fours.



I was a batsman when I played for the Under-15 team, so I thought I will play like a batsman. Still I'm not aware about any record.

Abul Hasan after his record innings



## KIDNAP CASE

# Main culprit 'captured'

### Sources confirm arrest, Dhaka police deny report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of police arrested Ameer Hossain, the ringleader of the abductors of six-year-old Parag Mondol, along with his close aide from Rajbari on Tuesday night, said sources in Rajbari police.

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# War heroes to retire at 60

### PM approves one-year job extension proposal; admin may face commotion

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

The government is going to increase by one year the retirement age of freedom fighter officials and employees in public service for the second time in two and a half years.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who also holds charge of the public administration ministry, approved recently a proposal of the liberation war ministry for extending their service age to 60 years from 59.

She announced this yesterday at a reception accorded to the gallantry award recipient freedom fighters and their heirs at the Armed Forces Division.

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# Rajshahi University Shibir men cut tendon of BCL cadre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Rajshahi city unit Bangladesh Chhatra League vandalised two institutions run by Jamaat men last night, hours after alleged Shibir cadres had cut the left-leg tendon of a BCL leader on Rajshahi University (RU) campus.

Around 8:00pm, alleged Shibir men swooped on

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# 6 FUGITIVE BANGABANDHU KILLERS

# Govt to confiscate their properties

### But it has no clue about their assets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to confiscate the properties of the six fugitive convicted killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Two of them are now in the US and Canada, but the government has no specific information about the whereabouts of the four others.

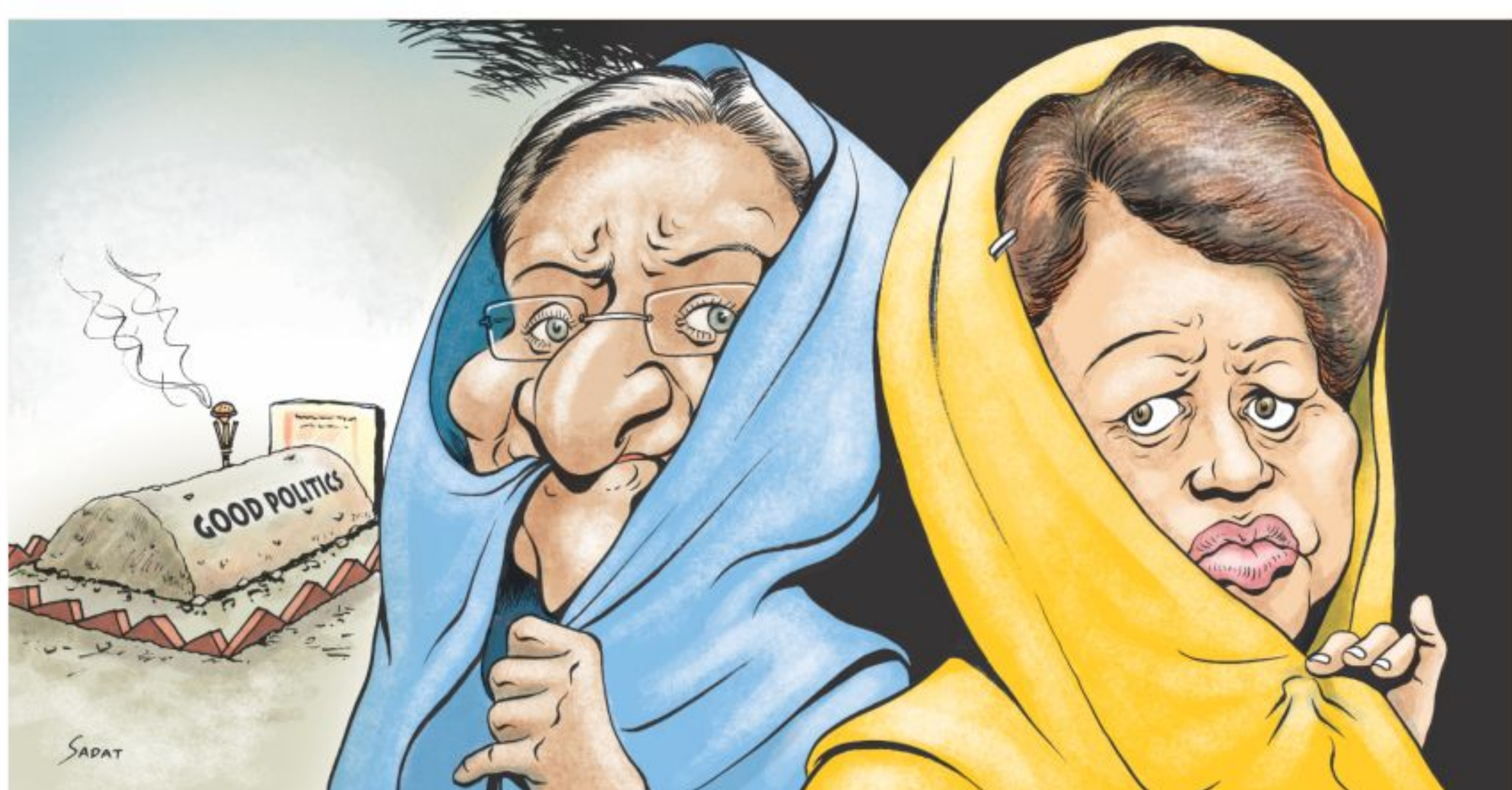
The six fugitives are Khandaker Abdur

Rashid, Shariful Haque Dalim, Nur Chowdhury, Rashed Chowdhury, Abdul Mazed and Moslehuddin Khan.

Yesterday's decision came at a meeting of the taskforce on bringing them back to the country.

The government is now trying to find out where and how much property the fugitive convicts have, Law Minister

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# No love lost between 'em

### Hasina, Khaleda attend Armed Forces Day party, leave without talking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia did not meet or exchange greetings even though the two political

archivals attended the same programme yesterday afternoon.

Hasina and Khaleda stayed at the Armed Forces Day reception at Senakunja for around an hour.

They only exchanged pleasant-

ries and talked to the dignitaries present at the programme in Dhaka Cantonment.

Speaker Abdul Hamid, who was also there, exchanged pleasantries

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# MUMBAI ATTACK 2008 Kasab hanged

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Pakistani national Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab, one of the 10 attackers of 2008 Mumbai mayhem that killed 166 people, was hanged yesterday at a highly secured Indian jail.



Ajmal Amir Kasab

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# Gaza truce agreed

### Israel nods to Egypt-brokered deal; UN chief calls for peace

AFP, Gaza City

A ceasefire came into effect yesterday in and around Gaza after a week of cross-border violence between Israel and Palestinian militants that killed at least 160 people. Gaza City's streets were dark



Ban Ki-moon

and deserted in the minutes after the ceasefire began at 1900 GMT, and Israeli drones could be heard overhead, but soon after people poured out onto the streets to hail the "victory."

Heavy celebratory gunfire

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