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# Garment 'jinx' gets going

60 hurt in stampedes over fire rumour, boiler explosion at factories in Dhaka, Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 60 garment workers were injured in three factories in Dhaka and Chittagong from fall and stampede yesterday as they ran for their lives following rumours of fire, with the apparel sector still reeling from the horror of Saturday's deadly fire in Ashulia.

In the port city, at least 50 workers of Section Seven Ltd were wounded when they tried to escape in panic on hearing that the factory caught a fire, officials and workers said.

The incident happened at around 8:00am following an electric short circuit on the third floor of the five-storey building.

Of the victims, most suffered injuries from fall. At least three of them had their hands broken while six others sustained head injuries.

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The BNP-led 18-party alliance holds a grand rally at the capital's Naya Paltan yesterday where thousands of opposition supporters gathered. Leader of the opposition and BNP chief Khaleda Zia addressed the rally.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## 2 more years for fast-track energy deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed a bill amending a law to allow the government to exercise for two more years the controversial authority to take up and implement any projects for quick generation, distribution and marketing of power and gas.

The Power and Energy Fast Supply Enhancement (Special Provision) Act made in 2010 allowed the government two years to quickly award energy sector contracts on the basis of unsolicited negotiation by precluding the court's jurisdiction to review actions taken under this law.

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## Classical Music Fest opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bengal ITC-SRA (Sangeet Research Academy) Classical Music Fest 2012 will be inaugurated this

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## Financing to depend on probe progress

Says WB on Padma loan; external panel arrives again on Saturday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank in a statement yesterday said financing for the Padma bridge project hinges on the progress of the investigation by the Anti-Corruption Commission into the corruption allegations.

The bank's external panel of anti-corruption experts will make its second visit to Dhaka on December 1 to assess whether the ACC has made progress in its investigation into the evidence of corruption under the project, noted the release.

In anticipation of the panel's visit to Dhaka, the Padma bridge

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## WARTIME KILLINGS

## Witnesses testify against Azad, Kamaruzzaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the directives of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, four detainees were killed inside a Pakistani army camp in Sherpur during the Liberation War, a witness told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday.

Meanwhile, a martyr's son yesterday testified that Abul Kalam Azad alias Bachchu Razakar had killed his father after dragging him out of their home in

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## NY 'TERROR PLOT'

## Nafis pleads not guilty

REUTERS, New York

Bangladeshi citizen Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis on Tuesday pleaded not guilty refusing the charges of a 'plot' to blow up the Federal Reserve Bank in New York in October.

Nafis was arrested in a sting operation and charged with attempting to blow up the bank with what authorities say he believed was a 1,000-pound (450-kg) bomb.

During a brief hearing in Brooklyn federal court,



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## Govt to bring back Subrata from India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is considering steps to bring most wanted criminal Subrata Bain back home from India, said police sources.

He was arrested in Kolkata of West Bengal on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a Kolkata court yesterday placed the arrestee on a 13-day remand for interrogation,


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Lava from Kilauea Volcano in Hawaii flows into the Pacific creating a rare fusion of steam and waves that local tourism officials say could attract thrill-seeking visitors.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with the prime minister that the Ashulia factory fire incident was pre-planned?

Yes

(48%)

No

(46%)

No Comments

(6%)

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Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that the government has no achievement in last four years?

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