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PADMA BRIDGE GRAFT

Abuls claim innocence

WB team meets ACC officials over probe report today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain yesterday said he had no complicity even if corruption allegations in the Padma bridge project were true. Emerging from the Anti-Corruption Commission's interrogation room, he claimed nobody in the world can prove his involvement in corruption. Also, former state minister for foreign affairs, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, denied his involvement in the alleged graft in the project. The two were talking to reporters separately at the commission's Segunbagicha office after being interrogated by a team of the anti-graft body yesterday. With Abul Hossain and Abul Hasan, the ACC completes quizzing for the ongoing enquiry into alleged conspiracy to influence the selection of a consultant for the

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Bilkis Begum, a worker of Tazreen Fashions, shows the photo of her deceased daughter Munni Akhter at Nishchintapur Primary School ground at Nishchintapur of Ashulia yesterday. Bilkis went there to register their names to receive wages. A deadly blaze at the garment factory on November 24 claimed at least 111 lives.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Compensate

Trade unions urge Walmart

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three trade unions yesterday demanded that US retailer Walmart compensate the families of those who were killed or injured in a deadly fire at Tazreen Fashions Ltd in Ashulia on November 24. Walmart is one of the foreign buyers of Tazreen Fashions, a subsidiary of the Tuba Group, according to its website. Its other clients include Carrefour and IKEA. Apart from compensations, the unions in a letter asked Walmart to bear all expenses of the required treatment of the injured. An official of the local office of Walmart confirmed that they received

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9-HR RUNWAY SHUTDOWN
Biman first to falter
314 passengers suffer for 19 hours
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A Biman flight has become the first victim of the nine-hour shutdown period of Shahjalal International Airport's runway, resulting in delay for over 19 hours and causing immense suffering to 314 Jeddah-bound passengers. Departure of the age-old DC-10 aircraft of Biman

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No rally? So Jamaat calls hartal for today
BNP extends moral support
STAR REPORT
Obstructed to hold rallies, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday called a countrywide hartal for today in a desperate bid to fight the government on the street. Hours after the announcement, the main opposition BNP late last night extended moral support to its main ally's hartal.

In a press release, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said Jamaat was a registered political party as per the existing law. It had called countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal in protest of the government obstruction to their peaceful rally, which was logical and democratic. "Against such backdrop, Bangladesh

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CLASH WITH COPS
Shibir activist killed in Dinajpur
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
An activist of pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir, who sustained injuries in a clash with police in Chirirbandar of Dinajpur, died last night. Mojaheed succumbed

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NEWS ANALYSIS
Will the ghost of 2005 return?
Opposition's boycott of EC talks a reminder
SHAKHAWAT LITON
The BNP-led opposition parties' boycott of ongoing electoral talks has finally had the Election Commission bear the brunt of the confrontational culture in politics.

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Resist acts of destruction
PM urges people, slams BNP, Jamaat for demos in Dec
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged people to build up resistance to destructive activities of BNP, Jamaat, Shibir and other anti-liberation forces in this month of victory. She questioned whether the opposition leader has announced demonstration programme in this month to protect the war criminals. The premier made the remarks while inaugurating a month-long victory day programme at Suhrawardi Udyan in the capital. Reiterating her

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Ranjana Akter Sathi

To hell and back

Knowledge of past helped her save lives of 20

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

Ranjana Akter Sathi knew there was a glass window which was not encased in an iron frame. It was near the sample room on the third floor of the burnt-out Tazreen Fashions Ltd.

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SSC exams begin Feb 3
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations for 2013 will begin across the country on February 3. The education ministry fixed the routine of the exams on Sunday. The examinations end on March 5, said officials of the ministry. However, practical exams will start on March 6 and continue till March 18. Eight education boards, a madrasa education board and a technical education board will con

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17th BERGER YOUNG PAINTERS ART COMPETITION 2012

Change of Date

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the **17th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition 2012, Award Night** will be held on **10th December 2012, Monday**, instead of today. Time and venue of the event will remain unchanged.

Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

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