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# Major boost for Syrian opposition

US, UK, France join Gulf nations in recognising opposition coalition

REUTERS, Morocco

Western and Arab nations sympathetic to Syria's uprising against President Bashar al-Assad gave full political recognition to the opposition yesterday, reflecting a hardening consensus that the uprising might be nearing a tipping point.

Meeting in the Moroccan city of Marrakech as rebels battled Assad's troops on the outskirts of his Damascus power base, the "Friends of Syria" group called on Assad to step aside and end the 20-month-old uprising.

Hours earlier, President Barack Obama announced that Washington would now recognise the newly formed coalition of opposition groups as Syria's legitimate representative, joining France, Britain, Turkey and Gulf states.

At Marrakech's meeting, leaders of Syria's opposition SEE PAGE 7 COL 1



The very-typical traffic gridlock in the capital turned unbearable again yesterday afternoon, ahead of today's opposition-sponsored 8-hour hartal. The photo was taken at Farmgate.

PHOTO: STAR

#### KAMARUZZAMAN'S TRIAL Tortured man testifies at war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Muhammad Kamaruzzaman used to pick out detainees of a camp in Mymensingh for death as whoever he had selected disappeared later,

a freedom fighter testified

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### PADMA PROJECT ACC set to sue graft suspects

UNB, Dhaka

yesterday.

The Anti-Corruption Commission is set to file a case against the people involved in the corruption conspiracy in hiring a consultant for the proposed Padma bridge project.

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Wal-Mart CEO talks first time after Tazreen fire

BLOOMBERG, New York

Wal-Mart Stores Inc Chief Executive Officer Mike Duke : Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said he sees no conflict between paying low prices to ; yesterday urged garment suppliers that source merchandise from overseas and ; factory owners to pay workers being able to maintain safe conditions at garment factories. . . more and ensure workplace

"We will not buy from an unsafe factory," Duke said in · safety, as the apparel makers an interview yesterday with Bloomberg LP President and : are making fortunes from the sector. Chief Executive Officer Dan Doctoroff at the New York: "I hope that the garment owners will

# Low prices, plant Pay more, ensure safety compatible workplace safety

PM spurs garment exporters, opens Batexpo-2012; Ashraf blasts US envoy's push for trade union obey the labour law, and

STAR REPORT

SEE PAGE 6 COL 4 : pay the workers as best as they can and

ensure compliance with the buyers to expand the export market," she said.

Hasina was speaking at the opening ceremony of the three-day Bangladesh

Apparel and Textile Exposition (Batexpo-2012) at Bangabandhu International

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## Water crisis in Dhaka to end

Claims Wasa as Sayedabad treatment plant phase-II ready to supply water

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There will be no water crisis in the capital from today as the Sayedabad Water Treatment Plant is set to double its production.

The 10-year-old plant's capacity has been enhanced by 22.5 crore litres a day under its phase-II project, Tagsem A SEE PAGE 6 COL 7



cured using

HIV virus

AFP, New York

US doctors say they have saved a seven-year-old girl who was close to dying from leukaemia by

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## Man drowns after being chased

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After being chased allegedly by police and locals for ignoring a stop signal from a police check post, a man got drowned in the capital's Demra yesterday.

Thirty-five-year-old Azibor Khan, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver by profession, was riding home on a rickshaw with two other people.

Around 2:00pm, a police check post near the local poultry farms signalled the rickshaw to Fearing harassment on

the eve of today's hartal, the passengers told the SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

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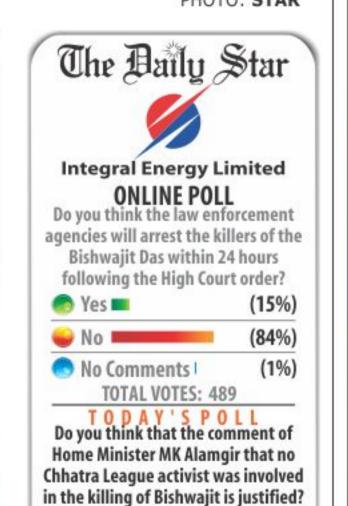
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A minibus goes up in flames at Bangla Motor intersection in the capital around 11:00 last night after supporters PHOTO: STAR



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### CHARGING EXTRA FEES MPO for 3 principals suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The monthly pay order (MPO) facilities of three principals of three prominent non-government city schools have been suspended as they failed to give proper answer about returning or adjusting the extra money they charged for admission.

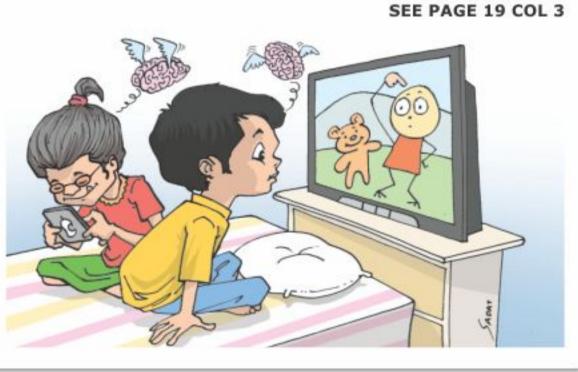
They are: Farhad Hossain of Monipur High SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

## TV, mobile phone kids' enemies

Reduce reading skills: study

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Children with TVs in their bedrooms and their own mobile phones suffer significant falls in reading





"বিএসসি টাওয়ার"-এ বাণিজ্যিক স্পেস্ ভাড়ার বিজ্ঞপ্তি।



এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন (বিএসসি) এর ঢাকাস্থ মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকার প্রাণকেন্দ্রে (প্রাক্তন দৈনিক বাংলার মোড়ে অবস্থিত) নিজস্ব জমিতে ৩ (তিন) টি বেইজমেন্ট ফ্লোরসহ ৫ (পাঁচ) টি ফ্লোরে কার পার্কিং সুবিধা সম্বলিত মোট ২৮ (আটাশ) তলা বিশিষ্ট "বিএসসি টাওয়ার" নির্মাণের কাজ দ্রুতগতিতে এগিয়ে চলছে।

০২। "বিএসসি টাওয়ার" এর ৪র্থ ও ৫ম তলা প্রেতি ফ্লোরে লিফট, স্টেয়ার, বাথরুম, সার্কোলেশন স্পেসসহ আনুমানিক ৪০০০ বর্গফুট) ব্যাংক, বীমা ও আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং নির্মিতব্য অন্যান্য ফ্লোরের ক্ষেত্রে শিপিং এজেন্সী বা মেরিটাইম সেক্টরের কোম্পানীসমূহকে অগ্রাধিকার ভিত্তিতে ভাড়া দেওয়া হবে। এছাড়াও টপ ফ্লোরে ১ম শ্রেণীর রেষ্টুরেন্ট এর জন্য ফ্লোর / স্পেস্ ভাড়া দেয়া হবে। ভাড়া, অগ্রীম ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী আলোচনা সাপেক্ষে নির্ধারণ করা হবে।

০৩। আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে আগামী ৩১/১২/১২খ্রিঃ তারিখ এর মধ্যে নিমু ঠিকানায় আবেদন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

০৪। বিএসসি কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন আবেদন গ্রহণ বা বাতিল অথবা সকল আবেদন বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ

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