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Olivia Culpo becomes the eighth American to win the pageant

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## 7 STATE-RUN BANKS, INSTITUTIONS Govt appoints 31 directors

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government yesterday appointed 31 directors of seven state-run banks and financial institutions.

A day before, the board of Bangladesh Bank advised the governor not to give his consent to selecting any incompetent person as a director of any state-run bank.

The Hasina administration picked directors for the public banks and financial institutions soon after coming to power in 2009. A year later, the central bank brought allegations that some of the directors are exerting their

political muscles into the companies' affairs.

Recently, a mission from the International Monetary Fund visiting Dhaka advised the government to ensure that the directors of the banks satisfactorily pass the central bank's criteria.

Yesterday's appointment fills 21 out of 26 vacant posts of directors at Sonali, Agrani and Janata banks. However, 15 directorial posts of directors at the state-run banks and financial institutions are still vacant.

The Daily Star is yet to get details of some of the newly

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Examinees make last-minute revision before the written tests of 33rd BCS exams, sitting on a footpath near Government Science College centre at Tejgaon, Dhaka, yesterday.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a rather unprecedented move, the information ministry has selected five national dailies for subscription by all government and semi-government offices and

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## FULL VERDICT ON 7TH AMENDMENT SC lambasts judges in past cases

Terms some of their observations seditious

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

In its judgment in the historic seventh amendment case, the Supreme Court blasted and overruled some of the apex court's earlier verdicts and observations on martial law in late 70s and 80s.

The judgment also termed "seditious" some of the observations of the judges in those past cases.

Martial law was first declared in the country on August 20, 1975. It was

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**NEWS ANALYSIS**

## Martial law is no law

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The Supreme Court's full judgment on the seventh amendment to the constitution comes at a time when efforts towards strengthening democracy are well underway, given especially the long fallout of military rule in the country.

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**Big flop for Bapex**

No gas found in Petrobangla's much-hyped Sunetra site; govt's energy plan upset

SHARIER KHAN

The Petrobangla forecast 'discovery' of a gas field having no less than two trillion cubic feet of reserve in a potential spot in Netrokona-Sunamganj area on the basis of a seismic survey two years ago.

However, upon drilling an exploratory well there, the

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the exploration affiliate of Petrobangla, Bapex drilled a well up to 4,500 metres deep. Except for hitting some small pockets of gas which is not worth extracting,

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**BISHWAJIT MURDER**

## JnU expels 4 more students

IGP orders probe into police role; 3 other arrestees denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jagannath University (JnU) authorities yesterday expelled four more students for good on the grounds of their alleged involvement in the killing of Bishwajit Das, a tailor by profession.

Based on its investigation, the university excluded fourth-year students Kayyum Mia Tipu of philosophy, Rajon Talukder of chemistry, and GM Rasheduzzaman Shaon of history departments, and Saiful Islam, a Masters student of history department.

All the four expelled are activists of JnU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the pro-Awami League student body. The Daily Star in its investigative report



BPL T20 AUCTION  
At \$365,000  
Shakib the costliest  
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan turned out to be the most expensive buy when the players' auction of the second edition of Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 was held at a posh city

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**RAINBOW SHEEP:** A flock of multi-coloured sheep graze in the capital's Rayerbazar area in the morning yesterday. According to the owner, a resident of Mohammadpur, the colours are the "identification marks" of these animals. Many found the sight amusing and were seen taking photos of these brightly dyed sheep.

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Death trap  
ABU DIAWATH  
If it doesn't look like a work place — rather a set-up for confinement.  
The factory of Tazreen Fashions Ltd, spreading across 131,750 sq ft, had no emergency exit and the outside of the building -- for emergency exit.  
From outside, it appears each of the 15,16 units in 6 floors of the eight-storey building has adequate sources of ventilation by way of glass windows.

But it turns out the windows were securely bolted with iron frames from inside -- leaving no

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Home minister's legal notice, our reply

On behalf of Home Minister Md. Mahbub Khan, Legal Notice has sent a legal notice to The Daily Star, requesting a report

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