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# PM spurs WB on Padma

Says govt to go ahead with alternative funding if decision not by this month

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government will construct the Padma bridge with funds from alternative sources if the World Bank does not give any decision on its financing of the project by this month, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday.



acquisition is still going on. Hasina said a year has already been lost to the enquiry into the corruption allegations in the project. "But since we have started the work, we must complete it. We will also be able to make up for the lost time."

The prime minister also spoke on other issues, including war crimes trial, deals with Russia on defence purchase and nuclear power plant, foreign policy, maritime boundary, the next general election, BCL activities and international conspiracy.

Hasina's remark on the bridge project came after the chief of a private TV

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## US backing war trial

Insists on fair one

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United States has supported the trial of those who committed crimes against humanity during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971.

It also urged the Bangladesh government to adhere to the due process and maintain domestic and international standards.

In a press statement issued in Washington DC

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## Yunus to destroy Grameen Bank

Muhith castigates Nobel hero

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday made a scathing attack on Prof Muhammad Yunus saying that the Nobel laureate was set to destroy the bank he had founded decades ago.

"Dr Yunus has made all the arrangements to destroy Grameen Bank," he told reporters at his Secretariat office after a meeting with the bank's Chairman Mozammel Haque.

The finance minister also alleged that Prof Yunus had grabbed the bank and would not allow anyone to work on it.



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Teachers of MPO-listed non-government education institutions sit wearily as they demonstrated in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to press for their demands for nationalisation of jobs. PHOTO: STAR

## Demand not realistic

Says Nahid, sees politics behind agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A week after teachers and other staff of non-MPO institutions postponed their agitation, those of the MPO-listed non-government schools, colleges and madrasas started demonstrations yesterday, demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

Several hundred teachers and employees under the banner of "Shikhhak Karmachari Oikya Jote", a pro-BNP organisation, staged a sit-in in front of the Jatiya Press Club to press for their demand.

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## NON-GOVT SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

# No class in 2 weeks

Teachers now press for wholesale nationalisation

WASIM BIN HABIB

Students of secondary level are being seriously affected as several lakh teachers of non-government institutions across the country have gone on an indefinite strike since second week of this month to press home their demands.

Different associations of around 5 lakh teachers and employees of more than 30,000 schools, colleges and madrasas listed under the Monthly Pay Order (MPO) are agitating for nationalisation of their jobs as well as institutions.

The teachers' movement, intensified by the

announcement of nationalisation of primary schools and apparently unsatisfying house rent allowance hike, has left the students and guardians in grave concern as classroom activities in these institutions have come to an absolute halt.

The strike also casts a shadow over timely holding of the SSC examinations scheduled to begin in February as it is not clear yet whether the striking teachers would take part or boycott the exams.

The education sector has recently experienced waves of strikes from the teaching staff, SEE PAGE 6 COL 4



## HAPPY RIDE for now

FAMILY DAY OUT... A rickshaw puller takes his wife, a new daughter-in-law, children and grand children out on a family day. Cramped on to the vehicle meant for only two, they were found moving very slowly on the Beribandh Road near Lalbagh Fort, their destination, in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## WAR CRIMES PROBE Evidence found against 'AL' man

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man, who was organising secretary of a union unit Awami League in Akhaura for 16 years, has been found to have involvement in crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The investigation agency, probing war crimes, yesterday in an announcement to the press said it had completed a probe on Mobarak Hossain and found evidence supporting allegations of his involvement in genocide and crimes against humanity.

They, however, did not say anything specific about Mobarak's political affiliation claiming that it does not concern them.

But one investigator said Mobarak had been a Rokan (permanent member) of Jamaat-e-Islami in Akhaura, Brahmanbaria, after the war.

Another investigator said they had heard that Mobarak was involved in Awami League in his area.

The Daily Star had confirmation from local Awami League leaders that Mobarak was indeed the organising secretary of Mugra union Awami League unit between 1996 and 2012.

Abdul Hannan Khan, convener of the investigation SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

## PATUAKHALI UNIVERSITY Activities of BCL banned

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) yesterday banned all kinds of activities of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the campus until further order.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting of the academic council, a SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

## They are not from BCL

PM tells about weapon-wielders in newspapers

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday categorically said those seen in newspapers brandishing weapons in violent incidents were not Chhatra League members.

"They are not from Bangladesh Chhatra League.... Those seen in newspapers running with shackles applied for Chhatra League membership, but they were not SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

## Top 100 in UK

List of powerful British Bangladeshis released

STAR ONLINE REPORT

A list of 100 most powerful Bangladeshis in Britain has been released. They helped shape Britain for the better with their ideas, talent and success. "British Bangladeshi SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

## Home minister draws flak

BNP accuses govt of patronising state terrorism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday lambasted the government for awarding a controversial deputy commissioner of police (DC) a medal, saying the ruling Awami League was "patronising state terrorism" using the police force.

"The ruling party has turned the police force into one of its wings by awarding the President Police Medal to DC Harun who had assaulted the opposition chief whip SEE PAGE 12 COL 1



Deputy Commissioner Harun-ur-Rashid is seen bashing Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque during opposition-enforced hartal on July 6, 2011. FILE PHOTO