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They see a rise in profits in the first half of 2013

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IT'LL SPELL DISASTER

Khamenei warns against any US military intervention in Syria

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Syria strike imminent

West readies attack plan; UK drafts resolution to protect civilians; UN needs 4 days for gas attack probe

AGENCIES

Warships armed with cruise missiles plow the waters of the eastern Mediterranean Sea. And US officials are all but telling United Nations inspectors in Syria to get out of the way.

A senior US Defence Department official told CNN that any strike could be completed "within several days."

The UN Security Council was set for a showdown over Syria yesterday after Britain sought authorisation for Western military action that Russia called premature.

Meanwhile, UN chemical weapons experts investigating an apparent gas attack in the country made a second trip to

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UN Security Council

Permanent members each have the power of veto



Military action For Against

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No info about Bangladeshis in Syria

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Amid warnings of military intervention into Syria by the US and its allies, the Bangladesh government yesterday said it had no information whether any Bangladeshi national was living in the war-torn country.

"We have no official confirmation, but we can guess that there may be a few Bangladeshis in Syria,"

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Clouds over Asia

Possible Syria attacks rattle stocks; rupee sinks; Bangladesh garment exports to lose edge

STAR REPORT

Asia's role as the world's growth engine is waning as economies across the region weaken and investors pull out billions of dollars amid the US decision to scale back stimulus measures and a possible military strike on Syria.

Asian markets fell sharply yesterday, while oil prices rose and emerging market



currencies sank, as the West stepped up preparations for actions against Syrian government forces, fanning concern that unrest will disrupt Middle East oil supplies.

Stockmarkets in India, Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia have seen big declines since May this year. The currencies of these countries -- highly volatile for long -- weakened

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Dhaka rated 2nd least liveable city
Melbourne most livable
CNN ONLINE

Melbourne made it three years in a row as the world's most livable city while Dhaka was only saved by Damascus, the war-torn capital of Syria, to be placed at the bottom of the list, according to

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Keep Grameen Bank as it is

States report of commission's one of the three members; content of full report still unknown

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

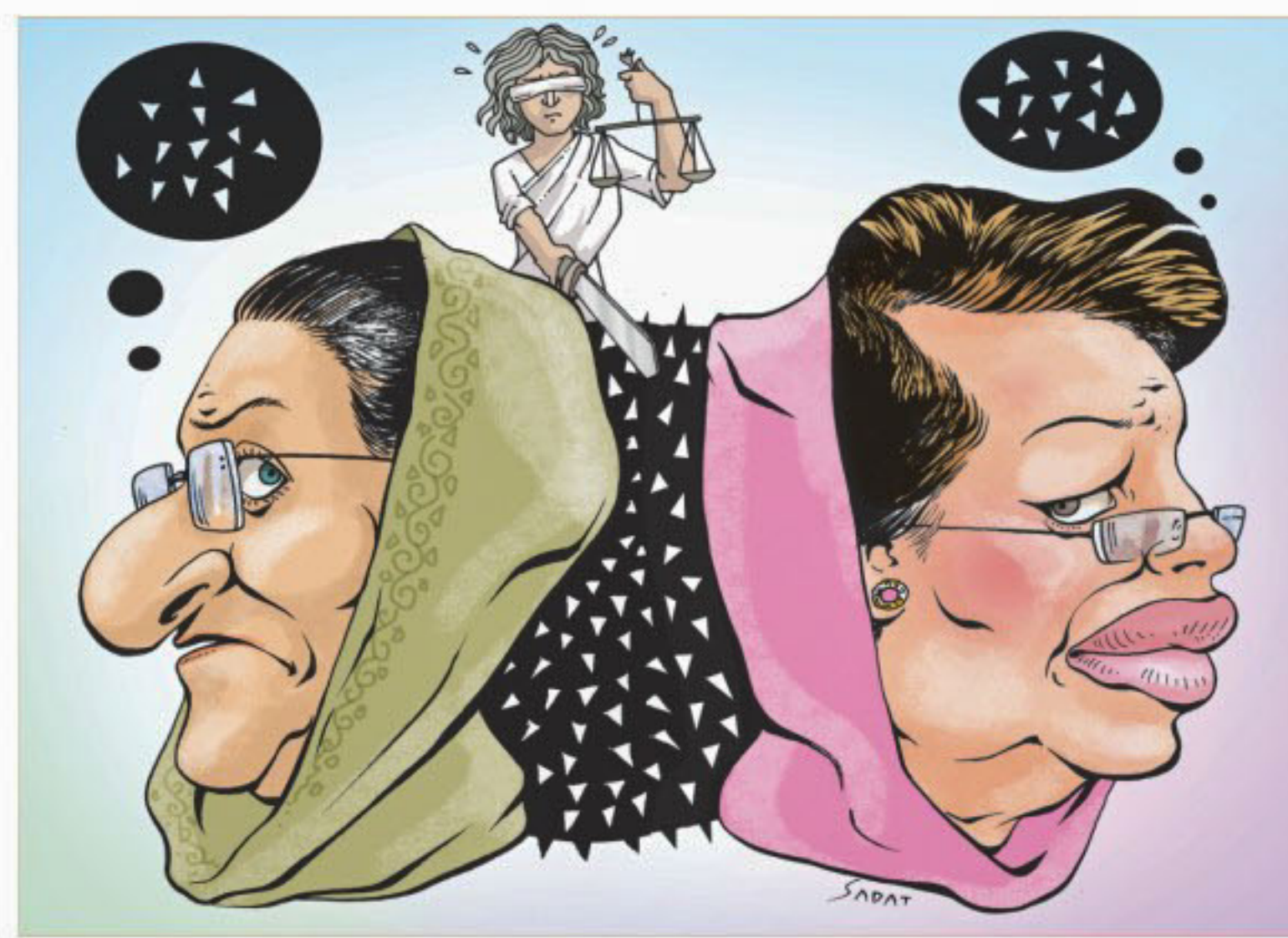
A member of the Grameen Bank Commission has recommended maintaining the present share structure of the micro-lender.

Ajmalul Hossain QC, one of the three members of the body, has also suggested that the government enact a law for Grameen Bank that is now run by an ordinance formulated in 1983.

The renowned lawyer submitted a 44-page report to the finance ministry on Friday. He had been assigned to report on the legal issues from the findings of the commission's investigation into Grameen Bank and its 48 associated organisations.

The suggestion regarding the share structure may reassure the borrower-directors, employees and supporters of Grameen Bank as the commission had a plan to recommend increasing government stake in

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Talks? Huh!

None of Hasina, Khaleda responds to HC ruling in 5 months

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

They haven't spoken to each other for years. They usually avoid a programme if they both are invited to it. And they still remain indifferent to the demand voiced on numerous occasions for holding talks to end the ongoing political crisis.

A Facebook group observed a token hunger strike just to see them sit together

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