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The US first lady used a "racial slur" during a recent interview

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Uruguay striker Suarez banned from all football-related activities for four months

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# Selim Osman wins, Narayanganj loses

Low-turnout marks 'peacefully managed' by-polls



A voter-less polling centre in Bandar of Narayanganj around 3:00pm yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



**Selim Osman**  
82,856 votes  
**SM Akram**  
66,114 votes

Akram 66,114 votes in the battle of ballots that took place about two months after the gruesome seven murders in Narayanganj. The killings brought Shamim Osman under the spotlight since the prime accused in the murder case is one of his close aides.

The election appeared to be a determining factor as to whether the political dominance of Osman family, already mired in controversy for the unlawful activities of its members, would suffer a blow or be consolidated further.

In some polling stations in the constituency, supporters and campaigners of Selim were seen casting fake votes and stuffing ballot boxes.

They staged showdowns in front of most of the 141 polling stations and stayed there until the polling ended,

main opposition Jatiya Party and brother of ruling Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman, beat independent candidate SM Akram by 16,742 votes in yesterday's polls that saw a low turnout. Selim bagged 82,856 votes and

STAR REPORT

The Osman family has won the Narayanganj-5 by-polls amid allegations of widespread intimidation of voters.

Selim Osman, the candidate of the

## Cabinet to see anti-formalin law Monday

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government is going to enact a formalin control law to check widespread use of the chemical solution across the country. The commerce ministry has sent the draft of the law to the Cabinet Division for placing it at the next cabinet meeting on Monday.

A ministry official said the proposed law will empower deputy commissioners (DC) and upazila nirbahi officers (UNO) to monitor and control use of formalin. Formalin is a clear, colourless solution

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## SHAMIM OSMAN THREATENS POLICEMAN I don't say 'please' to anyone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling party lawmaker Shamim Osman allegedly tried to intimidate an assistant superintendent of police in Narayanganj into letting fake votes be cast for his brother Selim Osman at the by-election yesterday.

"I do not say the word 'please' to anyone. I am Shamim Osman. Listen to me. Why bother listening to the superintendent? Only I can protect you," ASP Bashir Uddin of Narayanganj claimed that Shamim had said this to him over the phone.

Bashir at Keodhala Govt Primary School polling centre said, "My police

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POWER WOMEN: Visiting Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday when Swaraj came calling. PHOTO: PMO

## Old hopes given anew by BJP

Meeting of foreign ministers 'successful'; Sushma-Khaleda meet today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

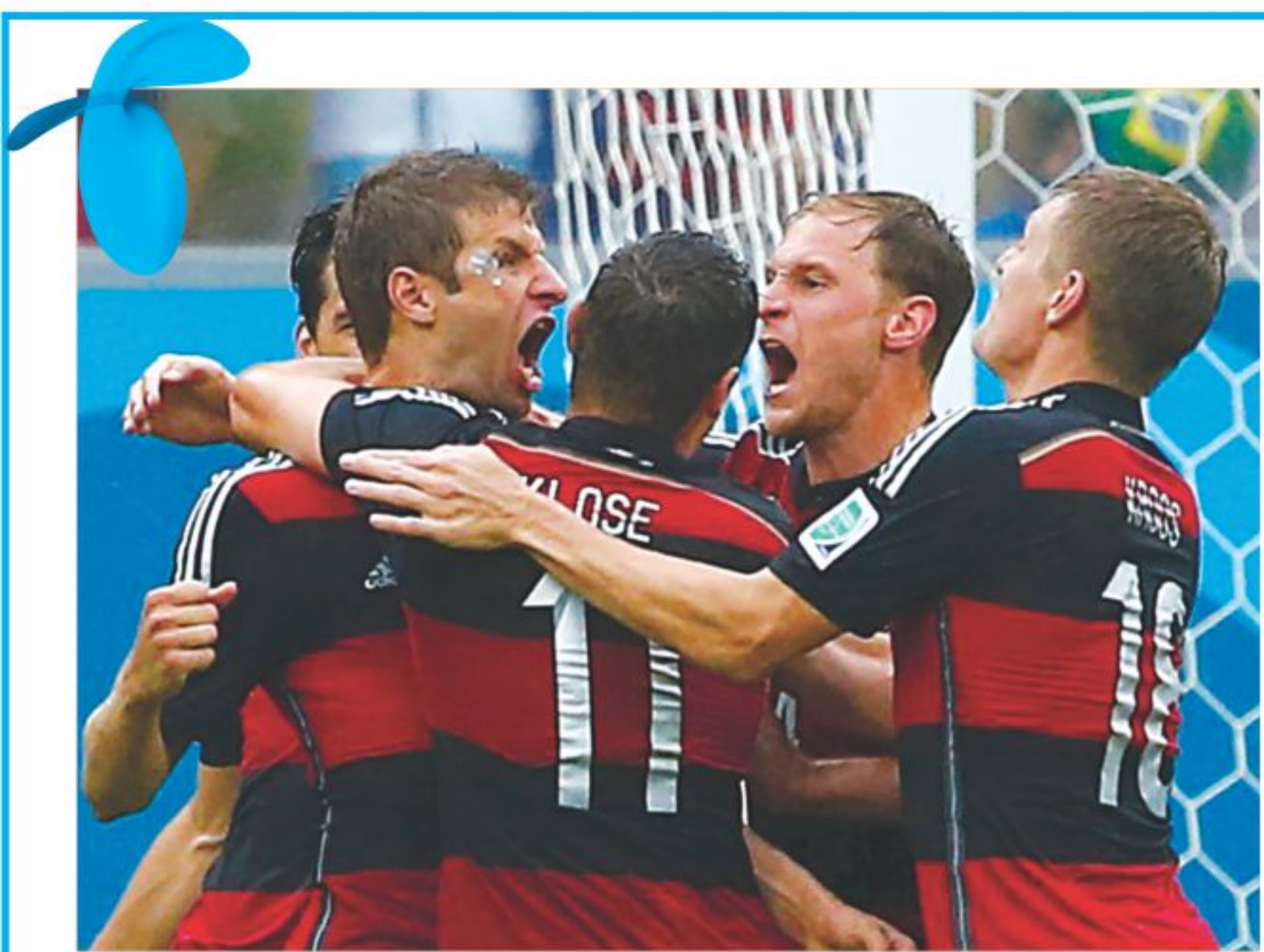
The maiden trip of Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj brings no new hope for Bangladesh but makes her government's intention clear about further consolidating the existing cordial relations with Dhaka.

Like the Congress-led UPA administration, the new Indian government headed by BJP leader Narendra Modi has shown willingness to remove hurdles to the land boundary agreement and Teesta water-sharing deal.

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- India to continue efforts to bring down border killing at zero
- 5-year multiple-entry visa for Bangladeshi nationals below 13 and above 65
- Dhaka-Shillong-Guwahati bus service on experimental basis
- 100MW of electricity import from Palatana plant, Tripura
- India having internal consultation to reach consensus on Teesta deal



Thomas Mueller (L) is ecstatic after scoring the all important goal, his fourth in this World Cup, against USA at Recife yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Germany, USA through Wasteful Portugal out despite win over Ghana

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Belgium beat South Korea 1-0 to advance into the last 16 with full 9 points from Group H. They will take on USA on July 2.

Algeria drew 1-1 with Russia to progress into the last 16 of the World Cup for the first time. They will be up against Germany on July 1.

Germany's Thomas Mueller scored his fourth World Cup goal to pull level with Lionel Messi and Neymar in a 1-0 win over United States on Thursday that gave his side top spot in Group G.

The United States, coached by former German boss Jurgen Klinsmann, also went through to the last 16 despite the defeat in rain-sodden Recife. Portugal's 2-1 victory over Ghana was not enough to overtake the Americans in second place.

In the other game, Cristiano Ronaldo wasted a succession of glorious chances as Portugal bowed out of the World Cup on Thursday despite beating Ghana 2-1 in Brasilia.

Portugal knew only a win combined with a defeat for Germany or the United

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