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Nazma crying on her brother-in-law's shoulder at Pachchar Government Primary School in Shibchar of Madaripur. She lost four members of her family in the Pinak-6 launch disaster and was waiting for their bodies at the school. Kohinur, top, holding photos of his brother's family. He found the body of his brother but his sister-in-law and a nephew and a niece are missing. The namaz-e-janaza at the school playground for the unidentified 11 buried yesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



## SILENCE OVER GAZA

### Hasina slams developed countries

UNB, Dhaka

Strongly condemning the killings in Gaza by Israelis, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday came down heavily again on the developed nations and the human rights organisations at home and abroad for their silence over the offensive.

"I am stunned to see the world conscience remain silent. When one incident of death occurs here (Bangladesh), we receive letters from so many congressmen

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## US jets strike Iraqi jihadists

Obama intervenes 'to prevent genocide'

AFP, Arbil

US jets yesterday struck jihadist positions in northern Iraq, a potential turning point in a two-month crisis Washington said was threatening to result in genocide and to expose US assets.

President Barack Obama's order for the first air strikes on Iraq since he put an end to US occupation in 2011 came after Islamic State (IS) militants made massive gains on the ground, seizing a dam and forcing a mass exodus of religious minorities.

Obama, who rose to political prominence as an outspoken critic of his

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## Launch owned by Shajahan Khan's family found faulty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A mobile court yesterday suspended registration of a launch owned by Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan's family for two months for not having adequate safety equipment.

The court led by Saiful Hasan, executive magistrate of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, also

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## 180 Bangladeshis in Iraq 'confined'

Employer company management left the site amid sectarian violence

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

A total of 180 Bangladeshi migrants have been languishing in restive Iraq for over two months as they are kept confined at their workplace at Najaf.

Under constant watch by security guards of the Turkish employer, the expatriates are passing their days at a makeshift house without enough food and water.

Recruiting agency Career Overseas Consultants Ltd had sent the Bangladeshis to Iraq in late May for working at Abu Torab Housing Project in Najaf, said Javed Ahmed, younger brother of expatriate Md Siddique.

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An emergency worker carries a child, wounded in an Israeli air strike on the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood in Gaza, at the city's Al-Shifa hospital yesterday. Israeli warplanes struck targets across Gaza in retaliation to rocket fire after a 72-hour truce expired. PHOTO: AFP

## FACTORY ACCIDENT

### 2 Bangladeshi workers killed in Bahrain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A tragic accident claimed the lives of two Bangladeshi labourers at a concrete plant in Al Hidd Industrial Area of Bahrain on Thursday.

The dead are Billal Hossain, 32 and Yunus Sikder, 37, said Mohidul Islam, first secretary (labour) of Bangladesh embassy in Bahrain, yesterday.

The workers died on the spot after some stacked concrete blocks fell on them at the plant, he said, adding that a crane carrying a five-tonne piece of concrete had accidentally hit those concrete blocks.

The embassy official could not confirm the name of that plant. He could not give further details of the victims either. The bodies were kept at a local hospital mortuary.

The two Bangladeshi nationals were working there illegally as their visas had expired, Mohidul added.

Bahrain Labour Minister Jameel Humaidan visited the accident spot and said that his ministry would carry out a thorough investigation into the incident, reported The

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## No govt can afford to curb media freedom

TIB leader on Nat'l Broadcast Policy

UNB, Dhaka

Terming the National Broadcast Policy 2014 "a unilateral exercise", the Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday said unilateral imposition of policies and action to control the media can only be counterproductive.

"...what could be a good example of government's engagement with

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## PRAYER TIMING August 9

Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	4-20 4-55
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	5-00 5-15
Maghrib	6-47 6-50
Esha	8-15 8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the police to beat up the demonstrating workers of Tuba Group to stop their movement and the treatment activities?

Yes

No

(11%)

(89%)

TOTAL VOTES: 188

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think more than half of the launch accidents can be averted if the authorities monitor the vessel operation properly?

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## WHO declares global emergency over Ebola

Death toll nearly 1,000 in outbreak in West African countries

AFP, Geneva

The World Health Organization yesterday declared the killer Ebola epidemic ravaging parts of west Africa an international health emergency and appealed for global aid to help afflicted countries.

The decision came after a rare meeting of the UN health body's emergency committee, which urged screening of all people flying out of affected countries, where nearly 1,000 people have died.

The WHO stopped short of calling for

global travel restrictions, urging airlines to take strict precautions but to continue flying to the west African countries hit by the outbreak.

And it called on countries around the globe to be prepared to "detect, investigate and manage" Ebola cases if they should arise.

WHO director-general Dr Margaret Chan appealed for greater help for those worst hit by the "largest, most severe and most complex outbreak in the nearly four-decade history of this disease".

"I am declaring the current outbreak a

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## EBOLA OUTBREAK

### Airports put on alert

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The airports have been put on alert to prevent Ebola virus from getting into Bangladesh.

"As the risk of Ebola incursion mainly persists with those returning from abroad, especially from African countries, the airports authorities have been asked to take cautionary measures," Deen

Mohammad Nurul Haque, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), told BBC Bangla

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## Indian politician knits £1.27 lakh gold shirt

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

An Indian businessman has treated himself for his 45th birthday in a way like no other: by having a shirt made out of gold.

Pankaj Parakh, a local politician and the owner of a multi-million pound textile business near Mumbai, has had the shirt created out of pure love for the precious metal.

The shirt in question weighs four kilos and is estimated to have cost £127,000. It has seven gold buttons has been created to move flexibly, just like any other shirt. The gold

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