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Both the IMF and businesses will be happy with it, Muhith says

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Take money from others, vote for us, the AAP chief tells voters ahead of Delhi polls

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The legendary hockey player dies at 59, after suffering a brain haemorrhage

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## Hunt down petrol bomb makers

PM asks police

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the police administration to hunt down the petrol bomb makers and throwers, and those responsible for other arson attacks.

The prime minister gave the directive to IGP AKM Shahidul Haque and DMP Commissioner Mokhlesur Rahman as she visited the Square Hospitals to see police constable Shameem Mia, injured in a petrol bomb attack.

Five policemen, including Shameem, were injured as miscreants hurled a petrol bomb at their vehicle in the city's Matsya Bhaban area on Saturday night.

The police van caught fire after the petrol bomb blast.

Hasina enquired about

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People try to comfort widow Selina Begum on her front yard yesterday after she heard the news of her only son getting burnt to death by pickets in Barisal. The photo was taken in Shakarpasha village of Nagarkanda upazila in Faridpur.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## No let-up in arson

Truck helper killed; 2 Eden students, 4 of bridal party hurt

STAR REPORT

Fear of arson attacks that have been the ugliest aspect of the ongoing blockade grips long-route travellers and city commuters alike.

Showing no sign of abating, petrol bomb attacks on vehicles by suspected blockaders continued yesterday,

the 13th day of the BNP-led alliance's non-stop blockade across the country.

A truck helper was burnt to death as alleged pro-blockade pickets hurled a petrol bomb at the vehicle in Uzirpur upazila of Barisal, raising the death toll to 25 in blockade violence.

Of the victims, nine died of burn

injuries from attacks by suspected blockaders.

Alleged blockaders yesterday torched at least 14 vehicles in different parts of the country, according to the fire service.

In an arson attack on a bus around noon, two students of Eden College

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## Her only hope returns charred

Blind mother loses only child

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

Her son left home on Friday promising to be back with plenty of food. But Selina Begum, a blind widow, received his charred body instead, thanks to the mindless arson spree in the name of political movement.

It was Sohag's first trip as a truck helper.

Pickets hurled a petrol bomb at his truck in Uzirpur upazila of Barisal yesterday, burning the 18-year-old alive. His body was recovered from inside the vehicle.

His mother Selina -- the only person in his family -- said, "Before he left, he kept asking me what I wanted to eat. He was ecstatic about getting the job which would get him Tk 3,000 a month. Please bring him back to me," said Selina,



Sohag

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No Viber, no Tango  
Blocked on security grounds

STAR CORRESPONDENT

The government has blocked popular online voice and message services Viber and Tango on security grounds.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) sent a directive to all carriers last night in this regard.

Md Sarwar Alam, secretary and spokesperson for BTRC, said the law

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## BISWA IJTEMA ENDS Lakhs of Muslims join final prayer

HELEMUL ALAM and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND

Neither inclement weather nor the ongoing BNP-led 20-party alliance blockade could stop tens of thousands of devotees from participating in the second phase of the 50th Biswa Ijtema that concluded yesterday with the final supplication -- Akheri Munajat.

During the munajat, devotees of all ages from home and abroad raised their hands together seeking world peace, forgiveness and blessings for mankind, especially for the Muslim Ummah.

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## SC JUDGE APPOINTMENT

## CJ stresses more transparency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

New Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday spoke for a more transparent procedure in the appointment of the Supreme Court judges in line with the constitution.

"We will examine through discussions whether our constitutional provisions regarding appointment of the Supreme Court judges can be made more transparent," he said, citing the example of neighbouring India where there are laws on the appointment of the judges in the higher courts.

The chief justice was addressing a gathering of lawyers at his courtroom after Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Supreme Court Bar Association President Khandker Mahbub Hossain felicitated him as the new head of the judiciary.

Referring to the existing procedures for the recruitment of lower court judges, the chief justice said, "The process is transparent and independent. We have already developed a system in this regard."

"Senior Supreme Court judges and university teachers

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