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Hundreds go without water in a Dinajpur Santal village following rampage by land grabbers

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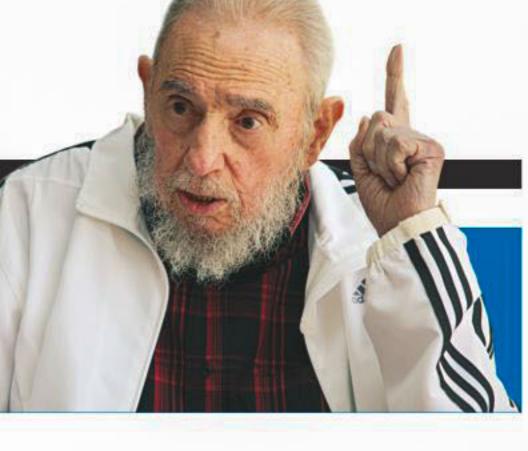
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Tigers practise in simulated match scenarios in Brisbane

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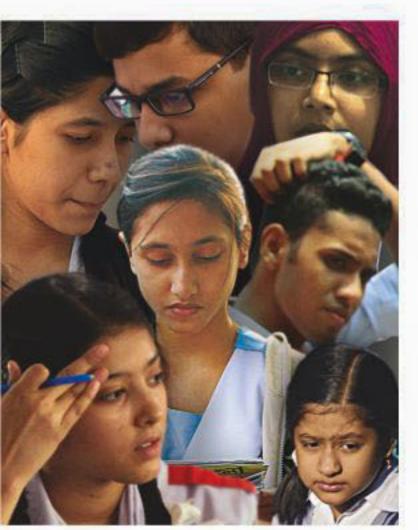
SHIFT IN CUBA-US TIES

Fidel Castro doesn't "trust the US" but he's not against "pacific solution"



Anxious, vexed

14 lakh SSC examinees, their guardians face uncertainty over the exams scheduled to begin on Feb 2 as blockade continues



In tears, Khaleda says

goodbye to her son

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Koko buried

Family, relatives, friends and BNP leaders and activists

The younger son of BNP chief Khaleda Zia was laid to rest

Prior to this, thousands of mourners joined the namaz-e-

janaza of Koko, who died of a cardiac arrest in Malaysia on

Saturday, at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in the

afternoon. The body was flown back home in a Malaysia

Airlines flight around 11:40am. A BNP delegation received

Koko's widow Syeda Shamila Rahman, daughters Zafira

Rahman and Zahiya Rahman, Khaleda's younger brother

Shameem Iskandar and her adviser Mosaddek Ali Falu

The body was taken straight to Khaleda's Gulshan office,

About 10 minutes later, the bereaved mother was helped

down the stairs to the ground floor where Koko's coffin

where she has been staying since January 3, around 1:30pm.

at Banani graveyard last evening following his family's

yesterday bade a tearful farewell to Arafat Rahman Koko.

unsuccessful bid to bury him at the Army Graveyard.

the coffin at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

returned to Dhaka on the same flight.

WASIM BIN HABIB

Time is ticking away for Sabbir Ahmed and yet he cannot do what he must: concentrate. Worse, his anxiety is growing by the day.

An SSC candidate, he now should be busy making his last-minute preparation as his exams start in five days. But Sabbir is restless. He faces extreme difficulties concentrating on his studies. The Monipur High School student of the capital is uncertain if the exams will be held as per the routine. And the thought of reaching the exam hall safely is weighing him down more than anything else.

"How can I focus when I am in the

Shibir.

middle of a sea of uncertainty? Who will be responsible if I perform poorly in the exam?" he tells The Daily Star.

His helplessness is shared by almost all of some 14 lakh candidates of SSC and equivalent exams. Their tests begin on February 2, with no indication yet that the BNP-led opposition alliance will lift or relax its countrywide blockade.

Against this backdrop, the education ministry sits today to discuss the current law and order situation and other issues relating to the exams.

Ministry officials say they have completed all the preparations for holding the tests on time. They also

Shibir man dies 'in

fleeing Rab custody'

A leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir was killed after being hit

by a speeding truck while fleeing Rab custody in the town

The victim, 20-year-old Asadullah Tuhin, was an HSC

Refuting Rab's claim, his family members said law enforcers

Meanwhile, the district unit Shibir, the pro-Jamaat stu-

Talking to newsmen at his office, Major Kamruzzaman,

camp commander of Rab-5 in Chapainawabganj, said Rab

members rounded up five Shibir activists, including Tuhin,

dents' platform, has called a 48-hour hartal from 6:00am

today in the district protesting the death of Tuhin as they

student at City College and president of the college unit

picked up the youth at his home and tortured him to death.

road crash while

Family, Shibir term it killing

early yesterday, claimed Rapid Action Battalion.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

termed it "a planned killing" by Rab.

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prior to departing from New Delhi yesterday. Moving beyond cold war

Obama leaves Delhi with a promise of closer US-India ties

BLOOMBERG

It's not every day that an American president reviews a parade of Russian military hardware.

On a rainy Monday in New Delhi, that's exactly what President Barack Obama did as the invited "chief guest" at India's Republic Day parade.

His presence personified the closer US-Indian ties that officials have been at pains to highlight during the president's three-day visit. Obama looked

on as Russian-made T-72 tanks -- once a mainstay of the defunct Warsaw Pact -- rolled past underneath a canopy of streaking Russian fighters.

defence relationship with Russia, but the relationship with us is on the mixture of scorn and defensiveness. upswing," Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, told reporters in New Delhi on Monday. "It's a Cold War context. That has been in the past part of the source of mistrust and differences between our two countries.

But we're moving beyond that."

Reverberations from that movement are being felt in Moscow -- and even more so in Beijing, where the "India obviously has a longstanding Chinese government has reacted to this week's Indo-US summit with a

PHOTO:

Global Times, a state-run paper, said "the west is egging India on" while Xinhua claimed the Obama visit was eclipsed by a "growing rapport between Beijing and New Delhi."

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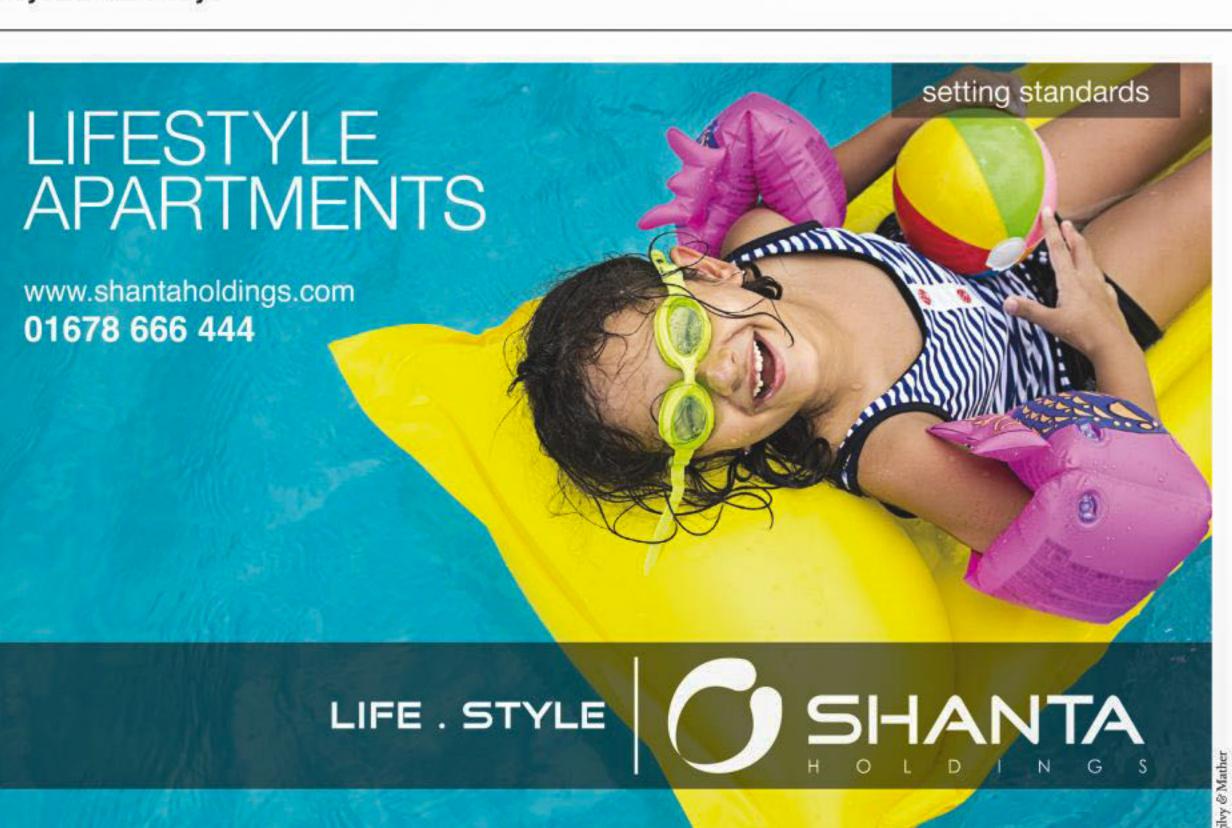


US President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama gesture as they board Air Force One

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A MOTHER'S WORST NIGHTMARE! Khaleda Zia breaks down in tears to see her younger son Arafat Rahman Koko in coffin after his body was flown back home yesterday. Koko died in Malaysia on Saturday.







Md. Khaled Mamun, MD & CEO receiving the Award from the Chief Guest, Mr. Abul Maal A. Muhith, Hon'able Minister for Finance

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