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## BATTLE FOR GLORY

Chittagong Abahani clash with East Bengal in Sheikh Kamal Int'l Club Cup final today

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## HONOURED

Saudi blogger Raif Badawi gets European Parliament's human rights prize

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# Third seaport at Payra

Govt aims to turn it into deep sea facility gradually; WB ready to fund underground rail in Dhaka

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON and SARWAR A CHOWDHURY

The Payra seaport in Patuakhali would be operational from December on a limited scale. The government plans to gradually turn it into a deep seaport.

"Apart from a deep seaport in Matarbari, another one will be constructed in Payra," Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told the press after an Ecnc meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnc) approved a Tk 1,128 crore project to develop primary infrastructures and facilities to make Payra port operational.

This will be the third seaport in the country. The other two are the Chittagong port and the Mongla port.

Ten countries want to invest a total of \$15.5 billion in different components of the deep seaport project,

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**WHY?** The mother along with a close relative cries her heart out after her son Jamal, a victim of Saturday's Hossaini Dalan blasts, died at DMCH yesterday. Despite being a Sunni, Jamal attended a Shia gathering like many others, unsuspecting of the attack given that the two sects have always lived in harmony in Bangladesh.

## HOSSAINI DALAN Another blast victim dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another victim of Hossaini Dalan blast died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, raising the death toll from the bombings to two.

Jamal Uddin, 55, a Sunni, was a hawker who used to sell fashion accessories like ribbons, sequins, and laces at different areas in Old Dhaka. He breathed his last at the hospital's intensive care unit around 9:00am, said relatives and hospital sources.

Khwaja Abdul Gafur, an assistant director at DMCH, said Jamal died of severe head injuries. A five-member medical board was formed for his treatment after he was admitted to the hospital on Saturday, he added.

Jamal's niece Brishti told SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

## Apologise or face lawsuit

Ruling alliance threatens TIB over parliament report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday lashed out at Transparency International Bangladesh for its "derogatory" remarks on parliament and asked the organisation to apologise to the nation.

He threatened to go for legal action and raise public awareness against the anti-graft watchdog if it did not apologise.

"TIB's statement on parliament is

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## BOY SHOT DEAD

# Brutality personified

Restaurant owner known as living terror to his staff

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and AKRAM HOSEN

Ariful Islam Sohel, owner of Ghoroa Hotel and Restaurant in Motijheel, had been furious with his 16-year-old staff Riad since the boy asked for a raise four months ago.

He would similarly get infuriated with any employee who would ask for a pay hike or want to quit, a number of Ghoroa staff told The Daily Star.

At times, Sohel would come to the restaurant drunk and threaten the workers brandishing his



Ariful Islam Sohel

firearm, saying it was a licensed gun and there was not a damn thing anyone could do to him as he was very close to police.

Early Wednesday, the restaurant owner allegedly shot Riad to death with a revolver at his under-construction building in Swamibagh. He went into hiding after the incident.

Riad was about to leave his job and join another restaurant, where he would have got Tk 6,500 per month, according to his brother Ripon. His salary was Tk 3,600 at Ghoroa.

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# I quit

Mobin says bye to politics, cites 'poor health' as reason in letter to Khaleda; BNP sources point at odds with Tarique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP vice-chairman and former diplomat Shamsheer M Chowdhury has resigned from the party citing health reasons.

But party sources said he was "disappointed and upset" with the party high-ups, particularly with Tarique Rahman for his "undue" interference in party decisions in recent months.

In his letter to party chief Khaleda Zia, now in London, Shamsheer said, "As you are aware I was seriously wounded in the Bangladesh War of Liberation. For that I had to undergo major medical treatment both at home and abroad over the years. At present my health condition has further deteriorated."

"In view of my prevailing health condition I have decided to retire from politics with immediate effect. In

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## UN PEACEKEEPING

# Bangladeshi women's bravery on celluloid

PALAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

A new documentary on the courage of Bangladeshi women police officers in peacekeeping operations will be screened at the prestigious Mumbai Academy of Movie Image festival today.

Made by Emmy award-winning Indian director Geeta Gandbhir and Oscar-winning Pakistani filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, the film "A Journey of a Thousand Miles: Peacekeepers" follows a unit of 160 women who, between June 2013 and July 2014, travel far from their families in Bangladesh to join the United Nations Stabilizing Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

They form one of the world's first all-female, predominantly Muslim,



## Never say over

Challenged physically, stronger mentally

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL with ANDREW EAGLE

Md Tuhin Alam of Uttar Citki in Jhalakathi's Kathalia upazila is the kind of teacher both students and parents hope for.

Well qualified, with first class results in his 2014 master's degree from BM College in Barisal, Tuhin Sir is yet more renowned for the care and dedication he demonstrates towards students. That he cannot stand or walk is of no consequence,

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**UNBROKEN ...** Tuhin is teaching his students at Pashchim Govt Primary School at Kathalia in Jhalakathi. Despite losing ability to stand and walk at an early age, he never thinks himself as physically challenged or disabled. He works hard and remains devoted to his profession.

PHOTO: JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL

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**NEWS ANALYSIS**

'IS BEHIND ASHURA BLASTS'

## A claim that does not add up

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The claim that the brutal militant group IS has carried out the bomb attack at the Hossaini Dalan in Old Dhaka on the eve of the Tazia parade early last Saturday does not stand to reason. If one looks at the history of the emergence of the Islamic State or IS as it is better known, and its current operations in some regions in the Mid-east, it does not seem that the militant group was behind the attack.

Conditions here are not similar to the ongoing Sunni-Shia conflicts in some other Muslim countries and there appears no justification for IS to carry out any operation here at this time.

Even then, just like in the two previous cases of the gunning down of one Italian and one Japanese national, the US-based SITE Intelligence Group has attributed the

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**TOP QUOTE**

"How can a country run if lawmakers become law-breakers?"

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