



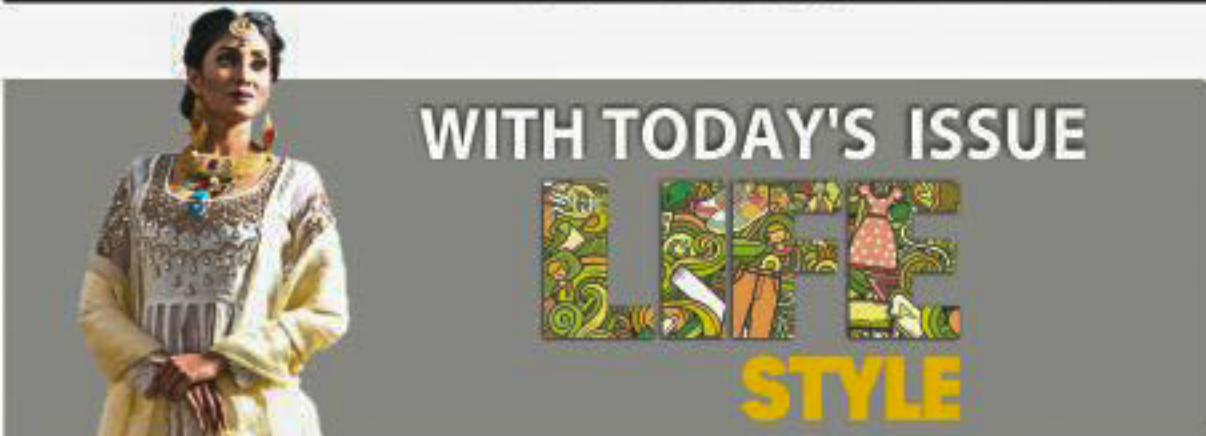
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National cricketer fumes after abuse; game delayed due to absence of NoCs

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The Argentine leader promises 'deep change' in Latin America's third biggest economy

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## WATERLOGGING IN DHAKA CITY

# Spend Tk 270cr, cut Tk 7,300cr loss

*Suggests WB about overhaul of drainage system to save Dhaka from flooding*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka's potential cumulative loss from intense rainfalls would stand at Tk 11,000 crore in the next 35 years, a World Bank study says.

The loss will be caused by waterlogging and urban flooding, and does not include the cost of the impact of climate change. In a changing climate scenario with more intense rains, the estimated loss would be Tk 13,900 crore in the 2014-2050 period.

However, an investment of just Tk 270 crore to improve the city's drainage system can slash the damage by a third, or to only Tk 3,700 crore.

Findings of the study – Climate and Disaster Resilience of Greater Dhaka Area: A Micro Level Analysis -- were presented at the WB's Dhaka office yesterday.

The study says Dhaka will have to invest in stormwater drainage pumps and other measures to reduce waterlogging

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"There is an influential quarter that grabs canals and land, and turn those into plain land by abusing power. All the canals are being filled, all the drains are getting clogged because of these people."

ANNISUL HAQ, DNCC mayor



Garbage and weeds block a stretch of the Khilgaon-Basabo canal in the capital. *Inset*, mindless dumping of waste in a channel linked to the canal. The city experiences waterlogging even after light showers as most water bodies in and around it are choked with garbage or encroached on. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## PAK STATEMENT ON WAR TRIAL

# Dhaka lodges strong protest

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Terming it a brazen interference in Bangladesh's internal affairs, Dhaka yesterday strongly protested Islamabad's statement on Sunday's execution of two war criminals.

In a three-page protest note handed over to the Pakistan high commissioner to Bangladesh, Dhaka deplored the November 22 statement of Pakistan foreign ministry that expressed "deep concern and anguish" over the execution of war criminals Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.

By openly siding with those convicted of crimes against

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# Lies and audacity

INAM AHMED

We can react two ways at Pakistan's expression of 'deep anguish' at the hanging of two war criminals – Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.

First, we may feel satisfied that Pakistan – a state plagued by disintegrating forces, a state that breeds Jihadists for the world, a state so brutal that it did not even bat an eyelid to commit one of

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## Municipal polls likely on Dec 30

*EC to announce schedule today*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Elections to around 240 municipalities across the country are likely to be held on December 30, said Election Commission officials.

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad will announce the polls schedule at a press briefing at the EC's media centre today, the sources said.

The decision came following a meeting of election commissioners and other senior EC officials last evening.

"We will have to give sufficient time to the candidates for electoral campaign. Analyzing multiple issues, we have decided to hold municipal polls on December 30," an election commissioner told The Daily Star last night.

The last dates of filing and withdrawing

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## Int'l pressure on to say 'ISIS is here'

*Says PM, asks people to help ensure no militant can take shelter in Bangladesh, vows to complete war crimes trial*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said some countries have been putting pressure on the government to make it say that global terror outfit Islamic State has presence in Bangladesh.

"Even, while talking to some ministers, those countries tried to convince them to say that IS has presence here," Hasina told parliament, without mentioning any country.

The PM called upon the people to help ensure that no member of IS (also called ISIS) or any other militant body take shelter in the country.

"We want to keep Bangladesh peaceful. I urge the people to contact law enforcement agencies if they notice any militant activities in their areas," she said in her winding-up speech in the concluding sitting of eighth session last night.

Citing the survey of a US organisation, she said Bangladesh is even safer than the United States.

Reiterating that the country will rise from low-middle income to a developed one by 2041, Hasina said none will be able to stop the nation's progress.

Also expressing her firm determination to complete the ongoing trial for the crimes against humanity, she said the country is gradually breaking a curse by trying war criminals.

"Bangladesh, I think, had been under a curse for a long time for not trying the war criminals. By holding the trials



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## Jessore Shibir man beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An Islami Chhatra Shibir activist was beaten to death and two others were injured when they came under attack from some students at MM College in Jessore yesterday afternoon.

The dead, Habibullah, 22, was a student of economics at the college. He was from Tebaria in the district's Sharsha upazila.

Jessore Shibir leaders blamed the attack on Chhatra League men.

Sikder Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, claimed that some Chhatra League activists of the college interrogated a few Shibir men on information that a secret meeting of the organisation was taking place near the college.

Students gave them a good beating and left them near the campus, he added.

Police later went there and took Habibullah, Kamrul Hasan, 22, and

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