

ROHINGYA CRISIS
To be resolved keeping ties with Myanmar unharmed: PM

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government wants to resolve the Rohingya crisis keeping "good relations" with Myanmar unharmed. She was speaking at the inaugural session of the three-day Envoys Conference at a city hotel. The PM said the international community's unequivocal support for Bangladesh on the Rohingya issue was an unprecedented success in the country's diplomatic history.
"I think Bangladesh
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STREETS UNDER FLYOVERS Occupied by parking, shops

People deprived of benefits of overpasses as streets below are clogged

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Illegal and haphazard parking, and makeshift shops and markets under almost all the flyovers in the capital are depriving people of the benefit of the elevated structures, said transport experts. The vehicles and the illegal structures are choking the roads and creating bottlenecks. For example, the Tk 1,219-crore Mouchak-Moghobazar flyover was fully opened to public late last month with expectations that it would bring a huge relief to city dwellers, who lose hours every day to traffic snarl-ups. Immediately after the inauguration, the roads underneath the nearly 9km elevated structure in Malibagh, Rajarbagh, Shahjahanpur and Moghbazar apparently became a permanent parking lot, eating up almost half of the space and creating gridlocks. Many of the roads in Gulistan, Fulbaria, Jatrabari and other areas under the 12km Mayor Hanif flyover, built at a cost of Tk 2300 crore, also remain occupied by parked vehicles and illegal shops. The situation under the Khilgaon flyover is similar. "Traffic chaos on the roads underneath the flyovers is an everyday
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Vehicles being repaired and parked near Bangla Motor under the flyover constructed to ease congestion in the area. People are still being subjected to long tailbacks as the road width has shrunk due to the illegal parking.

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S ALAM GROUP 'Govt looking into fund sources'

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The government has been looking into the sources of money of S Alam Group across the country, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday. "I think it [the Group's fund] is mostly debt from other banks," Muhith told reporters, replying to a query at his secretariat office. The government's next course of action depends on findings of the enquiry, he added. In recent years, Chittagong-based S Alam Group drew huge attention, especially in the financial market, after taking over several banks through buying shares from the stock market. The latest was the take-over of Social Islami Bank on October 31 this year. The Group bought around 50 per cent stakes in the Shariah-based bank. It had to spend over Tk 1,000 crore to buy around 37 crore shares of the bank at the market price. Earlier in January this year, S Alam Group strengthened its grip on Islami Bank Bangladesh, SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

HC JUDGE'S OBSERVATION ON BDR MUTINY Plot to destabilise country, govt

ASHUTOSH SARKAR and WASIM BIN HABIB

The 2009 BDR mutiny had posed a serious challenge to the 48-day-old government and a grave threat to democracy and the rule of law, a High Court judge observed yesterday while delivering the verdict in the sensational BDR carnage case. Showing disregard for the rule of law, the mutineers had engaged themselves in a conspiracy to destabilise the country by killing 74 unarmed people at the Pilkhana BDR headquarters on February 25-26, Justice Md Abu Zafor Siddique said in his observation. SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

Pope to reach Myanmar today

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Pope Francis will reach Yangon today on a politically sensitive visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh, flying into the theatre of an unresolved humanitarian crisis that straddles both national borders and religious fault lines. The decision to make the first papal visit to Myanmar — a Buddhist-majority nation where 1 per cent of the population are
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