

**JERUSALEM AS ISRAELI CAPITAL**

# Trump move stuns world

UN chief, pope, Abbas condemn; Hamas says it would 'open the gates of hell'



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President Donald Trump abruptly reversed decades of US policy yesterday and recognised Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, generating outrage from Palestinians and defying warnings of unrest in the Middle East. The move stunned the world and drew condemnation from around the globe, including the UN, the pope as well as US allies, but praise from Israel. In a speech in the White House, Trump said that his administration would begin a process of moving the US embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a



Sophia, the robot, answering questions of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the Digital World-2017 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

## Sophia charms PM, Dhaka audience

UNB, Dhaka  
Sophia, the world's new sensation, yesterday caught Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by surprise as the humanoid robot readily gave the premier information about her. Hasina met Sophia at the inaugural ceremony of the four-day-long Digital World at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC). The robot has generated quite a buzz among the youth and the artificial intelligence industry around the world. After Hasina's inaugural speech, the organisers announced that Sophia would be brought to the stage to meet the PM. Wearing yellow-white top and skirt, Sophia came on the stage. The PM asked her "Hello Sophia, how are you?" "Hello honourable prime minister, I am feeling proud. This is very nice to meet you," Sophia replied. Hasina wanted to know how she knew her. Sophia said she had read much about her. SEE PAGE 10 COL 4  
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**BASIC BANK SCAM**

## Bacchu again denies his role

Blames managing committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former BASIC Bank chairman Sheikh Abdul Hye Bacchu has once again pinned the blame on the bank's managing committee for the embezzlement of crores of taka from the scam-hit bank.

During a seven-hour interrogation by the Anti-Corruption Commission, he claimed that he was not involved in the scams that took place at the state-run bank when he was its chairman.

"He [Bacchu] kept saying that he had no involvement in



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## NRBC Bank MD removed at last

BB takes action over Tk 700cr loan scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank has finally removed NRB Commercial Bank's Managing Director Dewan Mujibur Rahman over his alleged involvement in a number of loan scandals involving around Tk 700 crore.

He has also been barred from working in any bank or financial institution for two years, according to a notice issued by the central bank yesterday.



Mujibur Rahman

Mujibur's firing is the third such action by the BB against bank MDs in the last three and a half years.

Earlier, the banking regulator removed BASIC Bank MD Kazi Faqurul Islam and Agrani Bank CEO Syed Abdul Hamid, after a BB investigation found both of them involved in corruption.

NRB Commercial Bank is the second new generation lender, after the Farmers Bank, to

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**SEARCH AT MISSING EX-ENVOY'S HOUSE**

## Who were the three persons?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday collected CCTV footage from the house of missing former ambassador Maroof Zaman to find out who took his laptop, desktop and camera on Monday night.

Three well-dressed, tall men entered the Dhanmondi house and left with the devices. Earlier around 7:30pm, Maroof, who had left the house in a car to pick up his daughter Samiha Zaman from the airport, rang his land phone and told the house help to give the laptop to a person, said his family members.

The unknown men also searched different drawers, they said.

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