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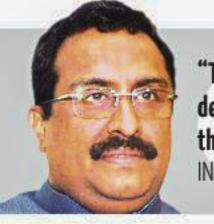
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"Of course, it will influence [the election]. We want it to influence [the polls] effectively. So we are passing it [the project]."
PLANNING MINISTER AHM MUSTAFA KAMAL SAID AFTER ECNEC PASSED A TK 5,919 CRORE MADRASA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



"Sickness of Khaleda Zia is a rumour and a lie." INFORMATION MINISTER HASANUL HAQ INU, AT A DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF MASS MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO TACKLING RUMOURS (PAGE 3)



"The NRC will ensure the detection of all illegal immigrants. The next step will be delete -- means deletion of names of illegal immigrants from voters list and deprive them from all government benefits. The next stage will be deportation." INDIAN BJP LEADER RAM MADHAV TELLS AN ASSAM SEMINAR (PAGE 8)

Polls-time govt in mid-October

Around 30 ministers to come from parties in parliament; BNP rejects AL's plan, wants an all-party govt; AL to finalise candidates by Oct

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

An election-time government is likely to be formed in mid-October to oversee the eleventh parliamentary polls due in late December.

It will be comprised of up to 30 members, who will come from the parties that have representation in the current House. And like the first such polls-time administration formed before the 2014 election, there will be no technocrat in it, government and Awami League sources said.

"I have had discussions with the prime minister. There will be no technocrats in the election-time government and it will be small in size," AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader told a press conference at the secretariat yesterday.

He declined to specify the number, but said it would be similar to the one formed before the January 5, 2014 election.

In November 2013, Hasina formed a polls-time cabinet of 29 ministers with MPs SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



A rover scout requests a jaywalker to use a nearby footbridge in the capital's Mohakhali area yesterday. Jaywalkers in the city dodge vehicles, often at great risk to themselves and drivers. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BUSINESS RISE OF RICH **FASTEST IN** BANGLADESH

Which country has

the fastest growing rich people now? It's not Hong Kong, not China nor even the US. The latest report of the New Yorkbased research firm Wealth-X shows, Bangladesh tops the list of the 10 countries that saw the quickest growth in ultrawealthy people from

2012-17. During that period, the number of ultrarich in Bangladesh rose by 17.3 percent, more than double than in the US.

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DIGITAL SECURITY BILL

JS body finalises report

Journalist community's concern unaddressed RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday finalised its report on the muchdebated Digital Security Bill without addressing some concerns of journalists and media owners.

The committee, however, recommended several changes that include renaming the offence of SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

Madrasas get big boost before polls

Govt okays project; MPs recommend 6 madrasas from each constituency for development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the national elections likely this December, the government has taken up a Tk 5,918.63 crore project to construct buildings of 2,000 madrasas chosen by the MPs.

Under the three-year project, infrastructure of 1,800 madrasas would be developed while 200 madrasas would be built under "special consideration", said Planning SEE PAGE 2 COL 1 Number of madrasas around 2,000

>> Total allocation TK **5,918**CR

Average allocation for each madrasa TK 2.95CR

Shahidul Alam denied bail once again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Internationally acclaimed photographer Shahidul Alam has once again been denied bail in a case filed for "spreading propaganda against the government". Judge KM Imrul Kayes of Metropolitan Sessions

Judge's Court of Dhaka yesterday rejected Shahidul's bail petition moved by his lawyer Sara Hossain.

The order came a day after the High Court SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

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bus-leguna collision

Despite ban, 3-wheelers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least seven people, including three women, were killed, and 10 others injured, in a road accident on the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway in Chakoria upazila of the district yesterday.

The accident occurred when a passenger bus and a three-wheeler, locally known as "leguna", collided head-on at Baraitoli Natun Rastar Matha area on the highway at around 11:00am.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred when the leguna bound for Lohagara, carrying passengers, collided head-on with a Cox's Bazar-bound Star Line Paribahan bus from Chittagong at a filling station near Baraitoli Natun Rasta.

One person died on the spot while three succumbed to critical injuries at

SEE PAGE 2 COL 1 BUS CRASH IN INDIA KILLS 55 -- PAGE 8

A mangled human haulier and a damaged bus after they collided head-on in Chakoria of Cox's Bazar yesterday. The accident killed seven people.

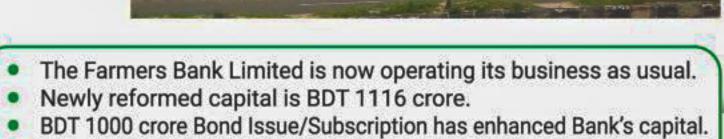
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