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"Withdrawing American leadership from an issue that is life or death is one of the single greatest acts of irresponsibility of a president anywhere, anytime."
 FORMER US SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY. (PAGE 8)



"I can produce journalists every moment. Whether I become MP or not, I'll give eight workers eight 'danda' (TV boom) in the next three months."
 JUBO LEAGUE ORGANISING SECRETARY ABU AHMED NASIM PAVEL. (PAGE 16)



"The proposed law [Digital Security Bill, 2018] aims at preventing digital crimes, not curbing freedom of speech."
 ICT MINISTER MUSTAFA JABBAR. (PAGE 2)



Guts deliver Tigers glory

SAKEB SUBHAN from Dubai

That Bangladesh won the opening match of the Asia Cup against Sri Lanka yesterday by a crushing 137-run margin at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium does not even begin to tell the story. Mushfiqur Rahim scoring a career-best 144 off 150 balls to lift Bangladesh to 261 after Bangladesh were reduced to one run for two wickets by the end of the first over by danger man Lasith Malinga reveals a bit more, but still not the full picture.

It was the rare occurrence of a 50-over match turning on one delivery -- in the 47th over when opener Tamim Iqbal strode out at number 11, when all the players had thought Mustafizur Rahman's run out was the end of the innings, and played out one delivery with a broken left wrist tucked behind his hip -- that speaks volumes.

That bit of bravery for the cause of the team -- Bangladesh were just 229 for nine in 46.5 overs on a good batting wicket when Tamim strode out -- galvanised Bangladesh and judging by Sri Lanka's sorry 124 all out, thoroughly demoralised the opposition. Tamim played out the last delivery of the over from Suranga Lakmal -- who had sent him to the hospital with a TAMIM'S ASIA CUP UNCERTAIN -- PAGE 14



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Mushfiqur Rahim's career-best 144 led Bangladesh to a resounding 137-run win in the Asia Cup opener against Sri Lanka in Dubai yesterday.

People will vote AL to power again

Says PM
 STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said she believes that the people will vote Awami League to power again in the next general election for the sake of continuation of the development trend.

"I believe that the people of Bangladesh will again make Awami League victorious by voting in favour of boat in the next election and let the development trend continue," she said at the first meeting of the party's 11th national election



Docs examine Khaleda in jail

5-member medical board will make recommendations today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newly formed five-member medical team yesterday examined Khaleda Zia in jail and will give its recommendations today.

"Initially she was reluctant to be examined by the medical team, saying that her personal physicians knew the actual problems. But she later cooperated," Prof Abdul Jalil Chowdhury, who leads the team, told The Daily Star.

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Robots to deal with bombs

Anti-terror unit goes hi-tech

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Two bomb-disposal robots would soon be used in Bangladesh for busting explosive-stashed militants' dens where the risk of death lurks in every corner.

The remotely controlled German-made robots are capable of breaking into militants' dens, defuse explosives on the spot or move them to a safer place, reducing the exposure of law enforcers and risk of casualties.

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit, which specialises in fighting militancy, is also getting a Tk-14-crore Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) van from the US. The Armoured Personnel Carrier-like vehicle is supposed to arrive within a month.

During operations, law enforcers inside the van would be able to monitor the situation outside via CCTV cameras.

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'Greater nat'l unity begins'

Announces Dr Kamal as Juktafront, Jatiya Oikya unveil five demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury-led Juktafront and Dr Kamal Hossain-led Jatiya Oikya Prokriya yesterday formally announced forging of a "greater national unity" to ensure that people elect their representatives through a fair election.

The national unity also aims at ensuring a functional democracy in the country.

Dr Kamal, convener of the Jatiya Oikya Prokriya, made the

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'Do not cook up any story'

Mother pleads for return of two sons 'picked up' along with three others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ramisa Khanam, bent with age and illness, held her son Shafiqul Alam in her arms, to try and save him from being taken away from in front of her eyes.

Her helpless screams brought a huge crowd together before the Dhaka airport, from where her sons Shafiqul and Monirul

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Hope of 'light' against cancer

Team leader in breakthrough discovery calls for intense research for greater benefit



BISHAKHA DEVNATH

The breakthrough discovery of optical biomarkers that can help diagnose cancer has opened up a new field of research and work must continue to get greater benefits from it, said Yasmeen Haque, who led the team behind the discovery.

"I feel it is a great achievement to be [able to be] the first to say that cancer can be detected by nonlinear optical method," the physicist from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology said in a recent interview with The Daily Star.

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