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HSC candidates waiting in front of Siddheswari Girl's College an hour before exams started at 10:00am yesterday. Examinees left their homes early to avoid traffic, as roads were shut to ensure smooth movement of foreign guests now here to celebrate the 50th Victory Day and Bangabandhu's birth centenary.

**'Tortured, under surveillance'**  
Teachers, friends allege husband, in-laws didn't want Meghla to study, murder case filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Dhaka University student Elma Chowdhury Meghla wanted to continue her studies after marriage, against her in-law's will. She endured numerous physical and mental torture for this. In fact, her in-laws even cut off her hair once to stop her from going out of their house. Meghla, 25, used to stay with her husband's family in the capital's Banani area. On Tuesday, she was found dead. There



were bruises all over her body. The victim's father Saiful Islam Chowdhury filed a murder case with Banani Police Station yesterday in connection with his daughter's death. Meghla's husband Iftekhar Abedin, her father-in-law Mohammad Amin, retired army personnel, and her mother-in-law Shirin Amin were made accused in the case. Nur-E-Azam Mia, officer-in-charge of

BNP 'doesn't know' about president's talks initiative

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
BNP yesterday said it did not know anything about President Abdul Hamid's initiative to hold talks with the registered political parties over the formation of the next Election Commission. The talks are supposed to begin on December 20. At a press conference at the party chief's office in Gulshan, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said they cannot say anything about the talks as they are not aware of it. "We don't know whether we will attend the dialogue," Fakhrul said when asked whether the party will join once invited. Joynal Abedin, the president's press secretary, on Tuesday told reporters that Hamid is

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PAKISTAN SURRENDERS  
The Liberation War in Bangladesh formally ended with the unconditional surrender by the Pakistan army in Dhaka today. The instrument of surrender was signed at Dhaka at 4:31pm by Lt Gen AAK Niazi on behalf of Pakistan Eastern Command, and Lt Gen Jagjit Singh Aurora, Commander in Chief of Indian and Bangladesh forces in the eastern theater, accepted the surrender. A GREAT LANDMARK: TAJUDDIN Tajuddin Ahmad, prime minister of Bangladesh, said today that the surrender of the Pakistani troops in Dhaka was a great landmark in the history of the liberation struggle. "We hope that Pakistan and her friends would take a lesson from today," he added. The Bangladesh prime minister expressed the deep gratitude of his government and the people of Bangladesh to India, Soviet Union, Poland and other countries which had supported Bangladesh in times of need. INDIRA GANDHI'S CEASEFIRE STATEMENT In a statement issued today, Indian Prime Minister

SC JUDGES CJ urges law formation for appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain yesterday emphasised the need for formulation of a law for the appointment of Supreme Court judges to remove "baseless confusions" among people. "Formulating a law for the appointment of Supreme Court judges in line with the constitution is essential..." he said.

PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 16

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5-20 12-45 3-45 5-22 7-00  
JAMAAT 5-35 1-15 4-00 5-25 7-30

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