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Padma rail link opens new era for south-west

Bhanga–Jashore rail brings the south-west closer than ever. PM says: not just a track, a bridge of dreams.
The Padma Bridge over the mighty river. Photo: Best News archive.





Parliament passes electoral reform bill

Rajuk clears 40 high-rises for Dhaka

Rickshaw art festival colours the city

Live CCTV, transparent ballot boxes, same-night results now law. Walkouts fail to stop the vote.

Capital's skyline race quickens as housing demand soars. Greens urge open-space quotas.

Painters gather at Shilpakala as UNESCO push gains pace. Streets turn gallery.

Tighter access abroad stifles overseas jobs

Govt eases fuel import rules

Dhaka condemns drone attack on Makkah

New medical and visa rules slow Gulf clearances to a trickle. BMET approvals down a third. See Page 11.

Tk12,537cr direct purchase approved. Private competition to cool prices, says energy ministry.

Foreign ministry calls it a cowardly act against holy sites. Riyadh thanks partners.





Life on the Buriganga: boatmen of old Dhaka

Sylhet tea gardens draw record tourists

Nation prepares Victory tributes at Savar

Dawn to dusk they ferry the old city across the black water. A photo-story.

Morning mist, seven-layer cha, and full resorts. Winter bookings already full.

Guards rehearse as the memorial lawns turn green. Tributes pour in early.

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Parliament passes electoral reform bill amid walkouts

After spirited debate and two opposition walkouts, Jatiya Sangsad passed the electoral reform bill late Tuesday.

Live CCTV at polling centres, transparent ballot boxes and same-night results are now law. The treasury bench says trust will return.

The Election Commission welcomes the move and promises mock drills in 40 seats next month.

Opposition calls safeguards untested. 'Cameras without punishment change nothing,' one MP said.

Analysts say the real test is local polls in winter. Civil society urges a clear complaints window.

Full text and voting breakdown on Page 5.

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Remittance hits \$2.6b as taka steadies



A 2.5% incentive plus a crackdown on hundi channels pushed formal inflows to a monthly record. Bangladesh Bank credits banks and mobile operators for the turnaround.

Markets rally on bank earnings, DSEX up 1.8%

Turnover crossed Tk 1,240cr as investors chased banking stocks. Analysts see the rally holding into next week on strong remittance data.

The taka held at 119.50 to the dollar. Gold eased slightly. Startup PayRupali raised \$12m to take QR payments to village merchants.

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Tigers lead by 192 as Mirpur roars

Day three belonged to the spinners. A packed gallery saw Bangladesh tighten its grip on the second Test. Report and scorecard inside.

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Rickshaw art festival colours the city



Tigers, film heroines, peacocks and mosques — the streets carry Bengal's loudest art form. UNESCO push gains pace as painters gather at Shilpakala.

More inside: county cricket round-up, football transfer window, and today's TV guide. See Sports pages 8–9.