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**Ershad earns Tk 2.89cr a yr**  
*Shows the income in nomination paper*  
 RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad earns about Tk 2.89 crore a year from different sources including business.

Ershad has given his income statement in an affidavit attached to the nomination paper filed for the Rangpur-3 constituency.

The statement shows that the former president has about Tk 3.47 crore as bank deposit, FDR, bond, vehicles and business investment. It also shows that he owns wealth worth about Tk 1.82 crore.

He however did not  
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# India asks Pakistan to hand over 20 suspects

*Pakistan offers 'joint investigation'; Delhi not considering military action*

AFP, Mumbai

India demanded yesterday that Pakistan hand over several terrorist suspects as the government faced mounting criticism over intelligence failures in the Mumbai attacks that left 188 dead.

But Pakistan's prime minister said his government wanted proof of India's allegation that all the attackers were Pakistanis, as tensions rose between the nuclear-armed neighbours over the siege

of India's financial capital.

Pakistan offered yesterday to work hand-in-hand with India to track down those responsible for the Mumbai attacks but declined to respond immediately to a demand that it hand over 20 terrorist suspects.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said his government suggested setting up a "joint investigation mechanism" into the assaults.

India is not considering military action

against Pakistan, Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said Tuesday, the Press Trust of India reported.

Mukherjee's comments followed a meeting earlier of India's security cabinet, the top decision-making body on military and diplomatic affairs, which met in the aftermath of last week's Mumbai attacks that claimed 188 lives.

CNN and another US network reported that the United States had

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**ABBAS' CONVICTION**  
 Writ petition cancelled as appeal pending  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday summarily rejected a writ petition filed by detained former housing and public works minister Mirza Abbas seeking stay on the trial court verdict that sentenced him to imprisonment and ordered confiscation of his property in a tax evasion case.

An HC bench comprised of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Borhan Uddin heard the petition and rejected it.

Counsel for Abbas Barrister Ahsanul Karim later told The

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**Bribe gets one a seat in medical college**  
*4 held by ACC for involvement in admission graft*

EMRAN HOSSAIN

Merit could not earn Nuruddin a place at any public medical college, but money did the trick.

Thanks to fake admission in exchange for bribes, he had secured a berth in Comilla Medical College. Had he wanted, he could even have made it to Chittagong or Dhaka medical college.

But the son of a Chittagong University employee could not in all conscience accept gaining admission through fraud. He instead resolved to expose the ring.

In association with the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), he set a trap for the gang at Janata Bank in Hathazari of Chittagong.

There, a team of graft busters Monday caught two persons—a doctor and a diagnostic centre owner—red-handed taking Tk 1.80 lakh from Nuruddin for admission.

The two are Ferdousi Begum, owner of Nahar Diagnostic Centre on Jalal Khan Road of Hathazari, and Gopal Majumder, a doctor there.

Later, two others—Accountant Ashiqul Islam Bhuiyan and Assistant Accountant Manjurul Alam of Comilla Medical College—were arrested at their workplace. Nuruddin's admission receipt bore their signatures.

The ACC team suspects that some high-ups in the health directorate might be involved in the MBBS admission frauds.

During the bribery, Gopal Majumder identified himself as Dr

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**Bomb blast in train kills 3 in Assam**  
 AP, Guwahati

A bomb exploded in a train coach in India's insurgency-hit northeast on Tuesday, killing at least three people and injuring another 29, a state government official said.

The explosion occurred shortly after the train arrived at Diphu railroad station,

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**Set up adaptation centre in Dhaka**

*Urges world at UN climate summit*

PINAKI ROY form Poznan, Poland

Bangladesh on the second day of UN Climate Change Conference in Poznan, Poland, demanded that an International Adaptation Centre under UN framework be set up in Dhaka. The centre would research on how to adapt to climate change.

Bangladesh placed its demands at the vision sharing meeting of G-77 on behalf of the least developed countries (LDCs) yesterday.

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Students of the Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University demonstrate near TSC on the campus yesterday against vandalism of Balaka sculpture in Motijheel Saturday night.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

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**Govt to consider its last power bid today**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet purchase committee of the caretaker government will consider today approval of its last power scheme -- the 50 megawatt Sikalbaha rental power project.

In its recommendation to the cabinet committee, the power ministry has suggested awarding contract for the three-year rental scheme to a joint venture led by Royce Power Engineering Ltd of

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**Khaleda's bail order extended in Gatco case**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday extended its earlier order granting bail to BNP Chairperson and former prime minister Khaleda Zia in the Gatco graft case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) until disposal of the rule issued by it.

Upon a petition moved by

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**Jatiya Jukta Front faces break-up**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The new electoral alliance Jatiya Jukta Front initiated by Dr Kamal Hossain and AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury may break up within the next few days over joining of Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) in the group.

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**Prayer Timing**

December 3		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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