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President, PM accord reception to war heroes

UNB, Dhaka
President Zillur Rahman yesterday hosted a grand reception at Bangabhaban, marking the 40th Independence Day of the country.
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also joined the reception.
Valiant freedom fighters and family members of Bir Shresthas attended the function.
The president and the PM simultaneously exchanged greetings with the injured freedom fighters and other guests at the function where leading artists presented patriotic songs and Armed

DMCH to keep watch on staff, brokers

16 CCTV cameras to be installed for surveillance to stop malpractice

ALPHA ARZU
Dhaka Medical College and Hospital is going to install closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at all of its important points to stop brokers' manipulation and institutional misconduct.
"At least 16 CCTVs will be installed at emergency and pathology departments, blood bank, operation theatre and some other places to watch doctors, nurses, employees, patients, medical representatives and brokers," DMCH Director Brig Gen Shahidul Hoque Mallik told The Daily Star.
The surveillance system will be introduced within a week, he said. The plan is to observe movement of brokers, check mismanagement and also to ensure that patients get proper treatment and quality food.
The director said every day on an average over 600 patients visit outdoor department of 1,700-bed DMCH and at least 400 patients get admitted. Many of them fall victim to brokers.

Brokers roam freely mainly at the emergency and pathology departments and blood bank. They persuade patients to go to private clinics or hospitals.
Whenever the relatives of a patient in critical condition fail to manage blood the brokers take the opportunity for making money by bringing blood from some unauthorised private centres. The blood is often found to be contaminated, sources at the hospital said.
The brokers also help patients get test

E-post services launched

PM opens mobile money order, postal cash card services

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated two electronic services--Electronic and Mobile Money Order and Postal Cash Card to improve digitisation of services to the people.
Launching the electronic service at Ganobhaban yesterday evening, she transferred Tk 5,000 to the caretaker of her Tungipara residence Boikantha Babu through the mobile money order.
Earlier, the PM released commemorative postal stamps on the occasion of the Independence and National Day.
The Postal Department published a miniature sheet of four commemorative stamps of Tk five denomination and one commemorative stamp of Tk six denomination.
Speaking on the occasion, Hasina said she is extremely happy that the postal department has achieved much progress in

Rab asked to be aware of human rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A small number of Rab personnel have suffered minor moral degradation which is belittling the achievements of the elite force, said Rab Director General Hassan Mahmood Khandker yesterday.
He urged Rapid Action Battalion members to come forward so that this moral degradation could not hinder other personnel's discharging duties.
The Rab chief made the comment at an annual meeting of the anti-crime unit to mark its sixth founding anniversary.
Hassan also told them to be

RU Shibir chief remanded in explosives case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Rajshahi University Shibir president Shamsul Alam Golap was taken on a seven-day police remand yesterday in connection with a case involving recovery of explosives.
Golap, the FIR-named accused in the killing of BCL worker Faruk Hossain and assault on police cases filed over RU violence on February 9, was produced before Rajshahi Metropolitan Magistrate Court around 3:00pm.
Ruhul Amin, an injured Bangladesh Chhatra League activist, lodged the case on February 15 after several live bombs were recovered from



President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pay homage to Liberation War martyrs at the National Mausoleum, Savar on the Independence Day.

BB starts road show

Aims to create awareness about agri loans, money laundering, remittance
SAYEDA AKTER, from Cox's Bazar
Bangladesh Bank yesterday started a weeklong roadshow styled "Unnayaner Oviyatra-Teknaf to Tetulia" with 40 vehicles to create mass awareness among people on farm loans and money laundering.
The roadshow also aims to spread awareness on financing small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and sending remittances through legal channels.
Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman inaugurated the roadshow at Teknaf Degree College at noon, marking the country's 40th Independent and National Day. The roadshow will end on April 2 at Tetulia.
At the ceremony, Atiur said the roadshow will educate the countrymen about financing and risk management in

37 killed in major Pak offensive

Troops intensify fight against Taliban
AFP, Peshawar
Pakistan said yesterday 32 militants and five soldiers were killed in the heaviest battle of a new assault against Arab, Afghan and Uzbek fighters after touting a US vote of confidence.
The fight in Orakzai district, part of Pakistan's north-western tribal belt shadowing the border with Afghanistan, was the deadliest such incident for Pakistani troops in months.
Paramilitary and army troops on Wednesday expanded their campaign against Taliban believed to have fled a major offensive in South Waziristan last year by launching an assault to eradicate them from neighbouring Orakzai.
Dozens of Islamist fighters stormed a security check post at Kalaya, on the outskirts of the district's main town, sparking a counter-attack that finally recaptured the post overnight, the military said.
"Thirty-two militants were killed in yesterday's clash in Kalaya. Those killed in the fighting were mostly Uzbek and Arabs. We have their bodies," Frontier Corps (FC) paramilitary Major General Tariq Khan told reporters.
The army also confirmed that five security personnel, including a lieutenant colonel, were killed in the fighting.
The military has so far announced a running death toll of 68 militants in the Orakzai operation, but none of the tolls can be verified independently because access by reporters to the remote areas involved is extremely limited.
Pakistan's mountainous and semi-autonomous tribal belt became a stronghold for hundreds of Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked extremists who fled Afghanistan to regroup and launch cross-border attacks after the US-led invasion in late 2001.
Five battalions uniting the army, FC and paramilitary police

Millions turn lights off today for 'Earth Hour'

CLIMATE BATTLE
AFP, Sydney
World-famous landmarks including the Pyramids, the Eiffel Tower and Beijing's Forbidden City to go dark today as millions turn off the lights for "Earth Hour", a rolling grassroots movement aimed at tackling climate change.
Now in its fourth year, the campaign promises to be the biggest yet with thousands of cities and towns in 125 countries -- 37 more than last year -- pledging to take part in the aftermath of a failed climate summit last year.
December's fractious Copenhagen summit has done nothing to dampen public hopes for meaningful action to avert catastrophic global warming, according to Earth Hour founder Andy Ridley.
"There appears to be some fatigue to the politics around it... But people are far more motivated this year than they were last year," he told AFP.
Now run by the WWF, Earth

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