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Bangladesh to host 2014 World T20

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The ICC has awarded the next two World Twenty20 tournaments in 2012 and 2014 to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh respectively, while England will host the Champions Trophy in 2013. The 2015 World Cup will be held by Australia and New Zealand and the 2013 Women's World Cup will be played in India. The decisions were announced after a meeting of the ICC board in Singapore.
The Chief Executives Committee (CEC) and Governance Review Committee (GRC) working groups met jointly to discuss the ICC events programme post 2015, the frequency and format for global events and qualification for those events, and the introduction of Test and ODI leagues to provide context to the traditional formats of the game.
A CEC working group has been set up to assist in developing a workable solution.



Family members of Faruque break down in tears at his Gendaria home yesterday. Faruque, died from burn injuries he received when vandals near Moghbazar torched the car he was travelling on Saturday night. Story on page 1.

Foreign firms keen to invest in power sector

75 firms respond to govt call for \$10b investment

JASIM UDDIN KHAN
The government has received responses from 75 foreign companies to its call for \$10 billion investment in the country's power and energy sector, representatives of which are expected to participate in a post road show conference in Dhaka on Saturday. Most of the respondents are Asian.
The Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources organised three separate road shows in London, New York, and Singapore last year, to attract investment from global power and energy companies, and non-resident Bangladeshis.
Lanco India, Malaco Malaysia, Daewoo Heavy Industries (DHI) of South Korea, Genting Power of Malaysia, and Dongfeng Electric Corporation of China are some respondent power companies already registered with the government to participate in the conference.
GCM Resources plc, formerly known as Asia Energy; and British Petroleum Asia are also expected to participate. A total of 140 company representatives are expected to participate.
"Most of the companies already participated in the pre-qualification bidding process for investment in Bangladesh's power and energy projects. We have arranged the post road show conference for facilitating one to one dialogues between company representatives and government officials," Mizanur Rahman, director of system planning for Bangladesh Power Development Board, said.
Although the road shows attracted many reputed US and UK companies as well, a very few of them showed interest to participate in the conference.

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Pak witness tells of '71 massacre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Through smouldering debris, a truck carrying Naseem Akhtar and several others was heading airport around midnight. Standing on the open truck all of them recoiled in horror at the sight of dead bodies on roadsides.
It was the black night of March 25 in 1971.
Being Pakistani citizens, it was a unique opportunity for Naseem and all others to witness the '71 genocide. They were the members of the then National Awami Party (NAP) and came to Bangladesh to attend a party meeting.
"I saw dead bodies lying on both sides of the road as our truck sped towards airport," recollected Naseem Akhtar, a reputed human rights activist in Pakistan.

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TEXTBOOK PRINTING, PAPER SUPPLY

JS body moves to probe anomalies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A parliamentary body yesterday formed a sub-committee to investigate alleged irregularities in awarding work orders for printing next year's primary and secondary school textbooks and supply of paper for textbooks.
The parliamentary standing committee on education ministry that formed the sub-committee also alleged that the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) set a low-quality paper as sample based on which bidders were given work orders.
The three-member sub-committee led by Whip Shaikh Abdul Wohab was asked to come up with the probe report in the next 15 days.
NCTB was set to print around 23 crore textbooks. Around 41,176 tonnes of paper will be needed to print those books, an official at the NCTB told The Daily Star.
A number of lawmakers of the parliamentary committee, especially Whip Mirza Azam, engaged in a heated debate with the education ministry secretary and chairman of NCTB, meeting sources told The Daily Star.
The debate prompted chief of the committee Rashed Khan Menon to form the sub-committee.
Menon, also president of Bangladesh Workers Party, told reporters afterwards that he had allegations that NCTB set low-quality paper as standard for supplying and printing textbooks by selected bidders.
Talking to The Daily Star over telephone last night, Menon also said the committee asked the sub-committee to enquire irregularities in awarding bidders with work orders for supplying the paper.
He alleged that selected bidders supplied low-quality Indian paper.
Education secretary and NCTB chairman

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D-8 SUMMIT

PM to leave for Nigeria on July 7

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to leave Dhaka for Abuja in the early hours of July 7 to attend the Seventh Developing-8 Summit.
D-8 Organisation is set to hold the D-8 Seventh Heads of States Summit in the capital of Nigeria.
The summit is scheduled for July 4-8 with the theme "Enhancing investment cooperation among D-8 Members".
The summit will reinforce and sharpen economic cooperation among member countries through sharing of expertise in the fields of energy, transport, tourism, banking, financial institutions, infrastructure development, human resource development,

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Jute farmers get a boost

15 lakh to get cash assistance, jute-rotting machines

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Fifteen lakh jute farmers in the country will get Tk 200 each and training on ribbon retting, a method of rotting jute plants in small amount of water, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury announced yesterday.
Traditionally, farmers remove fibre after rotting jute plants in water for two to three weeks, but they have been facing problems in doing so in the recent years due to shortage of water in canals and marshes.
Ribbon retting requires the farmers to extract the fibre first and then keep that in water pots for rotting.
Alongside payment of cash starting next week, every 100 farmers would be provided with a ribbon retting machine, Matia said at a press conference at her ministry.
Agriculture officials will locally train farmers on the new method.
"This technology will help improve quality of the fibre," the minister said. The first such move aims to promote the green fibre as the use of jute products is increasing due to growing

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OnlinePoll
Do you think the arrest of top three Jamaat leaders could fuel tough anti-government movement by the BNP-led opposition?
Yes (59.0%)
No (39.5%)
No Comments (1.5%)
Total votes: 1049
TODAY'S POLL
Do you think the government is trying to tighten its control over the media by considering enacting a law to stop "yellow journalism"?
Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing
July 2

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

China's zero tariff facility made effective

BSS, Dhaka
China has extended its zero-tariff facility for Bangladeshi products from yesterday.
As the Chinese government decided earlier, 4,752 products will receive duty free access to the major East Asia market, a press release of the Chinese embassy in Dhaka said yesterday.
The products include medicinal materials, plastic appliances, leather, timber, textile, readymade garments and poultry products.
Besides Bangladesh, 32 other least developed countries (LDCs) will enjoy the facility for exportable items to China.
China, at a meeting with

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PROCUREMENT DRIVE

Govt raises rice price by Tk 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government has decided to buy limited quantity of rice from domestic market and import wheat to maintain its stock as high rice price is failing the public procurement target of 12 lakh tonnes this boro season.
In a meeting at the food ministry yesterday, the Food Policy and Monitoring Unit (FPMU) decided to make "incentive price" by increasing Tk 3 per kilogram to buy 2.37 lakh tonnes of rice.
The move came following demands of millers who were unwilling to supply the rice citing increased price.
The government targeted buying 11 lakh tonnes of rice at Tk 25 per kg and 1.5 lakh tonnes of paddy at Tk 17 per kg between May and August, but so far it has signed agreements for only 5 lakh tonnes of rice.
Of the five lakh tonnes, millers have supplied 2.63 lakh tonnes and are denying supply of the rest saying price of rice in the northern districts is now Tk 27 per kg.
After checking rice prices in the north the government is now

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NIZAMI'S ARREST

Jamaat leaders sued for obstruction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Shahbagh police filed a case on Tuesday against Jamaat-Islami acting secretary general ATM Azharul Islam, senior assistant secretary general Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and five other top Jamaat leaders in connection with obstructing the arrest of Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami.
Shahbagh police station officer-in-charge (OC) Rezaul Karim said the case was filed as they obstructed police from performing duties and attacked the members of law-enforcing agency during the arrest of Nizami on Tuesday

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