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The 'hottest year' in progress

REUTERS, London/oslo

This year is so far tied for the hottest year in a temperature record dating back to 1850 in a new sign of a warming trend, the three major institutes which calculate global warming estimates told Reuters.

UN climate talks resume next week in Cancun, Mexico, where expectations are no longer for a comprehensive deal to slow warming, but smaller progress for example to curb deforestation, in a bid to agree a pact next year or later.

The previous conference in Copenhagen last year fell short of hopes, but about 140 countries have agreed a nonbinding deal to try and limit warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius.

Temperatures are now about 0.8 degrees above **SEE PAGE 15 COL 7**

CLIMATE CHANGE

EU assures Dhaka of ample fund

UNB, Brussels

European Union leaders have assured that Bangladesh will get adequate funding from the promised European Union Climate Change Adaptation Fund.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received the assurance when she met separately with President of Council of the European Union Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso yesterday morning.

Emerging from the meeting, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni told reporters that the two leaders had said the EU is working seriously to raise the climate change fund, and Bangladesh will be given financial assistance that it deserved as one of the countries most vulnerable to the climate change.

Both the leaders assured the PM of continued EU support and assistance in Bangladesh's fight against terrorism and strengthening democratic foundation.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a meeting with European Council President Herman Van Rompuy in Brussels yesterday.

plays down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Law, Justice

Qamrul Islam yesterday

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He made the comment at a

view exchange meeting organ-

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Coordination Committee at ·

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stalking

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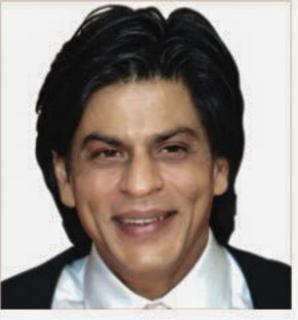
Fund delay to affect developing nations

Say environmentalists TAWFIQUE ALI, from New Delhi

Failure to create the 30-billion dollars climate fund even after one year of international commitment in Copenhagen will badly affect developing countries like Bangladesh, the Maldives and Ethiopia, said environmentalists at a climate change workshop in Delhi

Indian minister of state for environment and forests Jairam Ramesh, however, said one possible outcome of the upcoming Cancun Climate Summit in Mexico will be to make the establishment and disbursement mechanism of

closing session of a two-day **SEE PAGE 15 COL 2**



King Khan Sundarbans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan is going to perform live at Army Stadium in Dhaka and campaign for the Sundarbans to help it become one of the Seven Wonders of the World on December 10.

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GDP growth 8.4pc likely by 2020

UNCTAD launches LDC report

Bss, Dhaka

The Least Developed Countries (LDC) Report 2010 has predicted that annual growth of Bangladesh would be 8.4 percent by 2020 and income per capita under PPP (purchasing power parity) method would rise to \$2,776 from the present \$1,361.

"The prediction of the LDC report is close to the national perspective plan which reclaimed that Bangladesh would enter into middle income countries group within 10 years," eminent economist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud said at a report dissemination function at the Cirdap auditorium here yesterday.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) prepared the report that was disseminated simultaneously across the globe by the UN Information Centre.

Prof Mahmud said Bangladesh would be

by seven percent and we can maintain GDP growth more than 8.5 percent within 2021, if the infrastructure problems including power crisis are solved," he added.

the name of providing aid, the leading economist said the donor countries are not transferring their technology truly rather they are taking their money back through sending huge number of consultants in the name of technology transfer scheme.

forums of developed countries like G7 and G20 to provide true assistance for the development of the LDCs, Prof Mahmud said.

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Law state STALKING minister

Victim's father assaulted

STAR REPORT

The father of a stalking victim was assaulted yesterday while nine stalkers were jailed and another nine were fined in Sirajganj, Bagerhat, Tangail, Netrokona and Madaripur.

Stalking women and girls is . Babu, a local youth, on her way home from a coaching centre not new in the society, it was . yesterday morning, reports our Sirajganj correspondent. Her father Hemash Sarker informed Babu's father of the

there in the past and now they are falling victim to such · incident. offences, he said adding,

different communities should : police.

government's steps against · Belkuchi Police Station accusing seven youths.

Meanwhile, a mobile court sentenced four youths to one

month's imprisonment each and fined each of them Tk 50,000 Community Policing: for stalking schoolgirls at Ullahpara upazila in Sirajganj.

The convicts, Apu, 20, Ranju, 23, Mannan, 21, and Nazim, 22,

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yesterday.

the fund to take off. He was speaking at the

to vote for

He will vote for the largest

able to achieve its goal of attaining the status of middle-income country, if no major political turmoil takes place. "The per capita income would be increased

Criticising the role of developed countries in

LDC countries should create pressure on the

9 more youths jailed and Parliamentary Affairs, :

blamed a quarter for spread- :

SSC examinee Bipasha of Belkuchi upazila was harassed by

Babu and his associates later assaulted Bipasha's father, said

raise their voice besides the ; Bipasha's uncle Mosharraf Hossain Sarker filed a case with

Babu had been stalking Bipasha for long, police added.

BNP begins pre-hartal agitation Khaleda sits with

small parties STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP began a six-day agitation

programme yesterday by holding rallies and bringing out processions at district and upazila levels across the country. The National Standing

Committee of the party had earlier announced the **SEE PAGE 15 COL 6**

Prayer Timing

November 26		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30
Source:	Islamic Foun	dation

Andromeda 'born in a collision'

BBC ONLINE

The nearest spiral galaxy to the Milky Way --Andromeda -- was born when two smaller galaxies collided, say astronomers.

An international team conducted a computer simulation of how Andromeda evolved over time.

The results suggest that two galaxies collided some nine billion years ago and permanently fused about 5.5 billion years ago.

The study has been published in the Astrophysical

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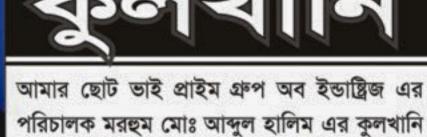
ASIAN GAMES

Bangladesh's chance for cricket gold

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh men's cricket team stand on the brink of bringing the country's firstever Asian Games gold home when they take on surprise package Afghanistan in the final in Guangzhou today. Mohammad Ashraful's

boys confirmed the title clash with a five-wicket defeat of a strong Sri Lankan team in the second semifinal of the 16th **SEE PAGE 15 COL 3**



আজ ২৬ নভেম্বর, শুক্রবার, বাদ জুম্মা আমাদের গ্রামের বাড়ি ঢাকা জেলার দক্ষিণ কেরানীগঞ্জ থানার দোলেশ্বর আবুল মান্নান আদর্শ মহাবিদ্যালয় খেলার মাঠে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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Raid on CU hall

9 firearms seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The law enforcers in a sudden drive last night seized nine illegal firearms and over one hundred rounds of bullets from F Rahman Hall of Chittagong University.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of police led by ASP Babul **SEE PAGE 15 COL 8**

OnlinePoll

Do you think the government will sincerely take actions to protect tigers and their habitats to prevent the extinction of the big cats?

(23.9%)

(66.7%) O No O No Comments (9.4%)

O Yes

Total votes: 469 TODAY'S POLL

Do you think enactment of an antihartal law will be undemocratic?

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PADMA BRIDGE

ADB, IDB okay \$755m credit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

construction of the bridge in time.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Islamic Development Bank have approved loans of \$615 million and \$140 million for the construction of Padma Multipurpose Bridge.

WB's \$1.5b in process

The development partners took the decisions at their board meetings yesterday, said Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain. Approval of \$1500 million loan by the World Bank (WB) is now

in process, the minister said. Yesterday in a press release, the WB said the preparation for the bridge is on in full swing, and the government along with four development partners is working closely to complete the

The press release also said the WB board will approve a credit of \$1.2 billion in February, 2011. The minister said Japan's approval for \$450 million loan it promised earlier for the 6.15 km long bridge is expected to come

Mentioning that the estimated cost of the bridge is \$2.7 billion, Abul Hossain said, "We have no fund crisis for the bridge now."

during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan.

Ten firms on Wednesday submitted their pre-qualification documents for the construction work of the bridge. SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

IMPASSE IN CITY POLLS JS body mulls scope for administrator RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday discussed appointment of government administrators in place of the mayors and ward councillors whose tenure have

Meeting sources said, the

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parliamentary committee on

expired.

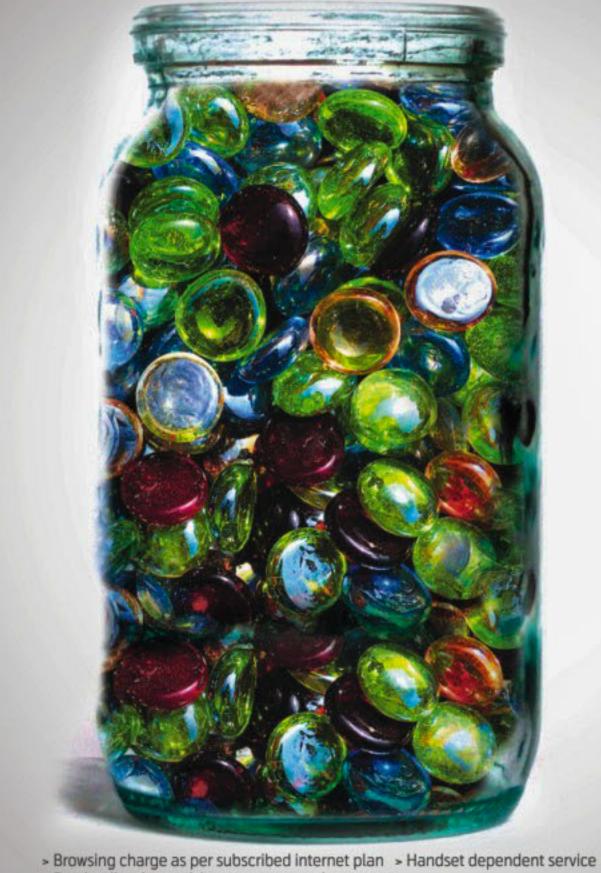
EU to grant €200m for Bangladesh's development

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

European Union (EU) will provide nearly €200 million grant support for poverty alleviation, good governance and human rights, human and social development throughout Bangladesh. **SEE PAGE 15 COL 8**

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