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The 'hottest year' in progress

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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 non-binding deal to try and limit warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius.

Temperatures are now about 0.8 degrees above

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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.

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 yesterday.

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 the fund to take off.

He was speaking at the closing session of a two-day

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King Khan to vote for 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.

He will vote for the largest

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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 claimed 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

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 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.

Criticising the role of developed countries in 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.

LDC countries should create pressure on the 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 minister plays down stalking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Qamrul Islam yesterday blamed a quarter for spreading the news of recent stalking incidents, claiming the stalking incidents are at a tolerable level in the country.

Stalking women and girls is not new in the society, it was there in the past and now they are falling victim to such offences, he said adding, different communities should raise their voice besides the government's steps against such harassment.

He made the comment at a view exchange meeting organised by Motijheel Women Community Policing Coordination Committee at

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STALKING
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.

SSC examinee Bipasha of Belkuchi upazila was harassed by Babu, a local youth, on her way home from a coaching centre yesterday morning, reports our Sirajganj correspondent.

Her father Hemash Sarker informed Babu's father of the incident.

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

Bipasha's uncle Mosharraf Hossain Sarker filed a case with Belkuchi Police Station accusing seven youths.

Babu had been stalking Bipasha for long, police added. Meanwhile, a mobile court sentenced four youths to one month's imprisonment each and fined each of them Tk 50,000 for stalking schoolgirls at Ullahpara upazila in Sirajganj. The convicts, Apu, 20, Ranju, 23, Mannan, 21, and Nazim, 22,

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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

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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 Foundation



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 Journal.

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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 first-ever Asian Games gold home when they take on surprise package Afghanistan in the final in Guangzhou today.

Mohammad Ashraf's boys confirmed the title clash with a five-wicket defeat of a strong Sri Lankan team in the second semifinal of the 16th

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আমার ছোট ভাই প্রাইম গ্রুপ অব ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ এর পরিচালক মরহুম মোঃ আব্দুল হালিম এর কুলখানি

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PRIME

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

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PADMA BRIDGE
ADB, IDB okay \$755m credit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

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 construction of the bridge in time.

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 during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan.

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

Ten firms on Wednesday submitted their pre-qualification documents for the construction work of the bridge.

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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 expired.

Meeting sources said, the parliamentary committee on

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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 through-out Bangladesh.

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OnlinePoll

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

Yes (23.9%)
No (66.7%)
No Comments (9.4%)

Total votes: 469

TODAY'S POLL

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