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## PEPPING UP THE STAGE

2010 was a remarkable year for theatre. Several new productions scored highly in the popularity stakes.

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## RARE MONK SEALS SPOTTED

Scientists locate Mediterranean monk seals, one of the world's most endangered marine mammals, nestled on a Greek island.

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## SHAKIB TO LEAD TIGERS IN WC

BCB retains the all-rounder as captain for the World Cup on home soil. Tamim Iqbal will be his deputy.

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## Fishes in danger

20 species extinct in 10 years, 100 others face grim future

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Around 20 species of indigenous fish have become extinct over the last 10 years for use of current nets, insecticides and chemical fertilisers and depletion of habitats, researchers say.

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## End of an eventful year

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RAKIB AHAMMED

With the clock striking 12 at night, a new year began leaving behind an eventful year that saw less heat in the political arena, a steady economic growth, the long-awaited trial and execution of Bangabandhu killers and the start of the war crimes trial process.

The year 2010 had some

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New Year

**GREETINGS**

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wishes its valued readers, patrons, well-wishers and advertisers a very happy New Year.

## BACKING MUNICIPAL POLLS ASPIRANTS

### AL pairs with none but two allies

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Ties between Awami League and its allies have apparently come under strain over backing of candidates in the upcoming municipality elections.

The ruling party has decided to support 19 Jatiya Party candidates but it will back only two Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal candidates in the polls

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### BNP reluctant on deal with Jamaat

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP policymakers are not interested in making any deal with its ally Jamaat-e-Islami for backing pro-Jamaat candidates in the municipality polls scheduled for January 12.

Following strong opposition from many leaders in the main opposition party, both parties failed to reach a consensus on this, sources said.

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## Textbook distribution starts today

WASIM BIN HABIB

Students attending schools this morning will return home with a set of new textbooks.

Today starts the free distribution of textbooks to some 3.22 crore students of primary to secondary grades.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will open the distribution at Mohammadpur Model

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## WELCOME, goodbye

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE

As we ring in 2011 and say goodbye to 2010, the last thing we want to do is bid a tearful farewell to a friend or a loved one killed in an accident caused by a reckless driver.

The year 2010 passed with all its happenings-- good and bad. The start of war crimes trial process and the scrapping of the fifth and seventh amendments were something we will look back on with pride. And then there were some incidents not that easy to forget, especially the tragic deaths on roads and in fire, which dominated the headlines

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