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# Outsourcing can fetch \$5b every year

## Telecom experts say about Bangladesh's prospect

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has the potential to create over 2 lakh direct and 50,000 indirect jobs and earn \$5 billion in foreign currency per year in the next decade through outsourcing business.

Foreign telecom analysts made the observation yesterday at eAsia 2011, Asia's mega information and communications technology (ICT) event, in the capital yesterday.

A number of foreign outsourcing experts, researchers, administrators as well as local policymakers spoke on the occasion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

The speakers invited foreign investors to choose Bangladesh as their offshore destination.

However, they stressed the need for better infrastructure, proficiency in English and backup international submarine cable, among other things, for the outsourcing business to grow in Bangladesh.

Outsourcing is a way of doing business through a third party without having a need for opening an office at the place of operation.

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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, left, gestures after meeting Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi, whom Hillary often refers to as her source of personal inspiration, at the latter's residence in Yangon yesterday. The two leaders promised to work together to promote democracy in Myanmar. Hillary is on a two-day visit there, the first by a US secretary of state in more than 50 years.

PHOTO: AFP

# 10 file papers for candidacy in Comilla mayor race

UNB, Comilla

Ten mayoral aspirants have filed nomination papers in the Comilla City Corporation polls, slated for January 5.

Of them, nine turned in their applications yesterday, the closing day for submission.

For councillor posts, as many as 242 people have filed nomination papers; the number is 70 for women's reserved councillor seats.

BNP leader Monirul Haq Sakku has submitted his application for mayoral candidacy, defying the party's decision.

After filing his papers to Returning Officer Abdul Baten yesterday, he said, "I have no option but to contest the election."

He added that he would run under the banner of Sammilita Nagorik

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# A ray of hopes, finally

INAM AHMED, from Durban

After a week of grim news, at least some light shone yesterday when a new window of fund termed Loss and Damage has been finalised.

Under the window, countries affected by quick and long-term climate change will be able to access funds.

The window was proposed at the last

# Half of world pollution done by five nations

AFP, Durban

More than half of all carbon pollution released into the atmosphere comes from five countries, according to a national ranking of greenhouse gas emissions.

The first 10 countries on the list, made available during UN climate talks in Durban, South Africa on Thursday, account for two-thirds of global emissions, said the report compiled by British-based firm Maplecroft.

China, the United States, India, Russia and Japan top the ranking, with Brazil, Germany, Canada, Mexico and Iran just behind.

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# Ashraf vows polls to DCCs within 90 days

Says voters will judge if split was wrong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said maiden polls to Dhaka north and south city corporations will be held within the stipulated 90 days.

Ashraf, also general secretary of the ruling Awami League, urged party leaders and workers to start preparing for the elections.

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# Locals agitate for relocation of polluting factory

## Block highway in Keraniganj, torch cargo vessel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred people yesterday blocked the Dhaka-Mawa highway for an hour demanding relocation of a factory that emits toxic gas over their villages in South Keraniganj.

The blocking, which started around 10:00am, caused a huge tailback on the highway.

People from around five villages in South Keraniganj took part in the demonstrations.

At one stage, the protesters set fire to a salt-laden vessel anchored at a jetty on the Buriganga. The vessel belonged to Global Heavy Chemical Ltd, whose factory is allegedly polluting the Hasnabad villages.

After police dispersed the demonstrators from the

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PRAYER TIMING		December 3
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-21	5-24
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Late Yasmin Rahman  
Wife of M. Faizur Rahman

We request all relatives and friends to pray for Mrs. Yasmin Rahman, the dearest member of our family who passed on to eternity twelve years ago.



Farmers wash their winter vegetables in the Sangu river and prepare to head towards the wholesale market in Chittagong Dohazari area very early in the morning. The effort they put into growing these delicious vegetables is often not reflected in the price they get.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# City JP leader shot dead

Body recovered from Dhamrai

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police early yesterday recovered the body of a Jatiya Party Dhaka city leader from a ditch beside Dhaka-Aricha highway in Dhamrai.

The dead, Mahmudul Haque Khan Dipu, 43, was general secretary of JP Dhaka Cantonment thana unit and joint general secretary of JP Dhaka city (north).

Police said the killers

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# PROBE INTO DEATH

## Three years on, no progress made

M RAHMAN

The investigation into the sensational fire incident that killed Ganotantri Party president Nurul Islam and his son three years ago has made no significant progress.

Victims' family alleged that despite filing of a murder case in this connection, investigators of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) arrested no culprits except for Rabiul Islam, a security guard of the build-



Nurul Islam

ing. Rabiul is now in jail.

On this day in 2008, a mysterious fire engulfed the Lalmatia apartment of Nurul Islam and killed his son Tamohar Islam on the spot leaving the politician in a critical condition. No other family members were home at that time.

Nurul Islam succumbed to his injuries after a 36-hour fight for life at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the capital.

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you support BNP's hartal on Sunday, which it called in protest against splitting the Dhaka City Corporation into two?

Yes (69.2%)

No (30.8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 461

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia's remark that the government is maintaining a 'scorched-earth policy' regarding the economy to make its foreign masters happy is justified?

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