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Do electronic book-reading gadgets mean the death of hard copies, Ihtisham Kabir asks
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EGYPT'S NEW CHARTER

Military generals, not lawmakers, will have the final say over its drafting
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GNR IN ROCK HALL 2012

American band Guns N' Roses will be inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

KOLKATA HOSPITAL FIRE

90 killed

90 rescued; smoke spread thru' central AC; 6 owners held; Hasina condoles death

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

At least 90 people, including a Bangladeshi, were killed as a devastating fire swept through at a super-speciality hospital in Kolkata yesterday.

The fire broke out around 3:00am at AMRI Hospital in congested Dhakuria locality of South Kolkata when the vast majority of patients inside the privately-run, seven-storey building were asleep.

Out of some 160 people admitted in the hospital, 90 were rescued. Angry over "mismanagement", relatives vandalised the reception at the main hospital building.

The Bangladeshi who perished in the incident was 75-year-old Gauranga Mondol from Munshiganj district. He was admitted in the centrally-air-conditioned hospital on Wednesday for treatment of neurological disorder and lung ailment.

The fire began in the hospital's basement, which stores combustible material, and most of the victims were patients who suffocated by the thick poisonous

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Bangladeshi victim from Munshiganj

STAR REPORT

Suffering from neurological disorder and lung ailment, Gauranga Mondol had gone all the way from Munshiganj to

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PHOTO: STAR

At Gulshan-2 intersection, Doreen Tower stands flouting all rules and regulations. Even though buildings are not permitted to rise beyond 150 feet in the area, Doreen stands over 300 feet tall. Its car park can accommodate around 40 cars, whereas the rules stipulate that it have parking arrangements for at least 140. The tower also does not have the mandatory open space around it or the fire safety facilities required. The owners claim that they want to arrange parking space in a nearby building, right, but that too goes against the rules.

RISING HIGH flouting rules

Rajuk guilty of violating its own regulations; Gulshan braces for huge traffic mess as 25-storey Doreen Tower readies for opening

TAWFIQUE ALI

The 25-storey Doreen Tower in the capital's Gulshan has been built without height clearance, a required car park and vital fire safety facilities, with Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) playing an inexplicable role.

The high rise at Gulshan-2 roundabout will worsen the traffic chaos in an already crammed commercial area. The extremely limited car park of the building will mean that vehicles belonging to its tenants and visitors will be parked on the street, occupying much of the space there, clogging the traffic in all directions as the Doreen Tower is on the main intersection.

Traffic in the whole area already faces severe congestion, sometimes lasting for hours.

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Firemen evacuate a patient tying her to a rope and lowering her down after a fire devastated a Kolkata hospital yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Climate given some hope

US softens its stance; China, India still rigid

INAM AHMED, from Durban

A last moment drama blew a fresh air into the Durban climate conference as the US surprisingly agreed to an EU proposal that says the bloc would sign the second phase of the legally binding Kyoto protocol, provided all major economies sign a legal climate deal by 2015.

But frayed and tired negotiators are yet to reach their goal as India rejected the proposal and China, the world's biggest emitter of greenhouse gas, has yet to endorse it.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

A policy of convenience

Govt loves, hates unelected people for its own sake

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Five months ago the Awami League-led government abolished the non-partisan caretaker government system for what it has been continuously defending since then --- not to allow again unelected people to assume and exercise state power.

But now it seems to have gone against the much

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Govt plots to keep Khaleda off elections

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that the government is filing cases against Khaleda Zia with a view to implement a conspiracy to keep her away from the next general elections.

"Zia Charitable Trust is

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PM to open Batexpo today

UNB, Dhaka

The 22nd Bangladesh Apparel and Textile Exposition (Batexpo-2011), the country's largest apparel show, begins today in Dhaka, with a high hope to draw larger number of foreign buyers despite the global economic crisis.

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The Daily Star 13th 'O' & 'A' Level Award Presentation Ceremony, 2010-2011

Announcement for 'O' & 'A' Level Private Candidates and Schools

Private Candidates

Private candidates who fulfil the criteria described below are requested to register their names at The Daily Star office for inclusion as awardees. The criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:

Criteria for 'O' Level

Minimum 6 (six) 'A' grades in two consecutive sittings within May/June 2010 to May/June 2011

Criteria for 'A' Level

Minimum 3 (three) 'A' grades within 1 academic year (May/June 2010 to May/June 2011)

Eligible candidates are requested to contact Mr. Khairul Islam at The Daily Star office, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka - 1215 with their original Results Certificates along with a photocopy and 2 (two) passport-size photographs in person on 12, 13, 14 or 15 December 2011 between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Schools

Any school that has students meeting the above criteria but has not been contacted by The Daily Star (i.e. has not been informed of the first scheduled meeting through regular post, email or phone) is requested to contact Mr. Khairul Islam at office (64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215) at the aforementioned dates and times or email him at abeer@thedailystar.net by December 22, 2011 with:

- The name of the school, phone number of a responsible representative (who will attend the meetings) and a valid email address that is checked regularly.

The schools are also requested to promptly prepare a list of the candidates meeting the above criteria, the number of 'A' grades achieved by each candidate, and photocopies of results certificates for each candidate.

NOTE: If you know of any private candidate(s) or school(s) that may be unaware of this, please communicate the above information to them so that we may include them in this ceremony as well.

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