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GATEWAY LICENCE

BTRC tangles

with JS body

ABDULLAH MAMUN

The telecom regulator

yesterday differed with a

parliamentary body on

the formation of a com-

mittee that will evaluate

applications for interna-

tional gateway licences.

experts in the committee

as per recommendations

standing committee on

the telecommunications

ment, 153 new entities

recently submitted appli-

for international gateway,

Tigers to play

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cations seeking licences

BCB wants

in Pakistan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Cricket Board

yesterday asked the gov-

ernment to provide a

security team which

would assess security

Pakistan for Bangladesh

cricket team's proposed

step for the Pakistan tour

The BCB has taken this

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measures taken in

tour in April.

Following an advertise-

over the inclusion of

of the parliamentary

ministry.

The disagreement arose

TRANSCOM

THINKING INDEPENDENTLY

Wiser politics, free press to spur youths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is crucial to ensure that young people think independently in a spirit of curiosity and selfquestioning, while a free press and wiser politics can act as catalysts to help them realise their potential.

The suggestions came from renowned and experienced journalists at a media session of the South Asian Youth Convention: Lead 2012

at a city hotel yesterday.

Several hundred youths -- from students to entrepreneurs -- listened to Simon Dring, former managing director of Ekushey TV, Jawed Naqvi, a Delhi-based columnist, Kanak Mani Dixit, editor of Himal Southasian in Nepal and Nurul Kabir, editor of New Age in Bangladesh, speak of their experiences.

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The opposition's road march towards Chittagong yesterday leaves a day-long gridlock at several places on Dhaka-Chittagong highway. The photo is of stationary vehicles on Kanchpur Bridge.

Sayedee ordered

torching houses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Says 10th prosecution witness

Parerhaat of Pirojpur during the Liberation War.

A prosecution witness told the International Crimes Tribunal yester-

day that Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee ordered a

group of collaborators to torch the house of a businessman in

"Tora ghor-duare agun dhoraiya de [set fire to the houses]," was

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

FACEBOOK POST JU teacher to face sedition charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the inspector general of police (IGP) to file a sedition case immediately against a Jahangirnagar University lecturer for making a "derogatory comment" about the prime minister on social networking website Facebook.

The court, delivering its order on a suo moto rule, asked the IGP to submit a report to it by January 15 after complying with the order.

On January 4, the same court sentenced lecturer Md Ruhul Amin Khandaker to six months imprisonment for contempt of court.

Ruhul Amin, a teacher SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

'Land grabbing' by Bashundhara under JS scan

Probe body formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body will investigate allegations of land grabbing against the Bashundhara Group.

The parliamentary standing committee on land ministry yesterday formed a four-member body headed by its chief AKM Mozammel Huq to investigate the allegations. The probe body was asked to submit report to the

parliamentary committee as soon as possible. "The committee has received a complaint that

Bashundhara Group has grabbed about 40 acres of government land in Dhaka. After a discussion, we formed the probe committee to dig into the matter," lawmaker Matiur Rahman, member of the parliamentary committee, told The Daily Star after a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. He refused to give further details or the name of the

complainant for the sake of investigation. The lawmaker, however, said Bashundhara Group had

constructed illegal structures on government land.

The committee also asked the land ministry to form an

TOXIC PARACETAMOL Complainant skips Rid

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Pharma trial

Despite fixing dates five times for the trial against the managing director and four other officials of Rid Pharma Ltd to commence, a Dhaka court could not hold the trial as the complainant did not appear before it.

Judge Mohammad Abdul Majid of the Drug Court yesterday deferred the hearing until February 14 following a petition seeking adjournment of the hearing as the

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THE YOUNG AND FUTURE

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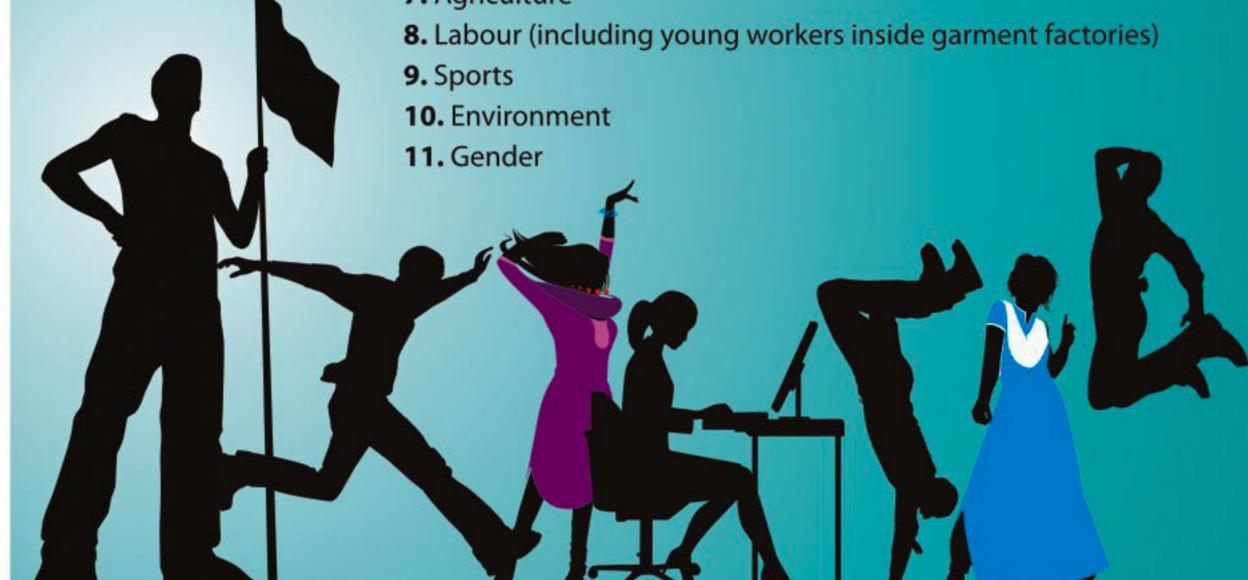
On the occasion of our 21st anniversary, we at The Baily Star have planned to dedicate our anniversary supplement to recognise both the achievements and visions of the youth of Bangladesh.

The supplement which will be titled 'BANGLADESH, THE YOUNG AND THE FUTURE' will aim to highlight and bring to national attention the work of young achievers from every corner of the country.

But to do so we need the help of our readers.

If you know of any young people who have managed to set themselves apart with diligent work for the greater good, please drop us a nomination. We will run a tooth-comb over it and if the work is indeed exceptional we will share the story with a national audience. The categories under which the nomination will be sorted are:

- 1. Technology (also science)
- 2. Public Service (also professionals)
- 3. Politics
- 4. Entrepreneurship
- 5. Arts (music, film etc.)
- 6. Academia (also vocational learning, skill development etc.)
- 7. Agriculture

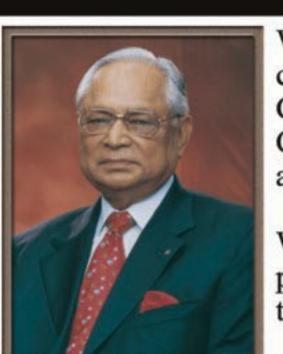


If you are willing to share a story please e-mail us at elita@thedailystar.net with the name of the individual or group and a brief write-up (no greater than 400 words) of what they are doing.

Deadline for submissions is **January 15, 2011**. This is your chance to get recognised. So get your nominations in.



Rival factions of Comilla district BNP clash over space on the dais at Khaleda Zia's rally at Poduar Bazar in Comilla yesterday.



We deeply mourn at the sad demise of country's most eminent Industrialist, Courageous Entrepreneur, Philanthropist & Chairman of Square Group of Industries and Mutual Trust Bank Limited.

We pray for his departed soul rest in eternal peace and express our profound sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Samson H Chowdhury



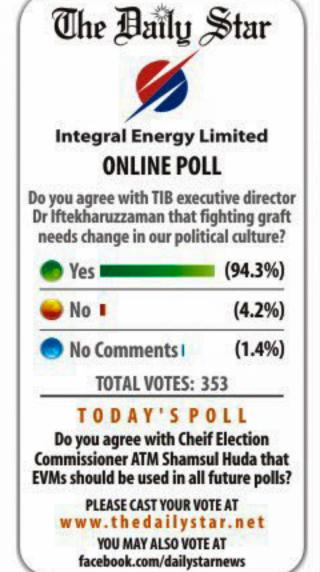


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