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High achievers at the O- and A-level examinations pose with medals and certificates at The Daily Star's 13th award ceremony for outstanding students at Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

63 students get world's highest scores

The Daily Star honours 1,353 highest achievers in O and A Level exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Daily Star yesterday honoured the nation's 1,353 highest achievers in O- and A- levels, including the 63 who ranked among the globe's top scorers subject-wise. The students received medals and certificates of excellence in the ceremony themed "Saluting the Nation Builders of Tomorrow" attended by their teachers, families, friends, and special guests in the capital's Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium. The 13th annual awards went to 82 highest scorers and 833 students of the O-level, who obtained a minimum of six A's in two consecutive exams, and 46 highest scorers and 339 students of A-level, who attained at least three A's in the academic session 2010-11, besides 53 private

 NABANITA NAWAR Nawar, who scored top grades in four science subjects in O level SEE PAGE 19 COL 2	 MD IMRAN KHAN Mastermind student Imran, who scored five As in A level exam, said SEE PAGE 19 COL 2	 MAHNAZ ISLAM The Maple Leaf International School student gave credit to SEE PAGE 19 COL 2	 HASBIUL AMEEN The O level student, who scored 10 As in a single sitting, said he SEE PAGE 19 COL 2	 SHAHRUK HOSSAIN "I did not expect to do this well!" said Shahruk, who scored SEE PAGE 19 COL 3	 SAADMAN RAHMAN The student of Bangladesh International Tutorial SEE PAGE 19 COL 3	 SAMIRA ASHRAF "I want to be a doctor although I did well in Accounting," said SEE PAGE 19 COL 3	 PULOK ROY Pulok, who scored 10 As in O level, aspires to become a doctor. SEE PAGE 19 COL 3	 SAMIUL KARIM KHAN The A level student from Academia with five As under his belt SEE PAGE 19 COL 3
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Shakib's birthday celebrated
Hasina, Khaleda greet the allrounder
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh allrounder Shakib Al Hasan celebrated his 26th birthday yesterday, two days after he was adjudged the best player of Asia Cup Cricket 2012. He cut a cake at a dinner hosted by Bangladesh Cricket Board at a city hotel in the evening. All
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JS body to back Navy upgrade

SHAKHAWAT LITON
The parliamentary standing committee on defence ministry will extend all-out support to Bangladesh Navy for upgrading it into a three-dimensional force by introducing new frigates, submarines, maritime patrol aircraft and other equipment. As part of the plan, chief of the parliamentary body, M Idris Ali, said the committee will hold discussion at its next meeting early April to review progress of implementation of the ten-year plan to strengthen the navy. "Apart from the review, we will also discuss what should be done more in the wake of new situation and ask the government to take necessary steps to that effect," Idris, also a former defence secretary, told The Daily Star. After Bangladesh won a landmark verdict on March 14 which established the country's rights over the Bay of Bengal, he said there is no alternative to enhancing
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Spelling Bee Divisional round held in Khulna
SHAHNOOR RABBANI
The Fairway Community Hall in Khulna was buzzing with excitement yesterday as the spellers at The Daily Star Spelling Bee contest fought hard to earn a spot in the TV round. Winners of the internet round from Khulna and
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PRAYER TIMING March 25
Azan Jamaat
Fajr 4-45 5-20
Zohr 12-45 1-15
Asr 4-45 5-00
Maghrib 6-20 6-25
Esha 7-45 8-15
Source: Islamic Foundation

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Children participating in The Daily Star Spelling Bee contest at the Fairway Community Hall in Khulna yesterday.

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