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PRESIDENT'S PARDONING FUGITIVE

It's misuse of power

HC observes in judgement of a case during Biswas' tenure; that mercy made ineffective

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
It would be a misuse of power and an arbitrary decision from the viewpoint of the rule of law if the president pardons a fugitive accused, the High Court observed yesterday.
The court made the observations while delivering a verdict in a case challenging a 1993 presidential clemency granted to one Sarwar Kamal, who was then on the run.
Citing examples of various cases, the HC also said it had the jurisdiction to examine whether the president had misused his constitutional power.
Kamal was one of the three convicts in a case filed for beating a man to death. The case was filed with Teknaf Police Station in Cox's Bazar on July 25, 1981.
In July 1989, the trial court sentenced each of the three to 10 years' imprisonment.
But following an appeal against the verdict, the HC on August 28, 1991 granted Kamal bail till disposal of the appeal petition. Subsequently, he was freed from jail.
However, in September 1992 the HC in its judgement
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Tree branches come crashing down on vehicles on Hare Road in the capital yesterday evening during the nor'wester that swept over Dhaka. A rickshaw puller lost his life on Dhaka University campus when a branch fell on his rickshaw. His passenger is in grave condition at DMCH. Story on Page 2.

PHOTO: STAR

Suhrawardy in turmoil

College shut, work boycott in hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The authorities of the capital's Suhrawardy Medical College closed the institution sine die yesterday following Tuesday's clash between students and residents of Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University staff quarters.
The students of the medical college had to vacate their dormitory by 11:00am yesterday.
The officials and employees of the hospital also observed a two-hour-long work abstinence yesterday protesting Tuesday night's incident, and demanded apprehension and punishment of those who attacked the students and doctors, vandalised at least 15 dormitory rooms, TV room and the canteen.
The emergency department was closed for about two hours due to the work abstinence of the officials and employees.
Sub-Inspector Tanvir Hasan of Sher-e-Banglanagar Police Station said three cases were filed with his station against 10-12 outsiders and a number of unidentified people in connection with attacking the students of the college and vandalism on Tuesday.



Inevitability or a tragedy?

INAM AHMED
It is not so much an inevitability as a tragedy. A government that came to power with a landslide unseen since 1973, suddenly looks weak and waned. But then it is not so much a tragedy as an inevitable pitfall of a brute majority.
In the last one year, the government has been beset by event after event, most of which were avoidable. But why they were not avoided, people are short on answers, and now the whole political scene is misting over.
When this debilitation began is a long story. Some may say it started with the unleashing of the law enforcing agencies, especially Rab. The shooting of an innocent student, Limon, to make him a cripple, was so appalling that the whole country rose up in uproar. Only the home ministry and the ruling Awami League defended the act.
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Amini prays for Hasina's doom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chairman of a faction of pro-opposition Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini has begged in public to Almighty Allah for making
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5 Destiny directors' bank accounts frozen

HC weighs in to stop hotel construction on Cox's Bazar beach

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The National Board of Revenue yesterday froze bank accounts of Destiny Group's five directors, including the chairman of the much-talked-about company.
Bangladesh Bank also asked all banks to provide it with information about the accounts of the company's 14 directors, including its president and the chairman, and its 37 sister organisations.
The NBR and the central bank took the steps in the wake of a controversy over "illegal banking" by the multi-level marketing company.
Meanwhile, the High Court yesterday directed the company to stop within 24
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RAILWAYGATE SCANDAL

A sack, luggage came from Ctg

Driver of sacked GM tells anti-graft body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Suspended railway general manager Yusuf Ali Mridha had a sack of jackfruit and luggage with him when he and his wife came to Dhaka from Chittagong on April 9, said Mridha's driver yesterday.
Mokhlesur Rahman, the driver, was talking to reporters after submitting his statement to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in connection with the recent railwaygate scam.
Summoned by the ACC to put some light on the scandal,
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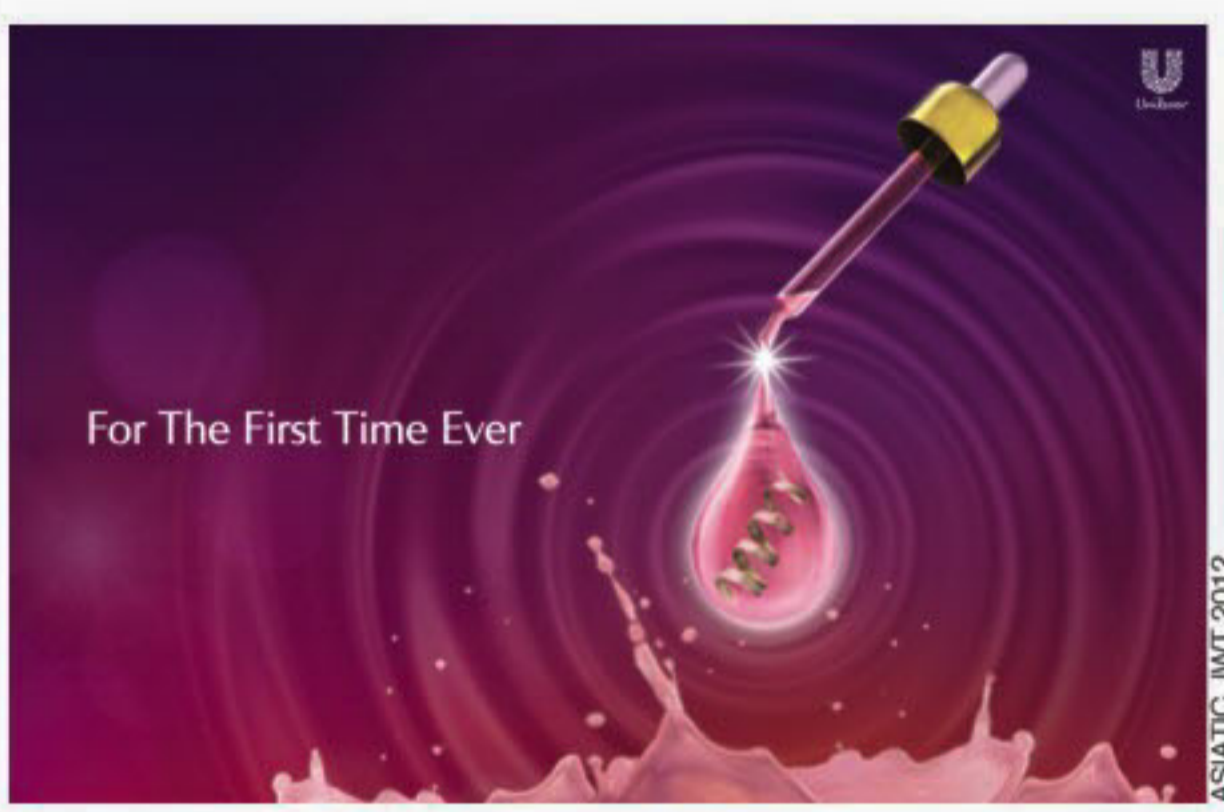
Mokhlesur Rahman



Acting thana health officer of Charvodrason, Faridpur, Abidur Rahman receives treatment after being assaulted by a pro-ruling party Jubo League activist yesterday.

Doctor injured

Assaulted for not certifying League man's injury as critical
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur
A Jubo League activist assaulted a doctor at a health complex in Faridpur on Tuesday as he was not satisfied with the medical certificate issued
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