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## JOURNO COUPLE MURDER Rab too going at snail's pace

Viscera report done 10 days ago, collected only yesterday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The viscera report of slain journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi was prepared at least 10 days ago, but the Rapid Action Battalion collected it only yesterday.

According to sources in the forensic medicine department of Dhaka Medical College, the report found that no sedative, poison or any chemical was used in killing the duo.

After the report from Mohakhali Chemical Laboratory reached the medical college 10 days ago, the authorities contacted the Rab several times.

Finally, a representative of the battalion received it from the department around 10:30am yesterday, an official of the forensic department said.

Sagar, news editor of the TV channel Maasranga, and



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Show humility in authority  
Speaker asks govt, judiciary, legislature

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid said in parliament yesterday that the mindset of those in government and in the legislature and judiciary needed to improve and none should claim supremacy over others.

"It's not proper if I think I'm supreme as the Speaker of this parliament. Likewise, the

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## 4 Destiny top shots quizzed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday quizzed four top officials of Destiny Group, including its chairman Rafiqul Amin, over various irregularities in the multilevel company.

The outcome of the grilling, however, could not immediately be known.

The seven-hour interrogation that began at 10:00am took place at the commission's Segunbagicha office in the

capital.

Following the quizzing that ended at 6:30pm, ACC Chairman Ghulam Rahman said the commission would protect the interests of the investors of the MLM company.

In mid-April, the anti-graft watchdog opened an investigation into financial anomalies, including illegal banking, by the company and its sister concerns.

The ACC chief, however, could not say

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Spelling Bee semifinal starts today

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

The semi-finals round of The Daily Star Spelling Bee contest begins today as 24 of the country's top spellers will fight it out to be the best.

Channel i will air the six semi-final episodes of the competition at 7:50 pm every Wednesday and Thursday for the next three weeks.

Four contestants will compete in each episode and the top finisher from each episode will qualify

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## BILL PASSED PM, ministers under tax net

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday passed two bills repealing provisions that exempted the prime minister, ministers, state ministers, and deputy ministers from paying taxes on their salaries for over three decades.

Now, their salaries from July 1 last year would be taxable. On February 29, two other bills were passed scrapping "discriminatory" provisions from two laws that exempted the Speaker, deputy speaker and MPs from paying taxes on their remunerations.

The ruling Awami League in its manifesto, amended in July, 2009, had stated that there would be no "discriminatory" laws between lawmaker and citizens of Bangladesh.

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Wasfia reaches Namche Bazar Nishat, Mohit stranded for bad weather

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi adventurer Wasfia Nazreen reached Namche Bazar safely yesterday while Nishat Majumder and MA Mohit remained stranded in Lukla for the second day yesterday due to bad weather.

"Now I am very close to

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PHOTO: STAR

A 15-member Malaysian expert team visits the Padma Bridge site at Mawa in Munshiganj yesterday. Story on page 19.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets Qatar Foreign Ministry Assistant Minister Sheikh Rashed Khalifa at the VIP lounge of Doha International Airport yesterday. Hasina is in Doha to attend the US-Islamic World Forum.

PHOTO: PID



Zia's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 31st death anniversary of late president Ziaur Rahman, the founder of BNP.

The party and its associated organisations have taken up an eight-day programme to observe the day.

Zia, who founded Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) in 1978, was

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MP SENT TO JAIL  
Jamaat calls hartal in Ctg for today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CG

Jamaat-e-Islami is to enforce a six-hour hartal in the port city today protesting sending of a party lawmaker to jail in an arson case.

A Chittagong court yesterday cancelled bail of Jamaat lawmaker ANM Shamsul Islam and sent him to prison in a case filed under the speedy

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## PM for fighting poverty jointly Speaks at US-Islamic World Forum 2012 in Doha

UNB, Doha

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for joint efforts of all states to face the twin challenges of poverty and terrorism to secure global peace and harmony for future generations.

Terming poverty a major "challenge of change" in the region, Hasina said she believes that poverty is the number one common enemy as it provides breeding ground of terrorism.

The premier made the remarks in her keynote speech at the gala dinner of 'US-Islamic World Forum' 2012 held at the

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## CONTAINER TRAIN DERAILS

## Rail link with Ctg snapped for 17 hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, CTG

Rail communication between Chittagong and other parts of the country resumed yesterday evening after about a 17-hour-long disruption caused by derailment of four bogies of a container train.

A Dhaka-bound train from Chittagong veered off the course at Jangalia near Moynamati Railway Station in Comilla and ploughed into another tracks around 1:30am, damaging both lines.

Hundreds of people bound for

Dhaka, Sylhet and other destinations had faced untold sufferings at Chittagong Railway Station as schedules of six train services were cancelled and one was delayed.

Zakir Hossain, divisional transportation officer (DTO) of railway, told The Daily Star "Train communication on the route resumed at 6:00pm after two relief trains from Akhaura and Laksham reached the spot, cleared the lines and repaired the damaged tracks."

Sukumar Bhoumik, divisional

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Facebook phone in progress

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Mark Zuckerberg is working on putting a Facebook phone into the hands of the 350 million users who access the social network via their mobiles each month.

Days after its \$16bn roller-coaster share sale, Facebook is preparing to take on Google and Apple by creating its own handset and the software to

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the Election Commission will be able to hold the next general election in a neutral manner even if there is no caretaker government?

Yes (10.4%)

No (87.3%)

No Comments (2.3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 577

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Suranjan Sengupta that an invisible power or a third force might be involved in all the recent sensational incidents?

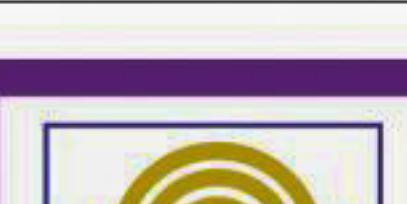
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PRAYER TIMING

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-43	6-47
Esha	8-05	8-35
Source	Islamic Foundation	



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