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There is no official plan to publicly honour the father of Cuban revolution
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New strategy drawn up to fight graft

Wealth reports of MPs, judges, govt officials might be made mandatory

REJAUL KARIM BYRON
In a move to fight corruption, the government has drafted National Integrity Strategy that calls for mandatory publication of wealth statements of lawmakers, judges and government officials.
According to the strategy, a separate department will be set up to investigate corruption allegations.
Cabinet division officials said the draft spelt out the steps to be taken to check corruption and ensure good governance.
A finance ministry high-up said development partners especially Japan International Cooperation Agency and Asian Development Bank have been putting pressure on the government to prepare the strategy in the wake of corruption allegations over the Padma bridge project.
A high official of the Economic Relations Division said top Jica officials on several occasions communicated to

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Britons sang and dance to bid adieu to the 30th Olympiad in a spectacular closing ceremony at the Olympic Stadium in London yesterday. The long night also marked the end of a 17-day spectacle full of drama, suspense, excitement and above all human endeavour of reaching new heights and with a pledge to renew these in Rio de Janeiro come 2016. For records the United States won highest 104 medals in London 2012, China followed them with 87 and the hosts surged to third with a haul of 65.

PHOTO: AFP

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Uganda's Kiprotich wins gold in marathon

AFP, London

Uganda's Stephen Kiprotich stunned a strong Kenyan team to win the men's Olympic marathon on Sunday, handing his east African nation only their second ever gold medal.
Kiprotich timed 2hr 08min 01sec on the spectacular course around the streets of central London, with two-time defending world champion Abel Kirui claiming silver in 2:08.27.
Another Kenyan, long-time leader Wilson Kipsang, took bronze in 2:09.37.
"I am very happy to win a medal for my country. I love my people. Uganda



Govt won't take over GB

Muhith accuses Yunus of waging 'harmful campaign'
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday accused Nobel Laureate and Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus of waging "an unnecessary and harmful campaign" against the country.
The government has no plans to take over Grameen Bank and what Prof Yunus has been propagating are lies, Muhith said at a roundtable organised by Transparency International Bangladesh at Cirdap auditorium in the capital.
"I have said a hundred times that Prof Yunus is not speaking the truth when he says that the government wants to take over Grameen Bank."
Supporters of Grameen Bank at home and abroad first voiced concern that the government was



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NUKE POWER PLANT Russia agrees to provide 85pc fund

Loan agreement by year end
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Russia has agreed to provide as credit 85 percent of the estimated Tk 12,000-15,000 crore needed for setting up the first-ever nuclear power plant in Bangladesh.
It will initially provide \$500 million (around Tk 4,000 crore) for conducting necessary studies and preparing the design for the 1,000 MW nuke plant.
This was agreed at a two-day meeting between Dhaka and Moscow on August 8-9 in the Russian capital, officials at the Science and Technology Ministry told The Daily Star yesterday.
An agreement for the loan is

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Sayedee's certificates under probe

JS body says name, age changed illegally
RASHIDUL HASAN
Which one is his real name -- Mostafa Delwar Hossain, Abu Noman Md Delwar Hossain or Delwar Hossain Sayedee?
A parliamentary committee has found something pretty interesting about the Jamaat leader, now facing trial on charges of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War in 1971.
Sayedee, nayeb-e-ameer of Jamaat, changed his name



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MEDICAL COLLEGES No admission test this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
There will be no admission tests for public and private medical colleges this year as students will be enrolled on the basis of their SSC and HSC results.
This was decided at a meeting at the health ministry yesterday with Health and Family Welfare Minister AFM Ruhul Haque in the chair.
The meeting decided that the candidates must

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Death toll 300 in Iran quakes

5,000 injured
REUTERS, Dubai
Overcrowded hospitals in northwest Iran struggled to cope with thousands of earthquake victims yesterday as rescuers raced to reach remote villages after two powerful quakes killed nearly 300 people.
Thousands huddled in makeshift camps or slept in the street after Saturday's quakes for fear of more aftershocks, 60 of which had already struck. A lack of tents and other supplies left them exposed to the night chill, one witness told Reuters.
"I saw some people whose entire home was destroyed, and all their livestock killed," Tahir Sadati, a local photographer, said by telephone. "People need help, they need warm clothes, more tents, blankets and bread."
The worst damage and most casualties appeared to have been in rural villages around the towns of Ahar, Varzaghan and Harees, near the major city of Tabriz, Iranian media reported.

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Spices too hot at Eid market

SUMAN SAHA
Despite a drop of prices in the wholesale spice market, retailers are still charging customers high for items like raisins, cumin, cloves and cardamom.
Prices of some spices dropped by as much as Tk 150 a kg a month ago, according to data gathered by The Daily Star.
However, visiting Karwan Bazar, Palassy and Moulvibazar, a huge price discrepancy between wholesale and retail prices was noticed.
Traders at Moulvibazar, a key wholesale market in the capital, sold cloves for Tk 1,400-1,480 a kg yesterday, which was Tk 1,550-1600 a month ago.
But cloves in retail were Tk 1,700-1,800 a kg, the same price asked for a month ago.
Wholesalers cut cardamom prices to Tk 1,550 a kg from Tk 1,700 last month but retailers kept the prices unchanged at Tk 2,400 a kg.
Raisins were selling at wholesale for Tk 320-330 a kg, down from Tk 360-370, since last month. Retail customers, however, have to pay the



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BCL leader killed as AL men clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A local leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League was stabbed to death by activists of a faction of ruling Awami League in Rangunia upazila of Chittagong Saturday night.
The deceased was identified as Rashed Chowdhury, 26, relief and disaster management secretary of the AL-backed student body's Chittagong district (north) unit.
Police yesterday arrested three persons in this connection.
M Monzur Morshed,

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