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Bangladesh should present its offerings more attractively, says an expert

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Exhibition reflects the veteran sculptor's love for nature

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## ENDEAVOR'S 26th MISSION

This time the space shuttle heads for retirement home

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# Let's now help build bridge fast

*Co-financiers to nudge WB to cut bureaucracy in the Padma project*

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The Asian Development Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency will propose forming a task force for new procurement arrangements for speedy and clean implementation of the Padma Bridge project.

Officials of the ADB and Jica -- co-financiers of the project -- said they will also propose to the World Bank to ensure completion of the pre-procurement

process in the shortest possible time.

The proposals will come in the context of the usually lengthy process of approval by the WB, the principal financier of the project.

The ADB and Jica have already discussed the proposals, the officials told The DailyStar yesterday.

The WB is sending a five-member team to Dhaka in a couple of days as a follow-up to its decision to revive the \$1.2b Padma

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Activists of 12 like-minded Islamist parties vandalise a police van in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday before they torch the vehicle. The parties were trying to bring out a protest procession, violating a ban on demonstrations there, when they clashed with police. More photos on page 5.

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## Aus through to Super Eights

AFP, Colombo

Australia qualified for the Super Eights round of the World Twenty20 by defeating the West Indies in a rain-interrupted group B

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## Rampage in Rangamati

*Arguments of 2 students lead to clashes; 20 hurt*

STAR REPORT

At least 20 people including a union parishad chairman and a sub-inspector were injured in a clash between indigenous people and Bangalee settlers in Rangamati town yesterday.

The clash that erupted around 10:00am from

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## Hartal today

*Vehicles burnt at home over anti-Islamic film, cartoons made abroad*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twelve like-minded Islamist parties called a countrywide daylong hartal for today following clashes with police for around an hour near the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The clashes erupted around 11:15am when activists of the parties tried to bring out a procession, violating a ban on

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## Science education on the wane

*Number of science students declining alarmingly, no govt initiative to encourage them, The Daily Star-Freedom Foundation roundtable told*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Science education in the country has suffered an alarming decline over the last two decades as it is no longer considered lucrative and the government remains indifferent to the situation, emi-

nent scientists told a discussion yesterday.

In his keynote speech, Munir Hasan, a consultant in the science and technology ministry, said the number of science students has fallen by half

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# Climate Awards

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