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**Lutfur stays among top 100 powerful in UK left**

STAR REPORT

Lutfur Rahman, a British citizen of Bangladeshi origin, has been named as one of the top 100 powerful figures within the Labour movement.

As delegates have gathered in Manchester for the Labour Party's annual conference, Iain Dale and Brian Brivati have produced the list titled "Top

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## A wake-up call to all

Children neglected may lead to a nation under threat

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM

Monir knocks on car windows as a hobby. Everyday, day after day, come rain, shine or high water, he is at it whenever he has some spare time from his actual job that of collecting rubbish. Monir is committed to his job, eager almost, running helter-skelter with a ragged satchel bag hung determinedly over his shoulder as he sifts through Gulshan's growing pile of waste.

Paper and plastic are his currencies of choice. "They earn me the most money,"

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Rust has eaten away their slide in Shyamoli Shishu Park in the capital but these underprivileged children still manage to have fun with it albeit with caution, as a small cut from the oxidised metal could become nasty. A child, inset, sleeps on a pavement in Motijheel clutching probably his only toy while the parents are away at work. Negligence of children at almost all levels is hardly looked into with social services doing little.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON/ANISUR RAHMAN

**Mars rover to scoop sand sample**

AFP, Washington

Nasa's Mars Curiosity rover is parked at a sand pit and ready to scoop up soil to clean and test its geological sampling hardware, the US space agency said on Thursday.

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## RAILWAYGATE SCANDAL

# It was not first time

*Whistleblower claims to have carried money to Suranji's house before; Suranji bins it all*

STAR REPORT

Driver Azam Khan, the whistleblower of the railwaygate scandal, claimed that he on one occasion had carried Tk 2 crore collected from railway jobseekers as bribe to Suranji's house.

"We used to bring the money from Yusuf Ali Mridha's house. A few days ago [before the scandal surfaced] Mr Farug asked him [Mridha] in the car how much money was there. He [Mridha] said, 'The full amount, two crore.' I was there. I later carried the money to a room inside Suranji Babu's house," said Azam in the

conclusion of the two-part interview with Rtv. The second part was aired yesterday.

However, Suranji Sengupta yesterday at a rally in his constituency Sunamganj claimed that he had never met Azam and that he had no link with the scandal. He was innocent and clean.

Azam was the driver of Suranji Sengupta's sacked- assistant personal secretary (APS) Omar Faruq Talukder.

In the interview Azam also claimed that the bribe money from jobseekers had been used in the telecom business of

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**MBA student dies from stab wounds**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth died from stab wounds in what police suspect was a case of murder in the city yesterday.

The deceased, Shamim Ahmed, 29, was an MBA student at Stamford University. His cousin Arifa Parvin Poly claimed the wounds were self-inflicted.

When Poly took Shamim to the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital around noon, doctors

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# Not politics, only for business

*Ershad ousts lawmaker Reza from JP*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday expelled HM Golam Reza, lawmaker from Satkhira-4, from his party, allegedly over business discord between the two.

However, a JP press release says violation of party discipline was what caused Ershad, who has the absolute authority to hire and fire any member of his party, to expel Reza.

Sources close to Ershad gave a different account of what was behind Reza's expul-



HM Golam Reza

sion from the JP.

They said the JP chairman in 2003 assigned Reza to look after his cold storage and other businesses in Rangpur and Dhaka.

"But recently he [Reza] misbehaved with sir [Ershad] when he sought to look into the accounts of those businesses. Besides, sir was displeased with his misappropriation of money," a JP leader, who is also a party presidium member, said wishing not to be named.

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**WHO WILL LAUGH TONIGHT?** West Indies skipper Darren Sammy (L) and Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene pose with the ICC World Twenty20 trophy at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo yesterday, ahead of the final of the global event today.

## World T20 final today

BISHWAJIT ROY from Colombo

The ICC World Twenty20 reaches its climax today with two deserving, talented teams in Sri Lanka and West Indies facing off in the final at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo.

The match starts at 7:30pm Bangladesh time. State-run Bangladesh Television will show the match live.

The final marks an opportunity for both teams to add major silverware to their respective trophy cabinets

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**Felix, top, before he jumped off a balloon from 71,581 feet during a test jump in March this year.**



**Austrian going to jump from space**

THE DAILY MAIL ONLINE

For 23 miles up on the edge of space, and wearing only a pressurised suit and a parachute, Felix Baumgartner will pause at the hatch of his tiny capsule as it ascends into the heavens beneath one of the biggest balloons ever made.

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Do you think government will be able to recover the money misappropriated by Hall-Mark Group with the help of Sonali Bank officials?

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## Fake note den busted, 4 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday arrested four members of a ring counterfeiting bank bills, seized notes worth Tk 24 lakh and busted their mini-factory in the capital's Uttara.

The detainees are Moniruzzaman Rashid Babu alias Driver Babu, 25, Mohammad Rubel alias Chashma Rubel, 28, Mohammad Shaheen Miah, 24, and Khokan Miah, 26. The factory at a flat on the third

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## Written tests of 33rd BCS put off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Public Service Commission yesterday postponed the written test of the 33rd Bangladesh Civil Service examination scheduled to start today in the wake of question leak allegations.

Exams on the compulsory subjects scheduled to be held from October 7 to October 18 have been postponed. But the subject-wise tests due from October 30 to November 14 will be held as per

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