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The gateman has lowered the safety bar as train approaches. But these people cannot be patient and wait until the level-crossing is opened. The photos were taken at Jurain in the capital recently.



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Suu Kyi wants to be president

AP, Yangon, Myanmar
 Myanmar Opposition Leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday declared her willingness to serve as president, and her party's intention to amend the constitution to allow her to do so.
 Suu Kyi said it is her duty as leader of the National League for Democracy party to be willing to take the executive office if that is what the people want.
 Myanmar's next election is in 2015.
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Alim ordered killing of Hindus in Joypurhat

Ex-student leader testifies at war crimes tribunal
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 A prosecution witness yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that war crimes accused BNP leader Abdul Alim had ordered execution of a number of Hindus of Khetlal upazila in Joypurhat during the Liberation War.
 Nurul Islam, a former student leader of Khetlal and the third prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Alim, said the then Pakistani army and their local collaborators had picked up some Hindu people from Uttar Hatsahar of Khetlal in May 1971.
 They were tortured at a Peace committee office and shot dead at Khanjanpur
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MIR QUASHEM Quizzing for one more day permitted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday allowed the investigation officer of war crimes case against Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali to interrogate him one more day at a "safe house" in Dhanmondi.
 Reminding the investigation officer of his failure to inform the defence 48 hours prior to quizzing the accused, tribunal chairman Justice Md
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STEM CELL RESEARCH Japanese, British duo wins Nobel

AFP, Stockholm
 Shinya Yamanaka of Japan and John Gurdon of Britain won the Nobel Prize yesterday for work in cell programming, a frontier that has raised dreams of growing replacement tissue for people crippled by disease.
 The two scientists were lauded for determining that adult cells can be transformed back to an infant, versatile state called stem cells.
 "Their findings have revolutionised our understanding of how cells and organisms develop," the Nobel jury declared.
 Gurdon told Swedish Radio he was surprised by the honour, since his award-winning research was done more than 40 years ago.
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S Yamanaka J Gurdon

Tangail-3 by-polls on Nov 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The chief election commissioner (CEC) yesterday urged the political parties to participate in the by-polls of Tangail-3 parliamentary constituency to be held on November 18.
 The last day for submitting the nomination papers is October 18, CEC Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad announced at a press briefing at Election Commission Secretariat.
 November 1 would be the last date for withdrawing candidacies from the
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Workers are busy repairing the sculpture of peacocks on a traffic island in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday. In the old photo taken on August 2 this year, the peacocks lie in a sorry state as their metal components got stolen by thieves mostly junkies.
 PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

DCC polls face further delay

HC extends stay order for 3 more months
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The High Court yesterday once again extended its previous stay order on holding the Dhaka city corporation polls by three months, as the authorities neither implemented nor replied to its directives.
 The elections to both the north and south city corporations were scheduled for May 24, as announced by the Election Commission on April 9.
 Earlier on April 16, following a writ petition, the court had stayed the elections for three months as "the legal procedures" were not carried out beforehand.
 Asaduzzaman Siddiqui, general secretary of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, filed the writ petition the previous day.
 On July 23, the court extended the original stay order for three more months.
 Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and
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Opposition men clash with cops

18-party calls hartal for today in Gaibandha
 OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
 At least 32 people, including nine law enforcers, were injured yesterday in Gaibandha when police intercepted a procession brought out by activists of BNP-led 18-party alliance from the district's Shaheed Minar premises.
 Leaders of the alliance called a half-day hartal for today in Gaibandha municipality in protest of the police action.
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Nasheed arrested

The Maldives ex-president is accused of abusing power
 AFP, Male
 Armed Maldivian police arrested the country's first democratically elected president yesterday after he ignored court orders to stand trial for abusing his power while in office, his party said.
 Police in riot gear and carrying an arrest warrant broke down a door of a house where Mohamed Nasheed was staying on the island of Fares Maathodaa in the south of the archipelago, a famous honeymoon spot for the rich and famous.
 The United States, a strong backer of the Maldives, urged all sides of the political divide in the fledgling democracy to stay calm and reject the use of violence following Monday's high-profile arrest.
 An embassy statement also denied any
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