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## GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX Bangladesh goes two notches up

UNB, Dhaka  
Bangladesh goes two steps up in the Global Hunger Index this year to the 68th position from the 70th last year.

But the country's hunger situation still remains 'alarming' as defined by the index.

The October 2012 Global Hunger Index (GHI), jointly prepared by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, was released through the IFPRI website on Thursday.

GHI combines three equally weighted indicators -- undernourishment, child underweight and child mortality -- to count the scores, and rank countries on a 100-point scale in which zero is the best score (no hunger) and 100

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## \$120M TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

# Sahara's New Dhaka in limbo

TAWFIQUE ALI

Indian conglomerate Sahara's much-hyped proposed schemes, including a satellite township within the capital's periphery, are looking uncertain after a recent court order on the group and "slow" preparations by its local affiliate Matribhumi Unnayan Corporation.

Sahara India Pariwar signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh government on May 23 with the intention of developing a satellite township fashioned "New Dhaka".

Three days after the signing, Subrata Roy Sahara, chairman of the group, launched the Matribhumi Unnayan Corporation Ltd in Bangladesh and announced an initial investment of \$120 million.

He presented Sheikh Fazle Fahim, son of ruling Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and nephew of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, as the company's



Subrata Roy Sahara

director.

"Fahim will be our guide and mentor here," said Subrata at the launching ceremony.

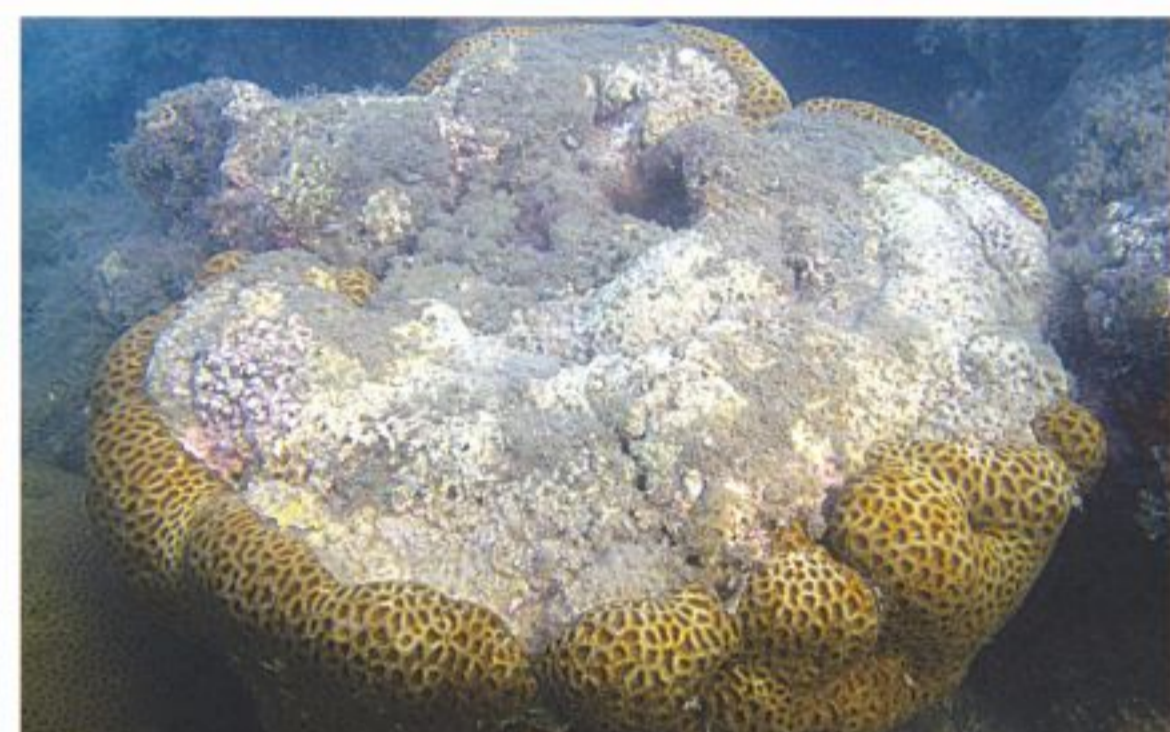
Around a year ago, Sahara placed a conceptual proposal to the government and asked for either one-lakh acres or half-a-lakh acres of land to develop a "New City" with "affordable housing for low-income groups" near the capital.

Meanwhile, the Matribhumi Unnayan Corporation is yet to be registered with the joint stock of companies and incorporated in the Board of Investment.

Talking to The Daily Star in June, Fahim said they were set to finalise by July the procurement of a sizable land for a housing scheme on the capital's eastern fringe.

"We will start the construction by the middle of next year," he said, adding that a couple more sites were also awaiting finalisation. He, however, did not specify any site location.

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The underwater photos recently taken by Sharif Sarwar show dying and colourless corals of St Martin's Island. Increasing human activity there is putting a stress on the marine life.

PHOTO: COURTESY

# Long wait at coasts

Many fishermen go missing; storm death toll rises to 25; disaster minister insists weather signal properly given

STAR REPORT

Families of hundreds of fishermen missing since Thursday's storm are anxiously waiting in the coastal areas for them to return. They said they had been living in the open without food and drinking water since the storm.

The death toll from the storm rose

to 25 yesterday with three more bodies recovered in Noakhali.

Rescue trawlers have been sent in the Bay in search of the missing fishermen and trawlers.

People from different affected areas said they were yet to receive any relief.

Abdul Khalek of Char Elahi, one of the five unions affected under

Companiganj upazila in Noakhali, said like many of his neighbours, his house was also damaged by the storm and they all had been living under the open sky since, reports our correspondent from Char Elahi.

The powerful storm lashed several upazilas of Noakhali, Bhola, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar early

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PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

People yesterday try to remove a large tree that fell on the Madhyam Char Kakra High School in Companiganj of Noakhali during Thursday's storm that swept through several districts.

# CORALS in peril

Global warming, unplanned tourism hit Saint Martin's Island hard

PINAKI ROY

Corals under water around Saint Martin's Island are being destroyed by global warming, over exploitation and unplanned tourism.

Many of these now appear colourless and dead, said Anisuzzaman Khan, former biodiversity expert of International Union for Conservation of Nature, Bangladesh and Dubai municipality, who recently

dived on the coral reef 22 feet under water around the island.

Ocean acidification and rise in sea temperature, both linked to global warming, cause corals to expel the algae that are photosynthetic and live within their tissues and upon which their survival depends as they exist together in a symbiotic relationship.

With the expulsion of the algae, corals lose colour

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# Beware! Easy jobs are risky

Swindlers run lucrative ads to lure the unemployed

SHUDIPTA SHARMA

A job seeker from Satkhira caught sight of a newspaper advertisement promising jobs without experience. So he called the phone number on the advert.

"Your job is ready. Just come to our office prepared to join," said the person on the other end of the line.

Jobseeker Bazlur Rahman, 40, left for the capital the next day.

When Bazlur arrived at the office of Daily Ajker Bashundhara in Paltan, they offered him a position of floor-in-charge at a garment factory with a monthly salary of Tk 9,200 even though it was a newspaper office.

With Bazlur readily accepting the offer, they asked for Tk 4,500 as "advance lodging fee". He paid Tk 500 immediately and the rest the next day.

He was thunderstruck when he stepped inside the hostel, which was overcrowded and dirty. The biggest shock came when the company

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14-year-old Pakistani girl Malala Yousufzai

# Radio Mullah sent hitmen

Anti-Taliban girl still lies unconscious in Pak hospital

REUTERS, Peshawar

One of the Taliban's most feared commanders, Maulana Fazlullah, carefully briefed two killers from his special hit squad on their next target.

The gunmen weren't going after any army officer, politician or Western diplomat.

Their target was a 14-year-old Pakistani

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## ATTACK ON BUDDHISTS BNP responsible for violence: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday blamed the BNP for the Ramu violence and said the BNP always causes an incident to happen and then accuses others, like the grenade attack on an Awami League rally in 2004.

"The Awami League government has ensured rights of all religions by amending the constitution. Religious festivals of all religions have been observed amidst

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# AL, BNP unwilling to unearth truth

Observes citizen's body; 2 more arrested from Ramu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criticising the blame game of the two major political parties, a citizens' body yesterday alleged that the government and the opposition are reluctant to unearth the truth behind the attack on the Buddhist community.


"We apprehend that the truth

behind the attack at Ramu in Cox's bazar will not come to light, as the activists of two major parties were involved in the incident", said columnist Syed Abul Moksud, a representative of Nagorik Protinidhi Dal.

At a press conference at Dhaka

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