



## THE GRAND WALIMA

The reception of Saif-Kareena was no less than a royal affair

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Police charge baton on a rally of mobile top-up vendors

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## 'I'VE GOT A SECRET'

TV show featuring last surviving person to witness Lincoln murder hits YouTube

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## Admission test or graft fest?

RU staff make quick bucks on 2.42 lakh aspiring students

### RU ADMISSION

### GRAFT

- Forms sold for Tk 9.08 crore
- More units created to push sale of forms
- 70pc of the amount gobbled up

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The admission test at Rajshahi University, which ended on October 9, was a lucrative trade for most of the teachers and staff who shared huge sums of money earned from the sale of admission forms.

The entire admission process was carried out in blatant violation of the University Grants Commission's guidelines, which clearly state that any earnings using the university's monogram must be deposited with the university's account. This practice of pocketing money from sales of forms has been going on at the RU since the late '90s.

With more than 2.42 lakh admission seekers flocking to the RU, the authorities this year realised the financial potential of the situation and raised the number of units from 14 to 16, under which the applicants took tests. Other public universities run admission tests under four units.

An official at the RU accounts department termed the admission process a trade and said an admission seeker had to pay Tk 5,100 to get the forms of all 16 units, more than thrice the fees for the forms of all four units at Dhaka University.

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President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni award Col (ret) Ashok Tara with "Friends of Liberation War Honour" in Dhaka yesterday. In 1971, Ashok rescued the family of Bangabandhu from captivity.

## Grateful to you all

PM tells 61 foreign friends of Liberation War

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The nation expressing its deep gratitude yesterday honoured 61 more individuals from across the world, mostly from India,

for their wholehearted support during Bangladesh's War of Liberation in 1971.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred the awards on the nation's foreign friends at

a special ceremony at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

The state accolades, titled "Bangladesh Liberation War Honour" and

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## Access to Nafis figures in Dhaka-Washington talks

STAR REPORT

Bangladeshi diplomats have discussed with US officials in Washington the case of Quazi Nafis, now in custody without bail on terrorism-related charges in New York.

The meeting included discussions about visits by Bangladeshi consul officials to meet Nafis, a State Department spokeswoman said by telephone.

The criminal complaint alleges that the 21-year-old travelled by van with what he thought was a co-conspirator to a New York warehouse.

He then tried to detonate a 1,000-pound bomb at the Federal Reserve Bank, reports LA Times.

His parents have disputed that their son is a terrorist.

Dhaka said last night that Akramul Qader, Bangladesh ambassador to the US,

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## Another Destiny director held

Harun out on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested Lt Col (ret) Didarul Alam, a director of the controversial Destiny Group, at the capital's Mohakhali in connection with two money-laundering cases.

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