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## PARAG ABDUCTION

# They did it for money

Say 7 arrested suspects; gang leader still at large

KAILASH SARKAR

Seven persons were arrested Wednesday night for their suspected links to the abduction of kindergarten student Parag Mondol, a day after the six-year-old returned to his parents.

Three of the arrested admitted to the

press yesterday their direct involvement in kidnap.



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## Ensure security of Parag, family

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to provide extra security to six-year-old Parag Mondol, who had been rescued three days after his abduction from

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## PM, Khaleda greet new CPC leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday congratulated Xi Jinping, China's newly elected Communist Party chief, certain to become the country's new president next year.

In a letter to him, Sheikh Hasina said, "I have pleasure in congratulating you on your election as the general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC)."

She added, "As president of the Awami League, I have ensured strong bonds between our parties, and looked upon our two countries as enduring friends. I believe our

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## China unveils new leadership

Jinping takes reins of CPC

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Xi Jinping

Xi Jinping took the reins of both the Communist party and the military in China yesterday morning, before introducing the broadly conservative team who will lead the country with him.

The presentation of the seven men in dark suits, at a ceremony at the Great Hall of the People, offered little encouragement to the growing numbers pressing for economic, social and particularly political reforms in China.

It was only the second orderly transition in the more than six decades since the founding of the People's Republic by revolutionaries including Xi's father. But it has been preceded by months of turbulence political manoeuvrings.

After five years as heir apparent, 59-year-old Xi gave a confident performance as he introduced his colleagues to the waiting media.

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## HR SITUATION

# Rights bodies concerned

Blame govt failure to improve; say 462 killed in 'shootouts', 156 'disappeared' in last 4 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government had not made any progress in improving the country's human rights situation during its tenure over the last four years, observed Human Rights Forum (HRF), a coalition of 19 rights and development organisations.

The HRF observation came at a briefing in Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday, during the unveiling of its report on the country's human rights situation.

At the briefing, HRF-Bangladesh President Sultan Kamal said "state terrorism" was going on in the country. It is because a total of 156 people had been forced-disappeared while 462 were killed in the name of crossfire between 2009 and 2012.

She said people were suffering from a sense of insecurity, as law enforcement agencies in many cases had been

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## RECENT VIOLENCE

# MKA rejects US dialogue call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister MK Alangir yesterday rejected a call by the US to resolve political differences through dialogue.

"What is the necessity of talks with those who believe in militancy and in killing people? ...we would definitely have discussions with them if they spoke of ways to expand the rule of law."

"But those who are dacoits, those who kill people,

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## CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS

# Dhaka tops list of global cities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has been ranked the top city in the world to face the highest climate change risks in the coming years.

The Bangladesh capital came top in the ranking of 50 cities by Maplecroft, a British firm specialising in risk analysis, as the changing temperatures and weather systems are forecast to take hold in the country in the coming decades.

Maplecroft's Climate Change Vulnerability Index (CCVI)

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