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INT'L INCOMING CALLS

70pc revenue pilfered

ACC probe finds call carriers, some BTCL staff involved; culprits enjoy blessings of ministers, MPs

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An Anti-Corruption Commission enquiry has found that 40 international call carriers had gobbled up money for around 70 percent of incoming calls since 2010 which the BTCL was supposed to get. It also found that the BTCL's international call minutes had drastically dropped to around 2.50 crore minutes a day from over 5.50 crore minutes a day
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- 70pc of BTCL call records erased
- Calls drop to 2.5cr minutes from 5.5cr a day
- 40 call carriers & BTCL officials eat up Tk 2,774 cr a year
- Call carriers appointed illegally

PM's gift to Hay Festival
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
It was a pleasant surprise for the foreign writers who joined the Hay Festival Dhaka to have a gift from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The premier sent copies of "The Unfinished Memoirs"
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Mercy president's, responsibility PM's

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Although the president exercises the right to grant a convict clemency, it is actually the prime minister who is responsible for it. According to the constitution, the president can do nothing but to give consent when the prime minister sends a recommendation to pardon a convict, say legal experts.

As it goes, any person can file mercy petition through jail authorities. The jail authorities refer the plea to the home ministry and then to the law ministry. The law ministry verifies whether the person is eligible for mercy and then sends the plea to the home ministry, through which it goes to the prime minister for consideration. Legal experts term the presidential
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A Bangladesh cricket fan, painted in the stripes of Bengal Tiger with a national flag draped around his head, is dumbfounded to see his team capitulate against the West Indies in the first Test in Mirpur yesterday.
PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Tino saves best for last

Tigers lose first Test by 77 runs
SPORTS REPORTER
Tino Best attacked like a spitting cobra to scare the Tigers to a painful death at Mirpur yesterday. The muscular West Indies pace bowler was not in any credible discussion during the first four days of the first Test but seized the spotlight after Bangladesh created a wonderful opportunity of winning the match by claiming the last four second innings wickets of the touring side even before the dew had dried up on the fifth morning at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. The target for the Tigers was 245 in 78 overs, after West Indies lost their last four wickets for just 29 runs, with debutant Shohag Gazi claiming all four of them to take his innings figures to 23.3-2-74-6. There was suddenly optimism among everyone about a fourth victory for Tigers in 74 Tests. All roads started to lead to Mirpur and people poured in at the home of Bangladesh cricket to fill
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