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4 die as flyover girders fall in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least four people died and 15 were injured when the concrete girders of the under-construction flyover at Bahaddarhat in Chittagong collapsed on a kitchen market yesterday.

Over 5,000 locals staged a violent protest there as it was the second girder collapse this year. The mob went on a rampage and torched several vehicles and vandalised a police outpost.

Three bodies were pulled out of the debris and one person died in the hospital.

The identities of the deceased could not be known immediately.

Zahirul Islam, a sub-inspector, said at least 15

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People try to rescue those trapped under the collapsed girders of the under-construction flyover at Bahaddarhat in Chittagong city last night. Angry locals also torched, inset, the makeshift sheds of the flyover workers. This is the second time the flyover's girders collapsed this year.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Non-stop hartal in Phulbari

STAR REPORT

National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports will enforce a daylong hartal for the second consecutive day today in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur.

Addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday, Prof Anu Mohammad, member secretary of the committee, said they will hold countrywide

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Call for special care for special people

Star-ActionAid-SEID seminar told to include disabled population in nat'l development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is no alternative to creating opportunities for the people with disabilities to have them participate actively in national development and poverty alleviation programmes, said discussant at a roundtable yesterday.

They said due to superstition, ignorance and lack of understanding, people with intellectual disabilities and the autistic are regarded as lunatics and ostracised

from society.

People with disabilities, autistic children and their parents, several Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mayoral and councilor aspirants, social and NGO activists and government officials took part in the roundtable.

The discussion was titled as Dialogue on Promoting Rights of Persons with Autism, Intellectual Disability and

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Jamaat-Shibir at it again

Clash with cops in capital, C'nawabganj; 47 activists detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 19 people including six policemen were injured in clashes between police and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir at Uttara in the capital and Chapainawabganj.

Police detained 25 Jamaat-Shibir men at Uttara and 16 in Chapainawabganj. In another drive at the

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Irony of rice of India

Conditions fulfilled, sale deal agreed following cyclone Sidr havoc yet rice never crossed the border

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh didn't receive even a single tonne of rice from India to contain the spiralling food prices between 2010 and 2011, despite its acceptance of India's terms and conditions, Food Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said yesterday.

The Indian authority, however, wanted to provide

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Saudi women tracked by SMS!

BBC ONLINE

A discovery that Saudi male guardians are automatically getting text messages about cross-border movements of female dependants has caused a Twitter uproar.

"Hello Taliban, here-with some tips from the Saudi e-government!" read one post, while another suggested micro-chips.

Attention was drawn to the system when a man

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A farmer carries his produce on a traditional bullock cart on the dirt road of Shalna in Gazipur yesterday. Farmers across the country are now busy harvesting their aman paddy leaving fields empty, much like the one seen in the background of the photo.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Law Commission guidelines ignored

Govt finalises draft on appointment of HC judges

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government has drafted a new set of guidelines for the appointment of High Court judges, specifying the academic qualifications a candidate requires. However, none of the prior recommendations of the Law Commission were adopted in the draft.

As per the constitution, an individual with at least 10 years of experience in legal practice or service can now be appointed as HC judge. But there is nothing mentioned about what academic qualifications the candidate has to have to qualify for the post.

The law ministry recently sent the draft to the Prime Minister's Office to forward it to the president for approval, a few law ministry officials told The Daily Star yesterday. A gazette notification will be issued on the guidelines after the president approves it.

The guidelines were prepared in the light of the constitutional provisions, the sources said.

But the Law Commission's suggestions on the matter,

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Workers' Migration KL aspirants offered easy bank loan

BSS, Dhaka


The people who want to go to Malaysia on work visa can have bank loan on low interest to meet their cost of migration.

The state-owned banks and the Expatriate Welfare Bank already made arrangements to provide the potential migrants with easy loans to meet their all expenses

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PRAYER TIMING November 25		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30
Source: Islamic Foundation		

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the prime minister to allege that the BNP chief would stop the ongoing trial of war criminals and rehabilitate them again if goes to power?

Yes

66%

No

33%

No Comments

1%

TOTAL VOTES: 737

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir to say that the Anti-Corruption Commission is carrying out propaganda against the opposition to mislead people?

Yes

66%

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33%

No Comments

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Egypt judges slam Morsi power grab

Term president's declaration 'an unprecedented attack on the independence of the judiciary'

AFP, Cairo

Defiant Egyptian judges hit back at President Mohamed Morsi yesterday demanding he reverse a decree giving himself sweeping powers that put him beyond judicial oversight, after more clashes between police and protesters.

Egypt's Judges Club held emergency talks in Cairo to mull their response to Morsi's "ferocious attack on

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Home boss explains slow pace in trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will speed up the trial of the August 21 grenade attack case soon after finishing the trial of the sensational 10-truck arms haul case, Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir said yesterday.

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Truly hairy mid-life crises

Chimps and orangs get them too

REUTERS, New York

Forty- and 50-somethings in the throes of a mid-life crisis should probably stop blaming a troubled marriage, their kid's college costs, or technology that makes them feel about as

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Chimps and orang-utans too experience mid-life crises suggesting that the society is not to be blamed for the problem some men face.

PHOTO: REUTERS