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Clashes in Egypt on the eve of referendum

AFP, Cairo

Stone-throwing clashes broke out in the Egyptian city of Alexandria between Islamists and opposition protesters yesterday, on the eve of a highly charged referendum on a new constitution, witnesses and state media said.

Fifteen people were wounded, according to medics, and several cars set on fire in the violence in the Mediterranean city, Egypt's second largest.

State television showed at least one protester brandishing a sword.

Riot police quickly moved to separate the protesters, who clashed after a cleric urged worshippers to vote yes for the constitution.

Tensions are high over the staggered referendum,

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A thoroughfare in Jatrabari plunges into severe traffic congestion due to construction of a flyover on one hand and haphazard parking of buses on the other. The photo was shot on Wednesday around 11:30am.

PHOTO:
ANISUR RAHMAN

Islamist parties threaten to call hartal for Dec 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twelve like-minded Islamist parties yesterday threatened to enforce a hartal on Thursday if the left-leaning political parties do not withdraw their Tuesday's hartal.

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) on December 7 called a countrywide daylong hartal for December 18 [Tuesday] demanding ban on communal politics including that of the Jamaat-e-Islami, and quick disposal of the war crimes trials.

While paying tribute to the martyred intellectuals at Rayerbazar mass grave yesterday, the leaders of these two parties hoped that people would strongly respond against Jamaat-e-Islami by

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OPERATION CLEAN HEART Govt yet to reply to HC ruling

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Four months have elapsed and the government is yet to respond to the High Court's rule over legitimising the controversial criminal hunt called Operation Clean Heart.

During a hearing on a public interest litigation, the HC on July 29 issued the rule asking the government to explain within six weeks why the Joint Drive Indemnity Act, 2003 should not be declared unconstitutional.

The court also asked the authorities concerned to explain why they should not be directed to create a fund of Tk 100 crore to compensate victims of the operation.

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TERRORISM CASE Jamaat acting secy general remanded

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Jamaat-e-Islami acting secretary general Shafiqur Rahman on a four-day remand in a case filed under anti-terrorism act.

Metropolitan Magistrate M Saifur Rahman passed the order, rejecting the defendant's bail petition.

Sub-inspector Jahirul

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO LIBERATION WAR Nation to honour 65 more foreign friends

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will present awards to 65 more foreign friends this morning for their outstanding contributions to the country's Liberation War 41 years ago.

Foreign friends' support came when Bangladeshi stood up against the genocide and atrocities by the Pakistan occupation forces and their collaborators.

They contributed to the eventful emergence of sovereign Bangladesh through a nine-month war.

This will be the fourth time of awarding

foreign friends since the government first conferred "Bangladesh Freedom Honour" posthumously on late Indian premier Indira Gandhi.

Her daughter-in-law and Congress President Sonia Gandhi received the honour on her behalf on July 25 last year.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will ceremonially hand over "Muktijuddho Moitri Sammanana" to the 65 recipients at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital today.

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Gas explosion kills man Wife, son among 7 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died while his wife and son, and five guests sustained burn injuries in a gas explosion at their kitchen in the capital's Jatrabari area yesterday morning.

Stock investor Omar Faruk, 38, had sustained 90 percent burn injuries and died at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 3:00pm. His wife Nazma Begum, 25, suffered 50 percent burn injuries and is now in a critical condition.

The other injured are the couple's son Nihan, 3, Faruk's sisters Parul Akter, 31, and Taslima Akter, 23,

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Big-eyed slow loris in danger

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

A new species of primate, a "big-eyed" and venomous slow loris, has been identified in Borneo by researchers.

But the new loris is already under threat from the Asian pet trade in part because its "teddy-bear face" make it attractive for illegal

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Disclose assets Chinese intellectuals urge top leaders of Chinese Communist Party

REUTERS, Beijing

About 65 Chinese academics, lawyers and human rights activists have signed an open letter demanding that top members of the ruling Communist Party reveal their financial assets, saying it is the most fundamental way to solve corruption.

The letter will be presented to parliament when it meets for its annual session in March, according to the Communist Party-run Global Times newspaper.

Petitions to China's parliament are usually ignored. But the public denunciation of corruption underscores the top challenge facing new party chief Xi Jinping, who has himself warned that if corruption were allowed to run wild, the party risked major unrest and the collapse of its rule.

The letter calls on the 205 newly named members of the party's Central Committee to divulge their personal wealth. The call follows a stream of scandals involving

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Teletalk DGM on 16-day ACC remand

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka court yesterday granted a 16-day remand for deputy general manager of Teletalk AKM Asaduzzaman in two cases over misappropriating public money.

Deputy director of Anti-Corruption Commission SM Sahidur Rahman produced Asaduzzaman,

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PRAYER TIMING December 15

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-20	5-55
zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-22	5-25
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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