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First marrow transplant unit by June

Cost of treatment for cancer and other diseases to come down drastically

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first bone marrow transplant unit of the country is expected to be launched at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) by June next year, said Director of the hospital Brig Gen Md Mustafizur Rahman.

To be facilitated on the 10th floor of the under-construction DMCH-2, the unit will be able to bring

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Gas cylinder explosion leaves three private cars hardly recognisable at a parking at Mohakhali in the capital yesterday. No casualty was reported but the blast damaged windowpanes of some adjacent buildings.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

We survived!
Deadline passes for Mayan apocalypse

MAIL ONLINE

Phew! The earth is still safely on its sphere despite Doomsday predictions of an impending apocalypse to coincide with the end of the Mayan age.

The human race has successfully navigated the 11:11am deadline on 21/12/12 - at least it appears so with no reports of the globe being besieged by raining fire or killer earthquakes.

For centuries, the ending of the Mayan calendar, 21/12/12, has been taken as a sign of an impending Armageddon.

But now there may be a few sheepish looks in a corner of south-east

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Yaba floods port city

Addiction takes alarming turn

TAREK MAHMUD, Ctg

Yaba, the noxious amphetamine based drug, has flooded the port city, enticing youths into the deadly addiction.

Within the last few months, law enforcement agencies have almost every day captured one or more people with a huge number of Yaba tablets. The extent of youths' Yaba addiction throughout the port city indicates rampant peddling of the drug, said police sources.

The recent drop in street value of



Yaba has also increased its demand manifold.

The smugglers and peddlers seem unstoppable. Law enforcers said most of the offenders get bail within

days of arrests and get back to their illegal trade.

"Absence of legal provision for Yaba smuggling and mobile court measures in Narcotic Control Act, 1990, are also causing the increase in smuggling and peddling of this deadly drug," said Lt Colonel Zahid Hasan, commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh 42 Battalion.

Police and Detective Branch, Rapid Action Battalion, Border Guard Bangladesh, Bangladesh

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Obama picks Kerry to replace Hillary

BBC ONLINE

US President Barack Obama has nominated Senator John Kerry to replace Hillary Clinton as his next secretary of state.

Obama said Kerry's "entire life" prepared him for the role, and praised him for the "respect and confidence" he has earned from world leaders.

Kerry ran as Democratic presidential candidate in 2004 and is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

His nomination comes after the US ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice, withdrew from consideration last week.

Republicans had fiercely criticised her role in the aftermath of the deadly attack on the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya, in September.

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WikiLeaks to publish 1m secret documents
Announces Assange in confinement in Ecuadorean embassy

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Julian Assange has said WikiLeaks is preparing to publish 1m new secret government documents as he marked six months of refuge in the Ecuadorean embassy in London with a speech from its balcony on Thursday.

The WikiLeaks founder has remained in the embassy to avoid arrest and extradition to Sweden on suspicion of sexual offences.

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