voicebox

"They want to keep me in their pocket with threats of cases. I will no longer be in anyone's pocket. As long as I live, I will live with honour; I do not want to live as an agent."

HM ERSHAD
chairman, Jatiya Party
about a case against him in relation to President Zia'a murder, which has not been settled even in 15 years.

"We have bestowed World Bank with a show-piece. World Bank will use the Padma Bridge graft as a show-piece for any corruption in the world."

IFTEKHARUZZAMAN
executive director, Transparency International Bangladesh
about the Padma Bridge graft

"What is the use of spending money on the police and detectives, if Illias Ali cannot be found?"

SADEK HOSSAIN KHOKA
vice chairman, Bangladesh Nationalist Party
about the unexplained disappearance of Illias Ali, who could not be traced even after a year.

"They wanted me to talk about how to make these communal differences disappear...I'm not a magician. If I were, I'd say 'disappear' and they would all disappear. Differences take a long time to sort out."

AUNG SAN SUU KYI
Myanmar's opposition leader
about the communal riots in the Myanmar between Buddhist and Rohingya Muslims.

"All in all, this was a pretty shameful day for Washington."

BARACK OBAMA
US president
about failing to pass a bill to broaden background checks on gun purchases.

"Our message to this illegitimate regime (Israel) is the same, we do not need to utilise all of Iran's military forces. The army ... alone is able to destroy Israel."

GENERAL ATAOLLAH SALEHI
army commander, Iran
in response to boasts by the Jewish state that its military was capable of attacking its archfoe on its own

"Washington has "turned a blind eye to its own woeful human rights situation", despite styling itself as "the world judge of human rights."

State Council, China
in response to US rights report on China