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Mandela on life support

Anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela has been kept on a life-support system following deterioration of his health condition at a South African hospital where the 94-year-old leader was admitted three weeks ago with a recurring lung infection.

"Ailing former President Nelson Mandela is on life

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LIMON'S CASE BNP demands NHRC chief's resignation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has demanded resignation of the National Human Rights Commission chairman for asking Limon's family to withdraw the case filed against Rab personnel.

In a statement yesterday, Mirza Fakhru Islam, acting

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Download movie in 40 seconds!

World's fastest wireless network
launched in Korea

MAIL ONLINE

South Korea's largest mobile operator is launching what it says is the world's fastest wireless network this week.

The LTE-Advanced network can download data at speeds twice as fast as 4G networks and 10 times faster than 3G services, according to SK Telecom Co.

With a transfer rate of 150 megabits per seconds, the network can download an 800 megabyte movie in just 43 seconds. This compares with around 80 seconds on the current LTE network.

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GB employees to campaign against AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grameen Bank employees yesterday threatened to launch a campaign against the ruling Awami League-led grand alliance ahead of the upcoming national elections as a last resort to protect the micro-lender.

"If the government does not give up its attempt to take over or destroy Grameen Bank, we will mobilise public opinion against it [the ruling party]," said Sagirur Rashid Chowdhury, an adviser of the Grameen Bank Employees Association.

He spoke at a press briefing organised to protest a set of recommendations that the Grameen Bank Inquiry Commission is planning to make. The government-sponsored commission is considering splitting GB into at least 19 zones or bringing about changes to its legal

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FDI rises despite global downturn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh recorded a rise in foreign direct investment (FDI) last year, bucking a global downturn in cross-border investments, Board of Investment (BoI) said yesterday.

Actual FDI inflows rose 13.75 percent to \$1.29 billion in 2012, the highest ever in the history of Bangladesh, said BoI referring to the World Investment Report 2013 by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The country received \$1.13 billion in FDI in 2011, according to UNCTAD.

By registering the growth,

FDI INFLOW (In million USD)	
YEAR	FDI
2010	913.32
2011	1136.38
2012	1292.56

Bangladesh secured the second position among eight Saarc nations, outpacing Pakistan in attracting foreign investors, said BoI that has been tasked with releasing UNCTAD report in Bangladesh since 2004.

India continued to be the leader in luring foreign investors. But FDI flow to India, the third biggest economy in Asia, slipped along with Pakistan and Nepal following the declining trend in FDI inflows across the world.

Globally, FDI inflows fell 18 percent to \$1.35 trillion in 2012 from \$1.65 trillion the previous year reflecting caution among investors

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Rickshaws ply through over knee-deep water on a street in Agrabad CDA area of Chittagong yesterday. The flooding is not due to torrential rain, rather a high tide at a time when the sea is rough.

PHOTO:
ANURUP KANTI DAS

Badiuzzaman new ACC chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed Mohammad Badiuzzaman as the new chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission and Nasir Uddin Ahmed as its commissioner.

President Abdul Hamid approved their appointments yesterday, Cabinet Secretary Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told The Daily Star last night.

Prior to his appointment as the ACC chief, Badiuzzaman had been serving as a commissioner of the anti-graft body.

Nasir Uddin, a retired

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Only money matters

Ctg Jubo League, BCL men desperate to
win tenders using political identity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

At the fag end of the Awami League-led government's tenure, activists of Chittagong city unit of Jubo League and BCL are becoming increasingly desperate to win benefits using political identity.

Flexing their political muscle, activists of pro-Awami League organisations are manipulating tenders, getting involved in illegal billboard business and extortion and also trying to establish supremacy over

different institutions in the port city.

Politicians, business leaders and political analysts think the ruling party would suffer from an image crisis in the upcoming national polls if such activities by their party men continue unabated.

Activists of pro-Awami League organisations are also competing against each other to win tenders of different government organisations.

On Monday, BCL and Jubo League men

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3 petitions of SQ Chy rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday rejected three petitions of war crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and adjourned proceedings until June 30 as he fell ill.

The three petitions were increasing the number of defence witnesses,

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Freeze 260 accounts of Hall-Mark Group

Court orders over 11 cases filed by ACC

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered freezing 260 Hall-Mark Group accounts in 21 banks in connection with 11 cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Judge Md Jahirul Haque of the Senior Special Judges' Court of Dhaka yesterday passed the order after 11 ACC officials sub-

mitted separate petitions seeking permission from the court to freeze the accounts. The cases were filed against 27 top officials of Sonali Bank and Hall-Mark Group for misappropriating over Tk 1,568 crore in depositor's money.

Most of the accounts belonged to Hall-Mark Chairman Jasmine Islam, Managing

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited
ONLINE POLL
Do you think government would
be able to control commodity prices
before Ramadan?
Yes (14%)
No (86%)
TOTAL VOTES: 364
TODAY'S POLL
Do you think ruling Awami League will
take strong steps against Jubo League
and Chhatra League after killing two
people, including an eight-year-old
boy in a gunfight in Chittagong?
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Azan Jamaat
Fajr 4-05 4-40
Zohr 12-45 1-15
Asr 5-00 5-15
Maghrib 6-52 6-55
Esha 8-17 8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation



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