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A section of The Daily Star award winners at the 14th Award Presentation Ceremony of the Outstanding Students of O & A Levels held at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday.

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# Accolades for brilliance

The Daily Star awards 1,464 students of O- and A-levels for their outstanding results; 53 obtain world's highest scores in different subjects

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming them the future leaders and nation builders, speakers and guests congratulated 1,464 students, who received The Daily Star award yesterday for their excellent results in O- and A-levels between June 2011 and June 2012.

"Your development in education and training is the defining factor in the success of the Bangladesh today and the Bangladesh in future. You are the future," said special guest of the award giving ceremony Winnington Gibson, the British high commissioner to Dhaka.

He said there was no substitute to education and it is even better if internationally recognised

qualifications that are valued abroad can be achieved.

The high commissioner expressed his satisfaction over the way the O- and A-levels examinations are securely administered in Bangladesh by the British Council.

The award ceremony was held in Mirpur Indoor Stadium. As many as 1,006 O-level students were honoured for obtaining at least 6 A's and 329 A-level students for earning at least 3 A's in two consecutive sittings.

Besides 80 O-level and 49 A-level graduates were honoured for achieving highest marks in different subjects. Among them, 53 secured the world's highest scores in different subjects and 76

scored the country's best in different subjects.

Except for 49 private candidates, rest of the students awarded came from 72 schools in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Narayanganj.

Addressing his fellow students in the ceremony, O-level graduate Ahmed Ibrahim of Maple Leaf International School, who got 12 A Stars with 11 A's, said education was about awareness and understanding the surrounding rather than bookish knowledge.

Md Wasif Akram Hussain of Mastermind, who earned 7 A Stars with 6 A's spoke on behalf of the A-level high achievers. Thanking the Almighty, his parents and teachers, he reminded his

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# Ready to become nation builders

Awardees dedicate their success to teachers, parents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The O-level and A-level students, who received The Daily Star award in a ceremony in the capital yesterday, expressed utmost elation at their achievements.

With several outstanding achievements to be proud of like scoring the highest marks in the world, the students dedicated their success to their teachers, parents and mentors.

The awardees look forward to building

their futures as doctors, engineers, researchers, writers, or successful participants in the corporate world and hope to use their talent in serving their country better.

**SYED TASWAR AAJMAIN**

Taswar from Sunbeams School went a step ahead of his peers by securing a place among the world's top scorers. He proved to be exceptional in math by getting the world's highest mark in 'mathematics B' in his O-level exams.

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## Why don't you sue the US daily?

PM asks Khaleda over article controversy

UNB, London

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked BNP to sue The Washington Times as it was claiming that the US daily had published an article forging Khaleda Zia's signature.

"Why don't you [BNP] sue The Washington Times if the signature was really fake?" she questioned while addressing a meeting

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## 3 asylum offers for Snowden

Venezuela wants to protect him from 'persecution by the empire', rejects US extradition request

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia have offered asylum to Edward Snowden, the US whistleblower who is believed to have spent the past two weeks at a Moscow airport evading US attempts to extradite him.

The Venezuelan president, Nicolas Maduro, and his Nicaraguan counterpart, Daniel Ortega, made the asylum offers on Friday, shortly after they and other Latin American leaders met to denounce the diversion of a plane carrying the Bolivian president, Evo Morales, due to suspicions that Snowden might have been on board.

Bolivia's President Evo Morales yesterday said he would grant asylum Edward Snowden, if the fugitive whistleblower, AFP adds.

Declaring that Bolivia has "no fear" of the United States and its European allies, Morales said that he would be willing "to give asylum to the American, if he asks."

The invitations came as Snowden sent out new requests

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## ElBaradei named as interim PM of Egypt

The liberal politician to head administration alongside acting president Adly Mansour

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Mohamed ElBaradei has been named as Egypt's interim prime minister by sources in the country's newly-installed government.

The former head of the International Atomic Energy Agency will be sworn in on Saturday night to head the administration alongside the acting president, Adly Mansour, the Mena state news agency said.

ElBaradei, who leads the National Salvation Front, an alliance of liberal and leftwing parties, has been summoned to the presidential palace.

His appointment comes three days after Mohamed Morsi was removed by the army.



ElBaradei, who has lived in the west for decades, had been widely tipped to take up the position following the ousting of Morsi.

He has played a key role in the background of the current turmoil, meeting General Abdel Fatah al-Sisi on Wednesday.

"ElBaradei is our first choice," a source close to the army said earlier this week.

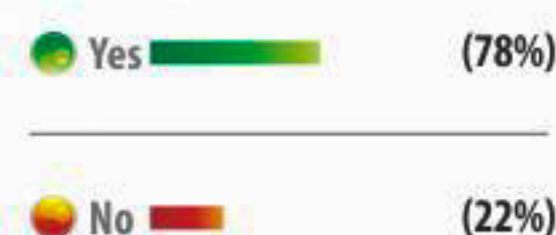
"He's an international figure, popular with young people and believes in a democracy that would include all political forces. He is also popular among some Islamist groups."

ElBaradei, who won the Nobel peace prize for his work with the nuclear agency,

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### ONLINE POLL

Don't you think that the recruitment and promotion of the employees in the health sector should be freed from political influence?



TOTAL VOTES: 269

### The Daily Star

#### Integral Energy Limited

**TODAY'S POLL**  
Do you agree with BGMEA president that international politics played a key role in the US decision to suspend trade preferences for Bangladesh?

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YOU MAY ALSO VOTE AT [facebook.com/dailystarnews](https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews)

## OBITUARY



(1931 - 2013)

Mohammad Golam Murtaza passed away on the evening of 5th July 2013 at United Hospital (Innalillaha.....) at the age of 83. He had been suffering from old age complications.

He started his career as a young officer in the Pakistan Air Force. Later in life, he was thrice elected the President of Dhaka Club. He also served as Treasurer of Red Cross, Chairman of Raowa Club, President of the Flying Club and Director of National Bank. He is survived by his wife Zainab Murtaza, one son, two daughters, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law and seven grand-children. His namaz-e-janaza will be held today, 7th July, Baad Zohr at the Gulshan Azad Masjid and Doa will be held Baad Maghreb on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7.15 pm at his residence. Family, friends and well wishers are kindly requested to attend the Janaza and the Doa to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

## Gazipur polls free, fair

Say observers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The maiden election to Gazipur City Corporation was held in a free and fair manner, election observers said yesterday.

The election had seen a high turnout of voters, the observers said, adding, the voters were enthusiastic about exercising their franchise.

In a press release, Brotee, an election observer group,

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## Condolence Message

I, on behalf of the Board of Directors of National Bank Limited, deeply mourn at the demise of **Mr. M. G. Murtaza**, our former colleague in the Board of Directors of the Bank who breathed his last on Friday, 5 July 2013 (Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun).

Remembering his friendly and worthy contribution in the advancement of our Bank, we pray to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of his departed soul and convey our deepest sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

**Zainul Haque Sikder**  
Chairman

## IN REMEMBRANCE



On the occasion of her **9th Death Anniversary Qur'an Khatam, Prayer and Feeding the destitutes** has been organized.

**Abeda & Najmul Huq, Roushan & Golam Kibria, Monisha & Mahmudul Huq, & Grand Children.**

With fond memories we remember to-day Sunday, **7th July 2013 Late Begum Fazilatun Nessa** on her 9th death anniversary. We feel her absence in every step of the way. Relatives, friends and well wishers are kindly requested to remember her in their prayers.

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