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This beautification work, *left*, fashioned Nogore Nishorgo (nature in the city), installed in 2008 on a small patch on English Road intersection for Tk 20 lakh, is now out of sight thanks to hoardings and banners local political leaders have put up there. In their bid to get noticed, they praise their leaders in the hoardings with little consideration for Dhaka's beauty. A Dhaka North City Corporation official said they would send their men to remove the hoardings soon.

## Mubarak may be freed today

REUTERS, Cairo  
 Deposed Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak will leave jail as early as today after a court ruling that jolted a divided nation already in turmoil seven weeks after the army toppled Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.  
 Convening yesterday at the Cairo jail where Mubarak is held, the court upheld a petition from his lawyer demanding the release of the man who ruled Egypt for 30 years until he was overthrown during the uprisings that swept the Arab world in early 2011.  
 Judicial and security sources said the



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## China calls for AL-BNP dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jun has urged the two major political parties to sit for dialogue to build confidence between them and resolve the current political stand-off ahead of the next general election.  
 In a rare remark on the political affairs of Bangladesh, he said the two parties should restrain themselves from any more aggressive speaking and actions to create a favourable setting for direct dialogue.

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## LEAKING US CLASSIFIED DATA TO WIKILEAKS Manning jailed for 35yrs

REUTERS, Fort Meade, Maryland  
 Bradley Manning, the US soldier convicted of the biggest breach of classified data in the nation's history by providing files to WikiLeaks, was sentenced to 35 years in prison yesterday.  
 Judge Colonel Denise Lind, who last month found Manning guilty of 20 charges including espionage and theft, could have sentenced him to as many as 90 years in prison. Prosecutors had asked for 60 years.  
 Manning, 25, will be dishonourably discharged from the US military and forfeit some pay, Lind said. His rank will be reduced to private from private



first class.  
 Manning would be eligible for parole after serving one-third of his sentence, which will be reduced by the time he has already served in prison plus 112 days.  
 Wearing his dress uniform, the slightly built Manning stood at attention as the sentence was

read, seeming to show no emotion. As he was escorted out of the courtroom, supporters shouted "Bradley, we are with you."  
 Elizabeth Goitein, co-director of the Liberty and National Security Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, called the sentence "unprecedented" in its magnitude.  
 "It's more than 17 times the next longest sentence ever served" for providing secret material to the media, Goitein said. "It is in line with sentences for paid espionage for the enemy."  
 In 2010, Manning turned over

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## Mueen, Ashraf were involved

War crimes witness tells tribunal about killing of intellectuals  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 A relative of martyred doctor Mohammad Martuza yesterday testified that alleged Al-Badr leaders Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzaman Khan were "directly involved" in the killing of intellectuals and professionals in December, 1971.  
 Omar Hayat, brother-in-law of Martuza, told International Crimes Tribunal -2 that he had learnt about Mueen and Ashraf's involvement in the killings from newspapers and the driver of a bus used by the Al-Badr to pick up intellectuals and professionals on December 14, 1971.  
 Quoting the driver, Hayat, a 71-year-old retired collage teacher, said Ashraf himself had shot Martuza and other intellectuals and professionals dead at Mirpur in Dhaka.  
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## Mozena bats for HRW

Worried at contempt charge against it  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 US Ambassador Dan W Mozena yesterday expressed deep concern that Bangladeshi prosecutors have charged Human Rights Watch with contempt of court.  
 "We believe organisations such as Human Rights Watch have a critical role to play around the world in promoting respect for human rights," he told reporters at his residence in the capital.  
 Mozena made the comments after a media briefing by US Congressman Sander Levin at his residence.  
 His remarks came a day after the prosecutors filed a petition with the international crimes tribunal,

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A low pressure over the Bay and high tide have inundated several upazilas of Bagerhat district. The photo was taken at Morrelganj upazila town yesterday.

## DETERMINING AGE Oishee, house help undergo medical tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 Oishee Rahman, the prime suspect in the killing of her parents Mahfuzur Rahman and his wife Swapna Rahman, underwent age determination tests at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.  
 With permission from the court, Detective Branch (DB) of police also put Khadiza Khatun Sumi, the couple's house help, through the tests, Deputy Commissioner (public relations) Masudur Rahman told reporters at his office.  
 A debate has ensued over Oishee's age after a Dhaka court placed her on a five-day remand on Sunday in response to a petition filed by detectives. The petition mentioned her as an 18-year-old.  
 According to the records of the English medium school where Oishee studied, her birth date is August 17, 1996, which makes her a 17-year-old.  
 The Children Act 2013 that came into effect yesterday suggests that anyone below the age of 18 will be considered as minor and cannot be taken on remand for interrogation.

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## Anti-cheating hats draw flak

WWW.ODDITYCENTRAL.COM  
 A photo showing students of a renowned Bangkok university wearing strange headgear complete with side flaps to thwart cheating during a midterm exam caused quite a stir after it was uploaded to Facebook as a joke.  
 Teachers at Kasetsart University in Thailand have recently come under fire for making their students wear horse blinder-like devices made of paper to prevent them from cheating on their exams. A photo showing around 100 students wearing the

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The Daily Star  
 Integral Energy Limited  
**ONLINE POLL**  
 Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that people have lost trust in the Awami League?  
 Yes (68%)  
 No (32%)  
 TOTAL VOTES: 293  
**TODAY'S POLL**  
 Do you agree with survey conducted by some Dhaka University teachers and students that showed a huge majority of city residents were "satisfied" with the services of DMP?  
 PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT WWW.THEDAILYSTAR.NET

PRAYER TIMING August 22  
 Azan Jamaat  
 Fajr 4-30 5-05  
 Zohr 12-45 1-15  
 Asr 4-45 5-00  
 Maghrib 6-33 6-36  
 Esha 8-00 8-30  
 Source: Islamic Foundation

**29th Death anniversary of Habibul Kabir (Nizam)**

On Occasion of the 29th death anniversary of Habibul Kabir (Nizam) a milad mahfil will be held Today, 22-08-2013 after Magrib Prayer at Union Center, 68/1 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka. Relatives, Friends and all well wishers of the deceased are requested to kindly join the milad mahfil and pray for salvation of his departed soul.

**Family of Habibul Kabir (Nizam)**