

# Bangladesh lags behind

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do not have access to drinking water, the rich waste plenty of drinkable water washing their cars in Dhaka city," said Prof Nazul.  
The successive governments were not serious about implementing water related laws and policies, and this is putting the country behind, he added.  
Presenting a comparison of South Asian countries' achievement in attaining that MDG, Dr Debapriya Bhattachariya, distinguished fellow, Centre for

Policy Dialogue, said Bangladesh could achieve more, as there were two more years to go.  
Dr Sultan Haveez Rahman, executive director of IGS, delivered the welcome speech, while M Syeduzzaman, former finance minister; ANM Nasir Uddin, former secretary, Ministry of Health; Kamrun Nahar Khanam, additional secretary, Ministry of Water Resources; and M Azaharul Haq, former managing director, Wasa, also spoke.

# Amendments necessary

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said NHRC has been working with some limitations that shrunk its independence. She, however, thanked Mizanur for his efforts in protecting human rights.  
She said things that restrict human rights should be pinpointed while everyone must work to strengthen NHRC.  
The other proposals were amending the act's definition of human rights, setting a specific status for NHRC's honorary members and increase their numbers and increase

ing budgetary allocation for NHRC and its manpower.  
Additional Attorney General MK Rahman, ASA University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dalem Chandra Barman, Information Commissioner Prof Sadeka Halim, rights activists Khushi Kabir, Salma Ali and Rokeya Kabir, Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Mohsen Rashid, Liberation War Museum Trustee Mofidul Haque, Prof MM Akash and NHRC's lone fulltime member Kazi Reazul Hoque spoke, among others.

# New Indian front opposes

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"The regional parties express serious concern at the actions of China to build massive dams in the upper reaches of the Brahmaputra and attempts to divert the river.  
"The Brahmaputra is the lifeline of north eastern region and any attempt to interfere with the natural flow of the river should be considered an act of aggression.  
"The regional parties condemn the lack of seriousness on the part of the government of India and asks the government to take

the strongest possible steps to stop the designs of the Chinese government against the NE region," one of the several resolutions adopted in the Front's meetings said.  
The other parties in the Front are United Democratic Party and the Hill State People's Democratic Party of Meghalaya, Manipur People's Party, Manipur State Congress Party, the Manipur Democratic People's Front, Mizo National Front, People's Party of Arunachal and Indigenous People's Front of Tripura.



**Filthy water fills this ditch on the Pilkhana road along the capital's Azimpur officers' quarter yesterday. The road was dug at least two and a half months ago for installing a pedestrian bridge there and left in this state since then, causing multifarious problems for locals.**

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# Sundarbans

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Because of their environmental impacts, coal based power plants are losing popularity worldwide, he said.  
Referring to the Indian guidelines for thermal power stations, Prof MM Akash of Dhaka University said locations of such plants were avoided within 25km of the outer periphery of metropolitan cities, national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and ecologically sensitive areas.  
"There is no doubt that the Sundarbans is an ecologically sensitive area," he said, urging the government to hold open debates and listen to the arguments against the Rampal plant.  
Golam Mortoza, editor of the Shaptahik, moderated the discussion.

# UK, Canada

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Gibson also said, "We continue to call on all parties to respect the rights to freedom of expression and of assembly and urge everyone to exercise these rights in a peaceful and democratic manner eschewing violence."

# Charges to be read out

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Commission (ACC) deputy director and the case's investigation officer.  
Afterwards, the court will hear arguments from the prosecution and defence lawyers and fix a date to deliver the judgment, to be the first one against Tarique, said one of the prosecution lawyers.  
ACC filed the case against Tarique and Mamun in October 2009 over Tk 20.41 crore siphoned out to Singapore between 2003 and 2007.

Tarique was arrested in 2007 during an anti-graft crackdown by the then military-backed caretaker government. He obtained bail in some of the other 17 cases filed against him and has been in London since September 2008 seeking treatment.  
The court issued an arrest warrant against him on August 8, 2011 and on May 26 cleared the way for ACC to seek Interpol's help to arrest him.

# 15 hurt, 10 held

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The government was to meet the demands by early this month but it has not published any gazette yet, said Eng Farid Uddin, principal of the institute.  
Protesting the delay, students of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute also boycotted their exams and

blocked the Oxygen road in the port city's Nasirabad, halting traffic movement for half an hour, reports our staff correspondent from Chittagong.  
Bangladesh Karigori Chhatra Parishad Joint Member Secretary Md Hedayet Ullah said the demonstration was not pre-scheduled.

# Intense agricultural research

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more devotion and sincerity.  
This year 28 persons and organisations were accorded the award, which includes four gold, seven silver and 17 bronze medals, for their outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture.  
The gold medal recipients are East Beercote IPM Women Club of Senbag, Noakhali; Gadkhali Nurturer and Flower Traders Welfare Association of Jhikargachha, Jessore; M Lutfor Rahman of Sadullahpur of Gaibandha; and Mamun ur Rashid, deputy director of Agriculture Extension Department (AED).  
The silver medal recipients are Biotechnology Division of Bangladesh Atomic Agri Research Institute, Mymensingh; Asaduzzaman Chowdhury of South Bishnupur of Badarganj upazila, Rangpur; Soil Resources Development Institute; Kumardugi Vegetable CIG Cooperatives Ltd of Krishnapur of Chandpur district; Mritunjoy Roy, AED, Bagerhat; Amzad Khan of Madabpur of Habiganj; and Sanjib Sutradhar, upazila animal resources officer of Brahmanbaria.  
The bronze medals recipients are Parimal Sarkar, sub-assistant agriculture officer of Mithapukur, Rangpur; Moksudur Rahman Lebu of

Nalitabari of Sherpur; Syed Nurul Awal Taramia, store keeper of AED, Khamarbari, Kishoreganj; Salma Akhter, sub-assistant agriculture officer of Brahmanbaria Sadar; Selim Reza, sub-assistant agriculture officer of Muktagachha, Mymensingh; Logy Begum of Rajbari Sadar of Rajbari; M/S Fatema Enterprise of Syedpur of Nilphamari; M Ansar Ali of Shibganj of Bogra; Selina Zaman of Shibpur of Narsingdi; Adarsha Krishi Khamar of Ishwardi, Pabna; Mati Ma Monindra-Sabitree Afforestation Project of Dumuria, Khulna; Syed Abdul Matin of DJ Agro Ltd of Rampal, Bagerhat; Masum Sikder of Kalagacha, Patuakhali; Altam Ali of Biswanath, Sylhet; M Jaherul Islam of Ranishangkoil, Thakurgaon; Amirul Islam of Lakshmikunda of Ishwardi, Pabna; and Mayeen Uddin of Omarpur of Daganbhuian, Feni.  
Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Fisheries and Animal Resources Minister Abdul Latif Biswas, Environment and Forests Minister Hasan Mahmud and Agriculture Secretary Dr SM Nazmul Islam spoke, among others.

# Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha  
Dr Zohora Khatun of David Companypara in Gaibandha passed away at Labaid Hospital in the capital yesterday morning due to old-age complications. She was 81.  
She left behind two sons and a daughter to mourn her death.  
She was buried at Gaibandha municipal graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Station Jame Mosque.  
Different organisations, including Bangladesh Medical Association and Doctors' Association of Bangladesh, Gaibandha offered condolences at her death.

# China offers

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Asia, the Chinese minister hoped that Bangladesh would gradually evolve as a virtual bridge between South Asia and South East Asia. Wang Yi also expressed China's intent on investments in Bangladesh.  
Welcoming China's generous offers, Dipu Moni hoped that Bangladesh would be able to gain from China's success stories in all possible areas.  
She also appreciated the Chinese initiative for greater integration among the BCIM (Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar) countries and stressed the need for immediate road, railway and grid connectivity for the benefit of the people in the region.

# Burglary

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likely, he added.  
"Though there is a CCTV camera on the sixth floor of Nam Bhaban, it does not cover the lawmaker's flat," the police official said.

## ফ্লোর স্পেস/বিল্ডিং ভাড়া আবশ্যক

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