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# COAL MINING

## No move now for open-pit

Minister says 52pc electricity to come from coal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will not go for open-pit coal mining for now as it plans to rely on imported coal for producing electricity. "We have moved away from the decision to extract coal through open-pit mining method," said Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources. The state minister told the BBC yesterday that the government was not going to destroy farmland to get coal through open-pit mining and that it was leaving energy resource for future generations. Bangladesh is yet to use its coal reserves on large scale because of the indecision over the method of coal extraction, as environmentalists are strongly opposed to the idea of the open-pit extraction. The state minister said coal would account for more than half of the major power plants to be set up in the coming years.

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A large number of people throng the Dhaka International Trade Fair 2014 yesterday taking the opportunity of it being the weekend.

## Trade fair abuzz with visitors

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Thousands of visitors thronged the Dhaka International Trade Fair yesterday to buy things from a wide range of product lines before the curtain of the exposition falls. Many business entities had already cut the price of their products to boost sales and promotion in the last few days of the fair which is due to end on Monday. Golam Rabbi, who works at a private firm, came to the fair at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar from Gazipur accompanying four members of his family. "I am feeling good to see a huge crowd at the premises, but still it is less than that of last year," he said.

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## Role of Liaquat, Tamizuddin, Nazimuddin

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

It is indeed intriguing that Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan was given a seat in the Constituent Assembly from the quota reserved for East Bengal since no place could be found for him from any of the provinces constituting West Pakistan. Despite this favour done to him, obviously with little objection from Bangalis, the prime minister chose to dismiss Dhirendranath Dutta's proposal out of hand. And it was not just the prime minister who opposed Dutta's idea. Khwaja Nazimuddin, chief minister of East Bengal, as well as Maulvi Tamizuddin Khan, a Bengali, joined Liaquat Ali Khan in rejecting the motion. Nazimuddin, who hailed from the Dhaka Nawab family and whose mother tongue was Urdu, even

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## 4 CASES OF WAR CRIMES, JAMAAT ROLE Probe reports likely in two months

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The war crimes investigation agency may submit within two months its probe reports on at least four cases, including one on Jamaat-e-Islami for its Liberation War role. Abdul Hannan Khan, coordinator of the agency, told The Daily Star on Tuesday, "We will be able to complete the investigation on three to four cases in next two months."

He noted with concern that the delay in recruiting a judge not only held back trial proceedings at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 but also cast a shadow on the activities of the agency. Investigators have nearly finalised reports on Jamaat and three individuals -- former Islami Chhatra Sangha (ICS) leader Shakhawat Hossain and two alleged Razakars from Kishoreganj.

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## PM inciting terrorism

Alleges Fakhru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina provoked "state terrorism" by saying that her party's people have "the right to self-defence." At a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club, the BNP spokesperson alleged that

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## Biman's 3rd 777 arrives in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The third extended range Boeing 777-300 purchased from the US plane maker landed at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday afternoon. The aircraft, christened Akash Prodip, is expected to be put into operation after the prime minister formally inaugurates it on February 11. Biman officials expect the aircraft would help Biman improve its services and better maintain flight schedule. With an Airbus grounded, the national flag carrier has been struggling to maintain the schedule. "Akash Prodip landed at Dhaka at 12:55pm, 55 minutes

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## Man travels 1,000 miles for a bogus prize

BBC ONLINE

An Indian villager recently travelled more than a thousand miles to the BBC office in Delhi in an unusual quest - to claim millions of rupees he believed he had won in a "BBC lottery". Ratan Kumar Malbisoi, a 41-year-old unemployed Indian villager, fell for a

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Sri Lanka batsmen Kumar Sangakkara (L) and Dinesh Chandimal cross for a single during the second innings of the second Test against Bangladesh at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. Sangakkara scored 105 while Chandimal remained unbeaten on 100 as the visitors declared for 304 for 5, before the hosts scored 12 for nought at stumps on Day 4.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



## Wounded Bengal tiger rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forest officials yesterday rescued a wounded Bengal Tiger from Lawdobe, a village adjoining the Sundarbans, in Khulna. After treatment, the tiger would be released in the Bangabandhu Safari Park in Gazipur, said Dr Tapan

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15<sup>th</sup> 'O' & 'A' Level

Award Presentation Ceremony, 2012-2013

Announcement for 'O' & 'A' Level Private Candidates and Schools

Private Candidates

Private candidates who fulfil the criteria described below are requested to register their names at The Daily Star office for inclusion as awardees. The criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:

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Eligible candidates are requested to contact Ashiqur Rahman at The Daily Star office, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka - 1215, with their original Results Certificates and a photocopy and 2 (two) passport-size photographs in person on 9, 10, 11 or 12 February, 2014, between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Schools

Any school that has students meeting the above criteria but has not been contacted by The Daily Star (i.e. has not been informed of the first scheduled meeting through regular post, email or phone) is requested to contact Ashiqur Rahman at The Daily Star office (64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215), on the aforementioned dates and times or email him at [o.alevel.tds@gmail.com](mailto:o.alevel.tds@gmail.com) by February 27, 2014, with:

- The name of the school, phone number of a responsible representative (who will attend the meetings) and a valid email address that is checked regularly.

The schools are also requested to promptly prepare a list of the candidates meeting the above criteria, the number of 'A' grades achieved by each candidate, and photocopies of results certificates for each candidate.

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Source: Islamic Foundation


## First bionic hand that can feel

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A prosthetic hand with touch-sensitive fingers has allowed a man to feel objects in his grasp for the first time since he lost his real hand in an accident nearly 10 years ago, scientists said Wednesday. The amputee was fitted with the "bionic hand" for a month last year, during which time he was able to distinguish between different objects that he held in his grip while blindfolded, the researchers said. It is the first prosthetic hand that has been able to send sensory information to the wearer's brain via electrodes implanted beneath the skin. Its invention could lead to a new generation of bionic limbs that can provide real-time, tactile information about the surrounding environment. "This is the first time in neuroprosthetics that sensory feedback has been restored and used by an amputee in real-time to control an artificial limb," said Prof Silvestro Micera of the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne in Switzerland. Dennis Aabo Sorensen, a 36-year-old Danish man who had his left hand surgically amputated following an accident with fireworks in 2004, told The Independent that the prosthetic limb had enabled him to feel objects for the first time since he lost his real hand. "The idea is that the next implant will be ready within two years and we aim to put the electrodes into the arm for the long term, perhaps months or years, and for everything

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IN REMEMBRANCE



Late Brigadier General (Retd.) Prof. Dr. M. Masudur Rahman Khan

Death : February 08, 2012

We fondly remember our beloved Brigadier General (Retd.) Prof. Dr. M. Masudur Rahman Khan, the founder of The MARKS Group and founder Chairman of GK Ideal School and College, on his second death anniversary. He passed away at a city hospital on February 08, 2012. He was a pioneer in ENT- micro surgery and a role model of health sector in this country. His unfathomable depth of knowledge, vision, uphill struggle and firm determination may inspire all of us. Today we solicit doa from his friends and well-wishers for his departed soul. May almighty Allah bless him with eternal peace for his immortal soul.

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