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**Celebrating poetry's rebel**

SYED BADRUL AHSAN  
A moving spirit worked incessantly in Kazi Nazrul Islam. He was a poet, of course. But more than that, he was symbolic of huge energy, for there was something of a completeness in him. He lived for more than three decades following the onset of his affliction, a period in time when he truly would have soared, infinitely higher than he already had.  
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**Dhaka for closer ties with East**

*Leans towards Beijing, Delhi, Moscow*

REZAUL KARIM

With western countries, particularly the USA and the EU nations, disappointed over the January 5 national polls, the Awami League government is getting closer to New Delhi, Beijing and Moscow for political and economic cooperation.

The three countries voiced strong support for Sheikh Hasina's government following the non-inclusive parliamentary polls. The western states, however, called for fresh and inclusive elections.

The three-nation backing prompted many other countries to congratulate the new government and express their willingness to work with it.

Diplomatic sources said the three countries have taken special interest in Bangladesh as the two successive governments led by Hasina have been maintaining close ties with them since 2009.

Despite being a strong critic of the January 5 elections, Asian giant Japan has shown interest in implementing major infrastructure and development projects in Bangladesh.

Within the next couple of months, there will be a number of high profile visits involving Dhaka, Tokyo, Beijing and New Delhi.

"India and Bangladesh will launch huge engagements immediately  
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The eight people Rab arrested in connection with the murder of Phulgazi upazila chairman Ekramul Haq in Feni. The photo was taken at Rab headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**Thai military tightens grip**

Senate dismissed

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's military junta said yesterday it had disbanded the Senate and placed all law-making authority in the army chief's hands, dramatically tightening its grip after a coup that has sparked Bangkok protests and drawn international condemnation.

The regime also confirmed it had detained former premier Yingluck Shinawatra and scores of other ousted government leaders and would hold them for up to a week as it  
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**Still a wasteland**

*5 years after Cyclone Aila, lack of govt initiative to address soil salinity, crises of drinking water, unemployment in Gabura, Satkhira*

PINAKI ROY back from Gabura

Five years have elapsed since they lost their houses and means of living to cyclone Aila, but the government has not done enough to help them overcome the impact.

The entire 33 square mile area of Gabura union under Shyamnagar in Satkhira is now almost devoid of vegetation except for some coconut, date and palm trees. Many of the 38,000 people living in it do not have work, homes and supply of drinking water.

More than 100 families have continued to live on the embankment that collapsed in some parts during the hurricane on May 25, 2009, causing saline water to swamp all the

15 villages in the union.

Aila washed away a huge number of houses, livestock, crops and other resources from the villages surrounded by the Kobadak and Kholpetua rivers.

Those who have shrimp farms said they could not regenerate them due to virus attacks.

Asked how they used to fight the virus problem before the disaster, they said they had often changed the water of the shrimp enclosures to prevent the spread of virus-related diseases but the authority stopped allowing them to cut any narrow passage through the embankment to let water flow after rebuilding it.  
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**Bernicat new US envoy in Dhaka**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat

has been nominated for the next US ambassador to Bangladesh, according to an announcement of the White House.

Ambassador Bernicat is currently serving as a deputy assistant secretary at the Bureau of Human Resources of the  
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**A Saarc summit!**

*Sharif too will join Modi's oath-taking ceremony*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Is it a Saarc summit? No, but almost.

But for the absence of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the presence of heads of states and governments from seven other Saarc countries at the swearing in of Narendra Modi here tomorrow will have many trappings of a summit of the regional economic grouping.

With Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif having confirmed yesterday his attendance at the event, heads of states and governments of seven of the eight Saarc countries  
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The Daily Star  
Integral Energy Limited  
ONLINE POLL  
Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleeda Zia's demand that the government form a "credible and effective" commission to investigate all incidents of abduction, forced disappearances and killings till date?  
Yes (87%)  
No (13%)  
TOTAL VOTES: 287  
TODAY'S POLL  
Do you think there will be neutral probe in to the 7-murder case following the leak of phone conversation between AL lawmaker Shamim Osman and Nur Hossain?  
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Sirajul Gazi looking at the site where his home used to be before Aila made a landfall in 2009. Now the place goes under water during high tide of the Kobadak river. Sirajul now lives on an embankment, inset. PHOTO: PINAKI ROY

PRAYER TIMING May 25

Asan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-05	4-40
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-40	6-45
Esha 8-00	8-30

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