

BE SAFE BSRM  
5,000,000 (5 MILLION) CYCLES FATIGUE TESTED AT U.K.  
**Xtreme**  
Safety | Quality | Assurance  
www.bsrm.com  
BSRM Xtreme  
Feel safe with Xtreme Inside

TRANSCOM DIGITAL  
**TRANSTEC** TV  
Win a Chance to Visit SPAIN\*  
Up to Tk. 1,000 further discount & win Samsung smart phone everyday\* 3 - 6 months EMI @ 0% interest\*  
19" @ Tk. 15,700  
22" @ Tk. 18,200  
24" @ Tk. 20,700  
32" @ Tk. 29,900  
42" @ Tk. 47,500  
Free service: 3 year • Parts: 2 year  
HAT-TRICK OFFER

# ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS Fee spike irks guardians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The English medium schools in the capital are set to increase tuition fees from the upcoming academic session beginning next month, dealing a further blow to guardians, especially those belonging to the middle-income group.  
Though the school authorities are pointing at growing expenses in facilitating academic activities and tax hike in the proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year, many guardians believe this is being done to make up for the loss incurred due to a High Court injunction on taking readmission fees.  
Amina Ratna, a guardian whose two children study at an English medium school located in Dhanmondi, said the authorities had increased tuition fees to Tk 6,500 from Tk 4,600 for class-I, and Tk 7,800 from Tk 5,100 for class-VII.  
"The schools have hiked the tuition fees all of a sudden tactically to take money after the High Court ordered them not to take readmission fees," she told The Daily Star.  
Manjur Rashid, whose child studies in class-I in the same school, said a monthly increase of Tk 1,900 meant the family would have to pay around



Flags, predominantly of Brazil and Argentina, fly high at homes in a neighbourhood of Amin Bazar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday as the football fans of this nation prepare for one of the greatest sporting events in the world to be kicked off in Brazil.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

N'GANJ REPORTS  
Rab cautions media  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday issued a statement asking the media to refrain from publishing news involving the elite force "without proof".  
"Some news media published misleading and untoward news, mentioning imaginary names of top Rab officials as being involved in the

# PM moves to woo Chinese investors

UNB, Kunming, China  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said allocating a separate economic and industrial zone in Chittagong for the Chinese investors is under consideration of her government.  
"Our existing Export Processing Zones are also attractive for investment. In addition, the Economic Zones Act 2010 has created seven exclusive economic zones across the country. These would be of interest to the Chinese investors for whom we're also considering

allocating a separate economic and industrial zone in Chittagong," she told the 9th China-South Asia Business Forum at Haigeng Conference Centre in Kunming.  
She sought duty-free excess of more Bangladeshi products to Chinese market alongside increased investment by Chinese entrepreneurs in Bangladesh.  
The PM also sought Chinese participation in joint ventures or individual investment in pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, shipbuilding, agro-based industries,

Govt denying Mahmudur treatment  
Allege lawyers, journos  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A section of journalists and lawyers yesterday alleged that the government was torturing detained Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman by denying him proper medical treatment.  
Speaking at a press

# 18 YEARS INTO KALPANA ABDUCTION Investigation lacks conviction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The reinvestigation report on the abduction of indigenous community leader Kalpana Chakma 18 years ago is likely to be submitted at a Rangamati court tomorrow.  
Kalpana, the then organising secretary of the Hill Women's Federation, was allegedly kidnapped by some military personnel and local law enforcers from her house in New Lalyaghona of Bagaichhari, Rangamati on June 12, 1996.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaking at the ninth China-South Asia Business Forum held at a conference centre in Kunming, China yesterday.

Bay rises 1.5mm a year!  
Experts portray grim environment future  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The sea level of the Bay of Bengal has been rising by 1.5 mm per year, causing increased salinity intrusion in the country, environmental experts said yesterday.  
Such findings appear in the Fifth Assessment Report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which monitored the sea level from 1970 to 2010.  
The experts were speaking at a World Environment Day 2014 meet in the capital. This year's slogan for the day is "Raise your voice, not the sea level".  
The programme was hosted by the Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information

## Meet Pepper

New robot 'can read human emotion'

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE  
Japanese technology company Softbank has unveiled a robot it claims can interpret human emotions.  
The robot, known as Pepper, uses a cloud-based artificial intelligence system to interpret human voice tones, expressions and gestures.  
Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son told a press conference on Thursday that for the first time in history, the company would be giving a robot heart, and emotions.  
Pepper can dance to music, bow in respect and move its arms in a convincing interpretation of human movement.

SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

The Daily Star  
Integral Energy Limited  
ONLINE POLL  
Do you think the government would be able to reach the growth target of gross domestic product (GDP) at 7.3 percent for the upcoming fiscal year?  
Yes (17%)  
No (83%)  
TOTAL VOTES: 344  
TODAY'S POLL  
Do you agree with Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad that the proposed budget for 2014-15 fiscal is too dreamy?  
PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING June 8  
Azan 4-05 Jamaat 4-40  
Fajr 4-05 4-40  
Zohr 12-45 1-15  
Asr 5-00 5-15  
Maghrib 6-45 6-50  
Esha 8-15 8-45  
Source: Islamic Foundation

Star JUNE 2014  
**KICK OFF**  
BRAZIL 2014  
WORLD CUP SPECIAL  
A PUBLICATION OF The Daily Star

**THE WAIT IS OVER**  
The Daily Star'S GUIDE TO THE WORLD CUP 2014  
**KICK OFF IS IN THE STANDS NOW**  
You will get all the latest info, final squads, team-by-team stats, exclusive interviews by famous football writers & an attractive pull-out schedule at a cost of Tk. 75 only  
**ASK YOUR HAWKER FOR YOUR COPY**