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# BNP high-ups fail to solve JCD crisis

Abbas, Alal tasked with the job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP high-ups yesterday failed to find any solution to the infighting in Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal over formation of its new central committee.

However, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night assigned the party's Dhaka Convening committee chief Mirza Abbas and Jubo Dal President Moazzem Hossain Alal to look into the problem.

Earlier, BNP's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Abbas were given the task.

Party insiders told The Daily Star that Khaleda made the decision after talking with the party high-ups, including Mirza Fakhrul.

Asked about the ongoing crisis, standing committee member Mirza Abbas said, "JCD is a big organisation. Such a problem can happen here."

Tariqul Islam Titu, a rebel JCD leader, told The Daily Star that they came to know about the party chief asking the two senior leaders to talk with them. But no one contacted them, he added.

Fakhrul and Abbas had a meeting with party's Student Affairs Secretary Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee and his assistant Sultan Salauddin Tuku at its Nayapaltan head

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The wreckage of a bus lying by Dhaka-Natore highway after colliding head-on with another bus yesterday afternoon. The accident left 33 passengers dead. Twelve were from Sidhuli village of Gurudaspur upazila alone. Those from Sidhuli were returning from a district court.

PHOTO: TV GRAB

## BRIBERY, FRAUD Bangladeshi pleads guilty in US court

STAR REPORT

A man of Bangladeshi origin and a US citizen have pleaded guilty in New York to bribery and fraud charges in a case in which a former FBI agent is also charged.

Rizve Ahmed, aka "Caesar," 35, and Johannes Thaler, 51, both living in Connecticut, admitted to participating in a bribery scheme with Robert Lustyik, a former FBI Special Agent who worked on the counterintelligence squad.

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## Masked men kill trader brutally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Masked assailants killed a man by hitting on his head with a heavy object at his house in the capital's Mirpur on Sunday night.

The dead is Gias Uddin, 35, a garment accessory trader who lived on the fourth floor of his six-storey building at block-C in Mirpur-10.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy. Morgue sources said there were scratches on the body and his head was crushed.

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# Nigeria Ebola-free

Holds lessons for others; WHO terms it a big success

REUTERS, Abuja/lagos

Nigeria was declared free of the deadly Ebola virus yesterday after a determined doctor and thousands of officials and volunteers helped end an outbreak still ravaging other parts of West Africa and threatening the United States and Spain.

Caught unawares when a diplomat arrived with the disease from Liberia, authorities were alerted by Doctor Ameyo Adadevoh, who kept him in her hospital despite protests from him and his government, and later herself died from the disease.

They then set about trying to contain it in an overcrowded city of 21 million where it

could easily have turned a doomsday scenario if about 300 people who had been in direct or indirect contact with him not been traced and isolated.

"This is a spectacular success story," Rui Gama Vaz from the World Health Organization (WHO) told a news conference in the capital Abuja, where officials broke into applause when he announced that Nigeria had shaken off the disease.

"It shows that Ebola can be contained, but we must be clear that we have only won a battle, the war will only end when West Africa is also declared free of Ebola."

This year's outbreak of the highly infectious hemorrhagic fever thought to have

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## Per capita income rises to \$1,190

Says Cabinet Division report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government spent Tk 26,654 crore in fiscal 2013-14 in social safety net programmes for helping people cut poverty, have food and face natural disasters.

The welfare expenditure is more than 5 percent higher than the previous fiscal year's Tk 25,371 crore, according to the latest official statistics.

Bangladesh is currently putting nearly 2 percent of its gross domestic product into

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TRAFFICKED TO THAILAND IN JANUARY

## 36 return home

CID to launch drive against culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-six Bangladeshis returned home yesterday after they were confined and tortured in a Sothern Thailand jungle near which another 118 Bangladeshi trafficking victims were rescued last week.

A flight of Bangladesh Biman carrying the victims landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 4:30pm, said Mujibur Rahman senior ASP of Criminal Investigation Department (airport).

Thai police rescued the 36 Bangladeshis at the end of January from the jungle after they were trafficked into the country early that month, he added, quoting the returnees.

The victims were kept in several detention centres following their rescue. So far this year, Bangladesh has identified more than 700 trafficking victims as its nationals following their rescue in Thailand.

Before yesterday, 300 of them were sent back home, according to foreign ministry officials.

The traffickers used to beat up, abuse and leave the 36 Bangladeshis with

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## 'Spare parts' for human

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A segment of human intestine has been grown in laboratory mice for the first time as part of research that could one day produce transplant "spare parts" for repairing diseased tissues and organs using a patient's own skin cells.

The miniature intestine grew from a single stem

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Source: Islamic Foundation

## NIZAM HAZARI'S BAIL HC summons lawyers, bail guarantors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has summoned the lawyers and bail guarantors of ruling Awami League lawmaker Nizam Uddin Hazari to appear before it on November 5 to explain whether the process of his getting bail in an arms case was legal.

During hearing of a writ petition yesterday, the court also ordered the Supreme Court registrar to produce before it the documents on which Nizam, legislator of Feni-2 constituency, got bail from the HC in 2006.

MA Bashar, who appeared for Nizam before the HC in 2006, AKM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, the then assistant attorney general, Nizam's lower court's lawyer and his two

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