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## END OF EBOLA OUTBREAK

UN chief says it's possible by 2015 if the world speeds up response

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Bangladesh take on Zimbabwe in the second ODI in Chittagong today

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Dismantling of INS Vikrant, crucial ship of '71 war, begins in Mumbai

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## Salute to creativity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was an occasion to honour those who portray the connection between man and nature through their pens and lenses.

It was the awarding ceremony of Celebrating Life -- a tie-up between Standard Chartered Bank and The Daily Star.

The seventh event of the initiative began with the rendition of a song by acclaimed actress and singer Shampa Reza at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

The song's lyrics were penned by Sipra Goswami, who won the first prize in the lyrics category.

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A vibrant rendition of Rabindranath Tagore's "Tasher Desh" graces the award night of Celebrating Life 2014 at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. Shadhona, a centre for performing arts, staged the dance opera at the event organised by Standard Chartered and The Daily Star. More photos on page 3.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING 4,000 victims from Sirajganj

Finds an NGO study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An estimated 4,000 jobseekers from Sirajganj have fallen prey to human trafficking through the Bay of Bengal over the last 10 months, a finding that migration activists say is just the tip of the iceberg.

Promised lucrative jobs in Malaysia, the victims were secretly transported to Cox's Bazar by traffickers. A torturous sea voyage took them to Thailand where they were held hostage in jungles.

The captives had to pay ransoms of around Tk 2.5 lakh through their families back home for being moved to Malaysia.

A good number of the victims, estimated to be 400, went missing, while those pushed into Malaysia experienced terrible ordeals with some having irregular low-pay jobs and others languishing in jails.

These are the preliminary findings by a Sirajganj-based NGO, Development for Disadvantaged People. The Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit of Dhaka University and Manusher Jonno Foundation presented the data at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

"The figure is horrifying. If it is true even for half the number, we are afraid of the figure [that may come] from the whole

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## SOUTH-SOUTH AWARD

Joy receives it for Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been honoured with the "South-South Cooperation Visionary Award" of the United Nations for her leadership in taking Bangladesh towards progress.

PM's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy received the award on behalf of his mother at the closing ceremony of the Global South-South Development Expo 2014 in Washington on Friday, according to a message received here yesterday.

Joy also spoke on the occasion and read out the message of the PM.

"Bangladesh is marching

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## BIBIYANA 3 POWER PROJECT Zero progress in two years

Blacklisted contractor fails to secure finance

SHARIER KHAN

A large power project in Bibiyana made no progress in the last two years, as its contractor failed to secure the project's finance as per its agreement with the Power Development Board (PDB).

A consortium of Japanese trading company Marubeni and Korean power company Hyundai signed the agreement in December 2012, committing to arrange the finance from Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) within 45 days.

But the consortium couldn't secure the finance as Hyundai wanted to walk out of the deal and Marubeni became a blacklisted company with all Japanese international financing institutions since March this year.

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## 6 months' JAIL or Tk 200 in FINE

Drive against jaywalkers on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue from Nov 25; footbridges in bad shape

JAMIL MAHMUD

Amid a sorry state of footbridges and footpaths in the city, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police is going to impose a fine or jail term on jaywalkers on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue from Tuesday.

DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed yesterday said mobile courts led by magistrates will be set up for a week to check jaywalking on the stretch of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue between Farmgate Police Box and Hotel Ruposhi Bangla intersection.

A jaywalker will either be fined Tk 200 or sentenced to six months in prison, he told reporters at a press conference at the DMP Media Centre.

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Absolutely ignoring the large sign asking people not to jaywalk, pedestrians cross the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue at Sonargaon intersection halting traffic.

## Give Rohingyas citizenship

UN presses Myanmar, adopts resolution

AFP, United Nations

The United Nations has adopted a resolution urging Myanmar to grant citizenship to its Rohingya Muslim minority, ramping up pressure on Naypyidaw to scrap a controversial identity plan.

The measure was adopted on Friday by consensus in the General Assembly's rights committee following some wrangling with countries from the 57-nation Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which had sought stronger language.

The resolution expresses "serious concern" over the plight of the Rohingya in Rakhine state, where 140,000 people live in squalid camps after violence erupted between Buddhists and Muslims in 2012.

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## Govt alone can't fight corruption

TI founder says it also needs united civil society voice for better governance

WASIM BIN HABIB and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Civil society organisations of a country need to be mobilised to speak up for better governance as the government alone cannot fight corruption, said Prof Dr Peter Eigen, founder of Transparency International, a Berlin-based civil society group campaigning globally against corruption.



Prof Dr Peter Eigen

"We feel that very often, even if the top of a country -- a president or prime minister -- is extremely strong and committed to fight corruption, they cannot do it alone. They need civil society, media and faith-based organisations to change the culture [of corruption]," he said in an exclusive interview with The Daily Star yesterday.

Eigen, the chair of TI's advisory council, came to Dhaka to attend a conference held yesterday.

During the interview, Eigen said TI has developed a holistic approach conveying the message that a society is a little bit like the human body that has immune system for protecting it against diseases.

"There are many different institutions, values and laws like procurement law, conflict of interest law, information legislation, freedom of the media and so on. If all these

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