

#### Jannati finally gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Young entrepreneur Jannati Hossain, who was detained eight months

eight months
ago over the death of her
friend and business partner
Mostamsir Ashraf in a car
crash, was granted bail by
the High Court yesterday.

Delivering the judgment, the court said although there is no evidence of planned killing in this case, the trial court will examine whether there is any element of murder charge in it.

"With my daughter

"With my daughter getting bail after a struggle of nine months I feel I am SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

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**ONLINE POLL** 

Do you think that the

government should approve the police's proposal for

immunity for its members

from prosecution for torture?

**TOTAL VOTES: 93** 

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think violence

against women and child

marriage are still rampant in

Bangladesh?

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(91%)

Yes

# City polls by early May

Schedule to be announced next week, says CEC

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The Election Commission is likely to announce the schedules for Dhaka and Chittagong city corporation polls next week, said EC sources.

"We are preparing to hold the polls in the last week of April or the first week of May. So, the schedule may be declared next week," said a top EC official, seeking anonymity.

The commission at a meeting with officials of different ministries and law enforcement agencies yesterday discussed some probable voting dates like April 22, 23, 27 or 28, sources present at the meeting said.

Emerging from the meeting, Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad told reporters that elections to the DCCs and the CCC would be held before the month of Ramadan and they might declare the polls schedule this month.

As per the lunar calendar, the Ramadan begins after June 17.

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This pangolin, a kind of ant-eater, is locally known as bonrui -- ruhi fish of the forest -- and is hunted for its meat.

#### PHOTO: SANJIDA SHARMIN

## Arson attacks on court, govt offices

Nighttime buses resume trips

STAR REPORT

Government offices continued to face pro-hartal supporters' wrath as two offices in Barisal and another in Jhenidah were torched yesterday, the fifth day of the BNP-led combine's hartal.

In Barisal, unidentified criminals set fire to a room of the court building inside the compound of Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court in the city around 9:00pm.

Witnesses said the fire spread quickly to another room of the tin-shed building.

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### First man-made landscape found

MAIL ONLINE

Discarded stone tools made by early humans have formed a vast "carpet" in part of the Sahara desert in what SEE PAGE 9 COL 5



## UK worried about media freedom

**HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT 2014** 

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The British government has observed that some of the steps taken recently by Bangladesh government have generated concerns about civil society space, media freedom, and government power to suppress criticism or dissent.

The observation was made in the Annual Human Rights and Democracy Report 2014 released in London yesterday. The report is available on the website of UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Saying the Bangladesh government has proposed revisions to the foreign donations act (pending parliamentary

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# The scaly strange thing

INAM AHMED

One fine morning the man came with his strange booty. He called it Bonrui -- forest ruhi fish.

I had never seen anything like this. Yes, it had the scales like a fish. Its whole body was covered in scales. But then it had four legs and a tail too. How could it be a fish then?

As I searched for an answer, the man freed the strange animal. It looked at us with its black unblinking eyes and then with total disregard for us started SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



### PRAYER TIMING MARCH 13 Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-05 12-30 4-30 6-12 7-30

JAMAAT 5-40 1-15 4-45 6-15 8-00

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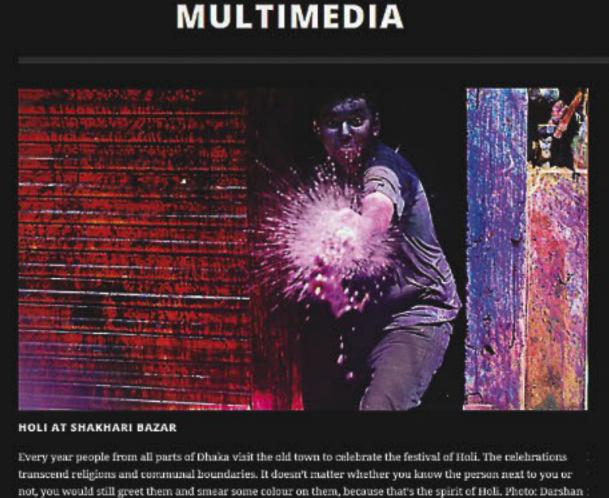
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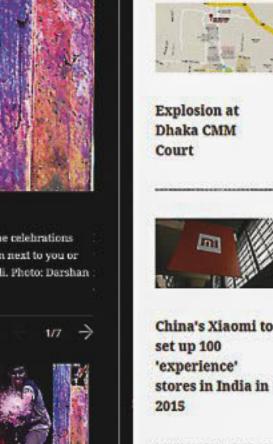
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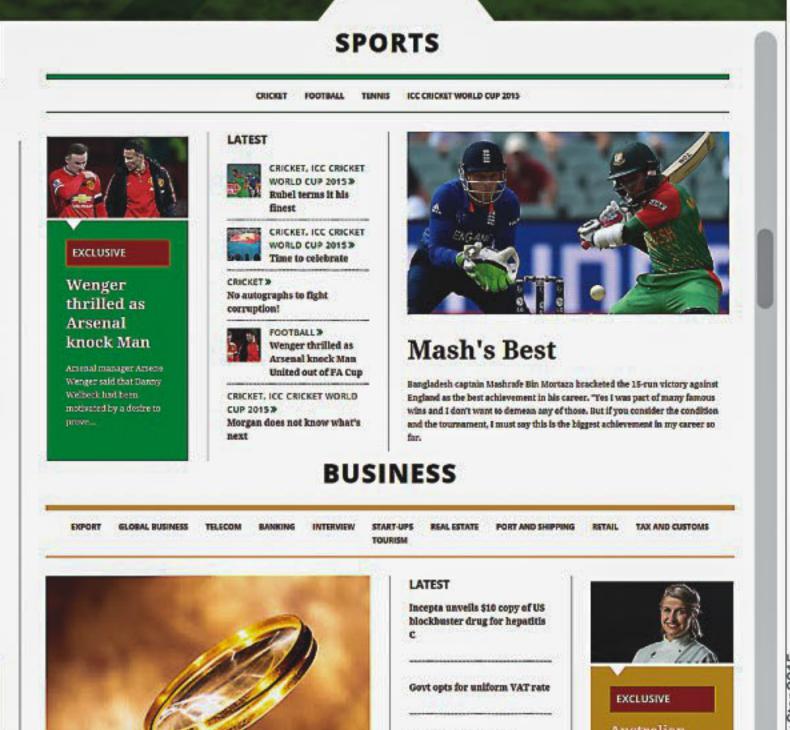
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