

## STREET THAT DISAPPEARED

Powerful quarters often occupy streets and pavements in the capital with construction materials showing no regard for the law, safety of the people and their movement. This street in Gulshan is a blatant example of it. The street has almost disappeared as a local business conglomerate occupies the entire width of the street for more than two months with heavy construction equipment and materials. It has not only forced locals to risk walking the now dangerous street, but also stopped vehicular movement altogether. The conglomerate is building a 22-story hotel at the intersection of Gulshan Avenue and Road-98 near the DCC Market. The firm has also occupied half the footpath of the avenue.

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## POWER PLANT NEAR SUNDARBANS Tender floated amid growing concern

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Tender has been floated for constructing the 1,320 megawatt Rampal plant near the Sundarbans amid concerns from the Unesco and environmentalists over the power plant's possible harmful effects on the forest, a Unesco world heritage site. Environmentalists have long been protesting against the construction of the massive coal-fired power plant in Bagerhat, as the location of the Bangladesh-India joint venture project is only 14km off the world's largest mangrove forest. The UNESCO wrote to Bangladesh government in November last year, voicing

its worries over the world heritage site. In response, the government sent a letter to the Unesco last month, saying the project wouldn't harm the Sundarbans as the site is 14 km from the edge of the forest, said an official wishing anonymity. Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Ltd (BIFPCL), which is implementing the project, floated tender last month for constructing two units of the plant. It set May 18 as the last date for submission of bid papers. "We have floated tender and many parties are showing interest. We might

## 40 hrs inside container!

A CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A man was rescued from a cargo container at Mongla port yesterday after having been trapped inside for around 40 hours. Abu Taheer, 26, was admitted to Mongla Port Hospital. He is the son of Mohammad Saber of Chittagong's Anwara. Security official Jahurul Islam of Mongla Port Authority told this correspondent that the container ship, ELLEN S, reached Mongla from Chittagong around 9:40pm on Thursday. "He [Taheer] was rescued in a critical condition after workers heard thumping sounds from inside the container while offloading goods," he said.

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## Will justice ever be done?

Mother of slain N'ganj schoolboy Taqi voices doubts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With no charge sheet filed even two years after the murder of Narayanganj schoolboy Taqi and over one year after the completion of Rab investigation, his mother doubts whether the killers will ever be brought to justice. "The killers have been identified. They have confessed to their crime. But the due process is not taking place... We doubt whether the real culprits would be charged," said Rawnak Rehana, citing newspaper reports. "Powerful quarters" were responsible for the delay, she said, urging all to continue to press for justice. Tanwir Mohammed Taqi, 17, son of cultural activist Rafiur Rabbi of Narayanganj, was abducted and killed on March 6, 2013, according to Rab. The body was found on the banks of the Shitalakkhya two days later. Children have the right to grow up without fear and the state must ensure their safety. But it's not happening here, she told The Daily Star after attending Nari Samhati Andolon's first convention in the capital's BMA Bhaban.

## POLLS CODE VIOLATION EC serves notices on 36 aspirants

BSS, Dhaka

The Election Commission yesterday issued show cause notices to 39 aspirants for allegedly breaching the code of conduct in polls to Dhaka north and south city corporations. Returning officers for DSCC and DNCC polls issued the notices to a mayoral candidate and 38 councillor candidates for both general and reserved seats. "They have been asked to reply to the notices within

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THAT'S WHERE YOU SHOULD HIT 'EM: New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum (L) points towards the stands during training at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday, as though he is letting his teammates know where their boundaries in the World Cup final against Australia, on March 29, should be directed.

PHOTO: AFP

## Form meets pedigree

WC final tomorrow

REUTERS, Sydney

There's been no place like home for Australia and New Zealand on their respective paths to the World Cup final but just one of the co-hosts will enjoy that particular advantage when they meet in Sunday's title decider. After 48 one-day internationals played out over six weeks between teams from five continents, the 11th version of cricket's showpiece tournament comes down to a trans-Tasman tussle at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australia, playing in their seventh final, have all the cricketing pedigree and their four previous titles make them by far the most successful nation in World Cup history. New Zealand have indisputably been the form team of the tournament, their eight-match unbeaten romp to their first World Cup final including a victory over the Australians in Auckland. Now, though, they have left New Zealand for the first time in the tournament to play their first one-dayer at the MCG in six years in front of a hostile crowd of up to 100,000.

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## GERMANWINGS CRASH Co-pilot hid medical condition: prosecutors

NEW YORK TIMES, Düsseldorf

Documents show that Andreas Lubitz, the co-pilot who is believed to have deliberately crashed a Germanwings jet into the French Alps on Tuesday, had a medical condition that he hid from his employer, prosecutors in Düsseldorf, Germany, said yesterday. Prosecutors said that among the items found at Lubitz's home was a doctor's note relieving him from his duties because of an illness that covered the day of the crash and another that had been torn up. These documents "support the preliminary assessment that the deceased hid his illness from his employer and colleagues," the prosecutors said in a statement.



Andreas Lubitz

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## House built of empty bottles

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Located in the city of Chelyabinsk, in Russia, the 'Palace of Oz' is a unique house built almost entirely of empty champagne bottles. The architectural oddity is the handiwork of a local resident, 52-year-old Hamidullah Ilchibaev. The idea for the house was not a random one -- Hamidullah has always been interested in constructing things out of beer and vodka bottles. His children had always admired his work, and encouraged him to build a house someday. But he

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