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Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone enchanted her fans in Dhaka yesterday at the International Convention City Bhashundhara, as part of a campaign by beauty soap brand Lux.

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## Regional efforts needed to root out poverty, hunger

Says PM at South Asia food conference

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said her government will remain steadfast in formulating and enforcing laws to enhance food and agriculture production and ensure food and nutritional security for all.

Inaugurating a three-day "South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015" in the capital yesterday, she laid emphasis on regional initiative to eradicate poverty and hunger and set up Saarc Food Bank without delay.

"There is no alternative to combined efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger from South Asia and the recent devastating earthquake in Nepal reminds us the urgency of establishing regional food security," she said.

Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi was the guest of honour at the conference being held under the auspices of Anti Poverty Platform (APP), a forum of as many as 43 government, non-government and international organisations working for poverty alleviation.

Chair of the organising committee of the conference Qazi Kholiquzzaman presided over the inaugural session held at Krishibid Institution auditorium.

The PM laid emphasis on speeding up the initiative taken to set up Saarc Food Bank saying South Asian leaders are working to establish the food bank as soon as possible.

"Let the Saarc Food Bank be a friend in need so that no one dies of starvation in our region," she said.

Despite remarkable success and progress of civilization, and science and knowledge, it is yet not possible to ensure adequate food for all the people on the planet, the PM said.

Referring to a report of the Food and Agriculture

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## UN chief condoles death

PEACEKEEPER

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has deplored the shooting incident that killed a Bangladeshi peacekeeper and injured another of the United Nations Multidimensional



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## 700 rescued to be taken to Rakhine

Says Myanmar official

AFP, Yangon

More than 700 migrants found crammed into a fishing boat by Myanmar's navy will be taken to the country's troubled Rakhine state, a local official said yesterday, adding all those on board were from Bangladesh.

A total of 727 people, including 74 women and 45 children, were discovered

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## SSC RESULTS

# Rural schools still lag far behind

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The picture remains the same.

Despite government efforts to improve the overall standard of education, rural schools continue to stay way behind their urban counterparts in terms of success in public examinations.

It is evident in this year's SSC exam results that the traditionally renowned schools, particularly in metropolitan areas, remain the best performers,

retaining their positions for years.

Although the total and successful female examinees in this year's exams have outnumbered their male counterparts, they trail in pass rate and also in terms of the number of GPA-5 achievers.

With 96.35 percent success rate, students of science group continued to outstrip and do better than those of other groups. It is 79.32 percent in humanities group and 86.93 in business studies. Overall,

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## Man dies in custody

Cops claim of suicide, family tells of torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was found dead inside a police station in Chittagong yesterday, hours after he was picked up and taken to Kotwali Police Station for "stealing money".

Police claimed Ishak Mia, 50, committed suicide by hanging himself in police custody, while his family members alleged he was tortured to death.

Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Jasimuddin told The Daily Star that Ishak hanged himself with his shirt in the police station's bathroom yesterday morning.

The victim had been working as a security guard of Day Night Security. The security company employed him at Zahed Enterprise,

an agent of food and beverage companies, at Nandan Kanan in the port city.

The OC, however, claimed the company's staff handed Ishak over to the police on Friday night.

Zakir Khan, manager of the company, who filed a case over an incident of theft at his office, claimed that Ishak stole Tk 10,000 breaking the office's cashbox early Thursday.

Zakir said he then contacted Abdul Jalil, supervisor of the security company, and asked him to call Ishak.

Victim's son Mosharrar Hossain Mia, however, claimed his father was tortured to death in police custody.

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## Unlearn racism, gender prejudice in sleep?

MAIL ONLINE

Imagine being able to 'unlearn' racism and gender prejudice during a short nap.

That's what scientists claim can happen when simple noises are played while people sleep.

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Bangladesh and China recently signed three MoUs, two cooperation agreements and one exchange of notes in the fields of education, media and trade to future boost bilateral ties between the two countries in public and private sectors. The signing ceremony was held at Ganobhaban on 24th May 2015 with the gracious presence of Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina and Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China H. E. Ms. Liu Yandong.

As a part of this, BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT), Bangladesh and Wuhan Textile University, China signed a cooperation agreement between the two universities in the field of apparel, fashion and textile education. Mr. Muzaffar U. Siddique, the Founder, BUFT & Chairman, Board of Trustees of BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) and Professor Wei Yiliang, President of Wuhan Textile University signed the agreement on behalf of their respective universities.

In continuation of this great achievement we wish, in future BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) will bring more success in the academic sector.



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