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TAWFIQUE ALI with HELEMUL ALAM

Several thousand risky billboards and signposts set up legally and illegally across the capital pose a constant death threat to the city dwellers, in the absence of an effective oversight by the city authorities to ensure public safety.

On Sunday, one such gigantic unipole billboard collapsed at Shapla Chattar in the city's commercial hub of Motijheel, injuring a student and damaging a rickshaw. Simply by a stroke of luck, no one was killed in the ever crowded roundabout.

All over the city, hundreds of similar billboards present a high risk of collapse as their entire weight is supported by a single pole.

"In theory, the City



Corporation is responsible for ensuring technical stability of such huge metal structures with its regulatory process. But in practice, there is no mechanism to do this," said a top official of Dhaka South City Corporation, wishing anonymity.

The city corporation's planning and the

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Pedestrians waded through waist-deep water on the Bandarban-Rangamati road. Army personnel, *bottom*, travel on a boat in a nearby area yesterday. Over the last few days, heavy rain and the onrush of water from upstream worsened the flood situation in Bandarban. The photos were taken at places around the Bandarban Army Hospital yesterday.

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STAR

## Flood tightens grip

5 killed in Cox's Bazar landslide

## STAR REPORT

Five more people, including three women and a kid, were killed in a landslide triggered by heavy rains in Cox's Bazar town early yesterday, barely a month after five people died in landslides in the district.

Some three lakh people have been marooned by flood water following the rise in water of the Matamuhuri. People took shelter on roads and highways as many houses were

damaged in Chakaria, Pekua and Ramu upazilas.

In Bandarban, the overall flood situation remained unchanged yesterday. The flash flood has left some 40,000 people without shelter. The road links between the district and other parts of the country remain cut for the last three days.

Many victims said they were suffering from shortage of food and drinking water and were yet to receive relief supplies.

Hundreds of people living on hill slopes in Moulvibazar and Khagrachhari were passing their days in fear of landslides due to incessant rain.

Sources at Cox's Bazar deputy commissioner's office said at least four houses near the local radar station were buried under mud when the landslide occurred around 2:00am yesterday. A portion of the station's boundary wall also collapsed.

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## Abdul Kalam no more

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Former Indian president APJ Abdul Kalam, who came to be known as "people's president", died yesterday after suffering a massive heart attack in Shillong, the capital of northeastern Indian state of Meghalaya.

Kalam, 84, collapsed while doing what he loved most to do -- giving a lecture to students of the prestigious Indian Institute of Management in Shillong last night.

The former president, a bachelor, who would have turned 84 on October 15, was confirmed dead more than two hours after he was taken to the ICU of Bethany hospital in a critical condition following the collapse around 6:30pm.

Considered the most popular president, Kalam, a space scientist who was considered the chief KALAM IN QUOTES -- PAGE 8 SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



### 'Your dreams will be Bangladesh's dream'

### Kalam told youths on his Dhaka trip last year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Famed former Indian president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, who had travelled frequently within his country and outside to inspire the youth, also mesmerised students in Dhaka with his captivating speech.

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## Time for faster devices

Discoverer of wonder particle sees weyltronics replace electronics

REAZ AHMAD

The discovery of an elusive particle theorised 85 years ago would eventually take the world to a new dawn of super fast electronics and computing.

"Mass-less Weyl fermions may potentially lead us to a new era in electronics once scientists work out the way to control and manipulate them ...," says Prof M Zahid Hasan, a Bangladeshi physicist at Princeton University,

who led an international team to the discovery of the particle.

If that is achieved, electronic devices would be faster, be more energy efficient, and produce less heat since they would be run by mass-less electrons.

As the Weyl fermions, unlike electrons, can go through obstacles and change course, computing, as we know it, could change.

It could be the "motherboard for future

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Prof M Zahid Hasan



"You the learned lawyers talk tall in TV chat shows but you become meek in court. Freedom of speech does not mean you can say whatever

CHIEF JUSTICE  
SK SINHADURING THE HEARING ON A PETITION  
FILED BY ZAFRULLAH CHOWDHURY

The baby girl who suffered bullet wounds in her mother's womb. PHOTO: STAR

## Welcome to the cruel world

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

The atrocity this unborn baby faced beats wartime savagery. Before she was born, one bullet pierced her right shoulder and another critically injured her right eye, as if to tell her that even a

mother's womb is no longer a safe place for the unborn.

Miraculously though, she survived after a two-hour caesarean operation on her mother at Magura General Hospital Thursday night. The 35-year-old

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### Graduate Admission Fall 2015

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### Application Deadline

29 July, 2015, 5:00 pm

### Admission Test

31 July 2015  
Friday, 3:30 pm  
at NSU Campus

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