

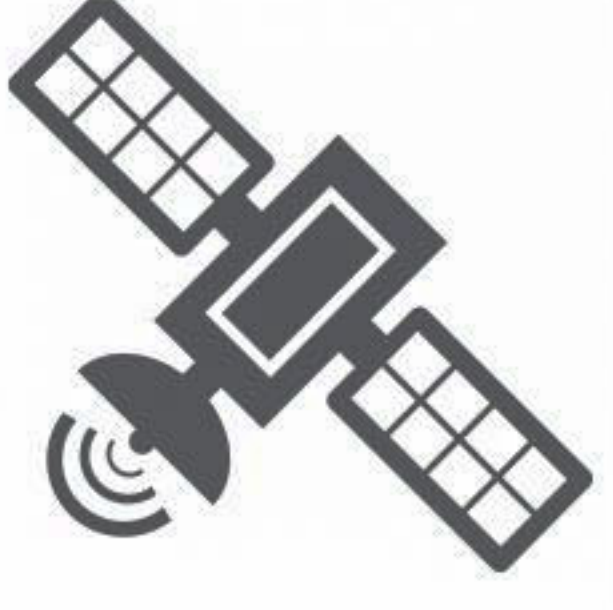


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**BANGABANDHU SATELLITE**  
**French firm gets contract**  
*Launching on Dec 16, 2017 to help boost broadcasting, telecom services*  
MUHAMMAD ZAHIDUL ISLAM  
French company Thales Alenia Space has been given the job of launching Bangladesh's first satellite as part of the government's efforts to narrow the digital divide and create new opportunities.  
The cabinet committee on purchase yesterday approved Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission's proposal for awarding a work order to the company for launching commercial satellite Bangabandhu-1 by December 2017.  
Thales Alenia Space will manufacture, launch and maintain it for providing communication and broadcast services, said State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications  
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Life has never been good to 17-year-old Russell, but he never stops dreaming of becoming a painter. When he was six, he lost both his hands and part of a leg under the wheels of a train while playing near rail tracks in the capital's Kamalapur. But he refused to be written off. To ease the burden on his day-labourer parents, he went to his aunt's house in Chandpur, and there began his triumph over the odds. Now he draws pictures sitting on the town's streets from morning till noon every day, and passersby drop money seeing his talent or out of sympathy. He sends most of the proceeds to his parents who live in the capital's Malibagh with his six siblings. The photo was taken yesterday near Chandpur Govt College. PHOTO: ALAM PALASH

**MOBILE SIM Biometric registration on trial run**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The trial run of biometric SIM registration system will be inaugurated today.  
Prime minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy will formally launch the pilot project at the Posts and Telecommunications Division. He will buy a new SIM and leave his fingerprint on a biometric device connected to the database of Election Commission.  
Under the system, mobile phone operators will take subscribers' fingerprints on a biometric device and verify the scans against  
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**Explain why action won't be taken**  
*HC asks police on the 16-year-old who drove SUV and hit rickshaws in Gulshan injuring 4*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court yesterday asked the police authorities to explain in two weeks why they should not be ordered to take legal actions against Fareez Rahman, the underage driver of an SUV that hit two rickshaws in Gulshan, injuring four people.  
The ruling came as law enforcers have not taken any action in this regard, even eight days after the incident.  
The police members who inspected the crash scene said Fareez, nephew of former

Awami League lawmaker Dr HBM Iqbal, was racing with another car on a water-logged Gulshan street and had been drinking before the crash.  
Giving its ruling on a Public Interest Litigation, the HC further asked why departmental proceedings should not be taken against the officer-in-charge of Gulshan police for not carrying out his duty in this matter.  
The rule was issued on the inspector general of police, the commissioner of




**Bribe-taking govt official suspended**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Over a week after withdrawing him from the controller's post at the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, the commerce ministry on Monday suspended Md Shahidul Haque who has recently been filmed taking bribes from service seekers.  
On instructions from the higher authorities, the ministry has made Shahidul an Officer on Special Duty. It has also lodged



Shahidul Haque  
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**Khoka gets 13 yrs for illegal wealth**  
COURT CORRESPONDENT  
A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced BNP leader and former city mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka to 13 years in prison for amassing illegal wealth and concealing information in his wealth statement.  
It also fined the BNP vice-chairman Tk 10 lakh and Tk 1 lakh on the two charges. If he fails to pay the fine, he will have to spend seven more months in jail.  
Judge Abu Ahmed Jomadar of the Special Judge's Court of Dhaka said the jail term will be effective from the day of his surrender or arrest.  
The court declared the verdict in absentia after cross-examination of 40 prosecution witnesses in the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.  
This was the first time a court delivered a judgment in a case against Khoka who has been accused in a dozen of criminal cases.  
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**TOP QUOTE**  
"This [traffic congestion] will not be solved until a single institution is empowered to deal with the issue."  
WORLD BANK'S OUTGOING COUNTRY DIRECTOR  
**JOHANNES ZUTT**  
TALKING TO REPORTERS AT THE WB'S DHAKA OFFICE

**“আমি ম্যাগী নুডলস উৎপাদনে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পেরে গর্বিত। আমি নিশ্চিত করে বলতে পারি এটি সম্পূর্ণ নিরাপদ ও শতভাগ খাদ্যমান ঠিক রেখে উৎপাদিত হয়। তাই আমার পরিবারেও প্রতিদিন ম্যাগী নুডলস দেই।”**

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