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JAMIL MAHMUD
Arwa, aged five, stands still for long staring at a photo of her father, Sajedul Islam Suman. She hasn't seen him or been caressed by him in two years. Although she has begun to faintly feel a sense of loss, she still does not understand why her father disappeared the way he did.
"She doesn't cry. But we can sense a vacuum has been created in her," said her aunt Sanjida Islam.
Suman, along with seven others, has gone missing from the capital since December 2013. Their families allege all of them were victims of "enforced disappearance" by Rapid Action Battalion. Rab-1 picked six of them, including



Suman, from the capital's Bashundhara Residential Area and two others from Shaheenbagh between 8:00pm on December 4 and 2:00am on December 5, according to the families.
The seven others are Zahidul Karim Tanvir, Mazharul Islam Russel, Abdul Quader Bhuiyan Masum, Asaduzzaman Rana, Al Amin, Adnan Chowdhury and Kawsar Ahmed.
Like in the previous year, the families will hold a programme at the capital's Jatiya Press Club today to mark the second anniversary of their alleged disappearance, demanding the government's intervention to reveal their whereabouts and ensure their return.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hugs a differently-abled kid at a function at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

Protect rights of challenged people

PM urges all UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the people of all classes, including the affluent section of society, to protect the rights of people with disabilities.
"After assuming office, we've taken many steps for their welfare, but I'll urge the affluent section, including businesspeople, private and corporate sectors, to help flourish and utilise their talents and provide them with jobs," she said.
Hasina was addressing a function marking the 24th International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the National Disability Day-2015 at the capital's

Misconduct their code

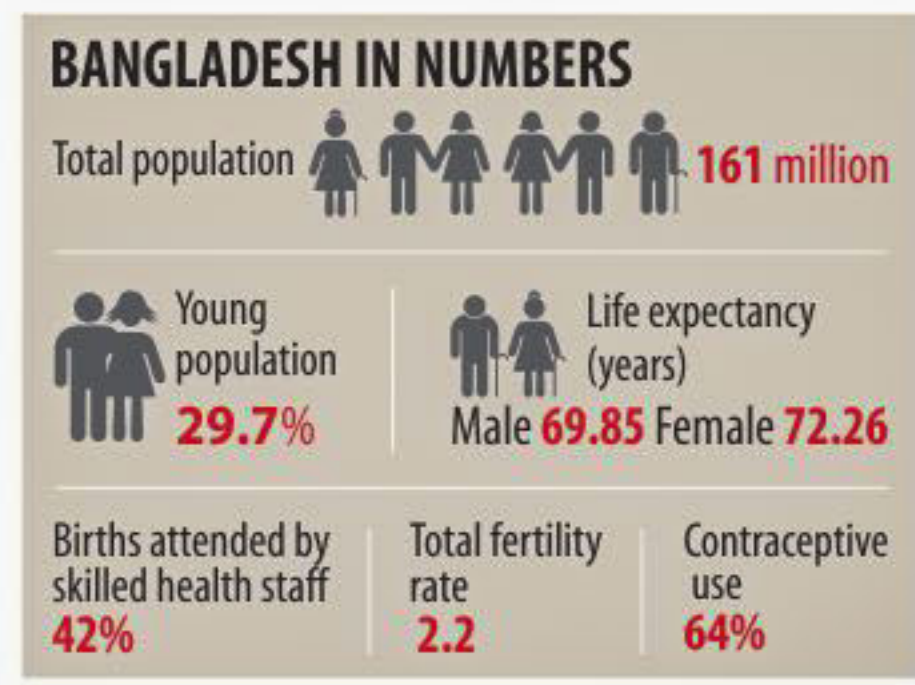
Some ruling party men defy polls rules even before nomination
PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and PANKAG KARMAKAR
In violation of electoral code, ruling Awami League's mayor candidates staged showdowns, brought out processions and motorcades at many places yesterday, even before submitting nomination papers to contest the upcoming municipal polls.
Moreover, local AL lawmakers in some districts accompanied their party



nomination papers silently at most places.
Many councillor aspirants from both parties also breached the election law by staging showdowns and holding processions, report our district correspondents.
Under the law, showdowns and processions are completely prohibited while going to submit nomination papers. Besides, candidates cannot go out on the street with more than five

CAUSED BY WORLD CONFLICTS Refugees now 60m

States UNFPA report; Bangladeshis living longer
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladeshis are living longer than those in most Saarc countries.
Life expectancy of males in the country is now 69.85 years while that of women is 72.26 years, according to a report of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
Among the eight member states of the South Asian Association for Regional



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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN AS HE VOWS TO MAKE TURKEY REGRET OVER DOWNED RUSSIAN PLANE IN SYRIA
"Probably Allah alone knows why they did it... And evidently Allah decided to punish the ruling clique in Turkey, by depriving it of any reason or logic"

PAKISTAN LYING, STILL

Genocide plot conceived at duck shooting trip



Then Pakistan Peoples Party chief Zulfikar Ali Bhutto receives president Yahya Khan at Moenjodaro Airport in Sindh, hometown of Bhutto, in January 1971. Left, a victim of the genocide committed on the night of March 25, 1971.

INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON
It was at a duck shooting trip in Larkana, the hometown of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who lost in the 1970 election to Bangabandhu, that the seed of the genocide in Bangladesh was sowed.
Bhutto and President of Pakistan Yahya Khan met there to discuss how not to hand over power to Mujib. The Larkana Conspiracy, as it is termed, was basically the root of the incidents that followed later including the nine-month genocide and destruction and the bloody War of Independence.
To the Pakistani rulers, it was unacceptable that the 'lowly' Bangalis would form the government of a 'Muslim' country.
As General Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi, who led the Pakistan army in Bangladesh and finally surrendered to the joint forces on December 16, 1971, said in a statement, "It was

Winter setting in late
Mercury may drop in a day or two, says Met office
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Though the calendar says it's time for winter, people are yet to find respite from the post-summer heat and humidity.
According to the Met Office, the temperature is still four to five degrees higher than the normal December temperature.
They, however, forecast that it may get cooler in a day or two when the cloudy weather dissipates.
"Currently a cloudy condition persists in the country. The clouds will go away by tomorrow [today] and after that the temperature will fall," Duty Forecast Officer (DFO) Sanaul Hauque said yesterday evening.
Though winter officially starts from November, people usually start feeling the cold not until the first week of December, he said.
In the long-term forecast, the Dhaka Met office said this year may not see much drop in temperature. Three cold waves -- one towards the end of this month and two in January -- may sweep over the country this winter.

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