

Deal chance higher

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phasing out the use of fossil fuels.
"It's hugely frustrating," EU chief negotiator Elina Bardram said.
But she said there was no comparison with Copenhagen as China, the world's biggest emitter was determined to be part of the deal and the presence of 150 heads of state at the start of the talks on Monday had shown strong political will.
The idea is that the text will be cut and sent to French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius by midday today. After that, it will be up to ministers to try to hammer out a deal next week.
Still, many say the price of this relative harmony is the conference's lack of ambition to set steep, binding emissions limits and create the legal tools to enforce them.
"We're at the halfway point of the summit but, in the push to get a decent deal, we are not yet halfway there," said Martin Kaiser of Greenpeace.
As the talks apparently not advancing as expected, Leonardo DiCaprio delivered a Hollywood-style jolt yesterday to divided negotiators in Paris,

challenging states to act boldly and swiftly to save mankind from disastrous global warming.
Joining Oscar-winner Robert Redford in the French capital, DiCaprio tried to inject much-needed urgency into efforts to strike a deal to rein in greenhouse gas emissions that threaten to play havoc with Earth's delicate climate system.
"They have a choice: be timid and settle for an agreement that merely allows them to save face. Or they can lead. They can return to their home towns and with a real plan to save the planet," DiCaprio told a summit of local leaders at the Paris town hall, held on the sidelines of the UN conference.
"Please do not let fear and doubt slow you down. Be bold, be courageous, do everything in your power to change our current course," he pleaded.
Redford, actor, Oscar-winning director and long-time environment campaigner who was representing the National Resources Defense Council, told the same gathering: "It is even more urgent than ever."

Scientists warn Earth will become increasingly hostile for mankind as it warms, such as with rising sea levels that will consume islands and populated coastal areas, as well as catastrophic storms and severe droughts.
However, cutting emissions requires a shift away from burning coal, oil and gas for energy, as well the destruction of carbon-storing rainforests -- costly exercises that powerful business interests are determined to press on with.
Rich nations have also been reluctant during two decades of UN negotiations to comply with demands from poorer countries that they must pay for the shift to renewable technologies, as well as to cope with climate change.
At stake is hundreds of billions of dollars that would need to start flowing from rich to developing nations from 2020, under the planned Paris pact.
With frustrations at the conference mounting, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on the world's developed economies to honour the financing pledge they made at the last major climate summit six years ago.

Families ask govt

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But all their efforts went in vain.
According to the family members, most of them were students. Some of them were leaders and activists of the BNP and its affiliated bodies.
Eight of them were picked up within six hours between 8:00pm on December 4 and 2:00am on December 5 in 2013.
They are Sajedul Islam Suman, Zahidul Karim Tanvir, Mazharul Islam Russel, Abdul Quader Bhuiyan Masum, Asaduzzaman Rana, Al Amin, Adnan Chowdhury and Kawsar Ahmed.
Family members of the eight alleged that Rapid Action Battalion-1 picked up six of them from the capital's Bashundhara residential area while they were hanging out there, and two others from Shaheenbagh.
One of the victims picked up from Basundhara was Sajedul, general secretary of ward-38 of BNP's Dhaka city unit.
Lt Col Tuhin Mohammad Masud, commanding officer of Rab-1, denied that Rab was involved in picking up the eight.
He, however, said they had received allegations from some of the victims' families about these disappearances.
Apart from the eight, 11 others who were reportedly picked up by detectives and Rab personnel are: Khalid Hasan, Samrat Mollah, Jahirul Islam (Habibur

Bashar Jahir), Mohammad Sohel, Parvez Hossain, Mohammad Sohel Chanchal, Nizamuddin Munna, Tariqul Islam Jhantu, Mahbub Hasan Sujan, Kazi Farhad and Selim Reza Pintu.
According to a written statement provided to the media, plainclothes detectives picked up Khalid and Samrat from in front of Dhaka Central Jail on November 28.
Jahirul, Sohel, Parvez and Chanchal were picked up by detectives and plainclothes men from Shahbagh area on December 2.
Nizamuddin and Tariqul were picked up by Rab personnel from Mollartek under Dakkhinkhan Police Station on December 6.
Mahbub and Farhad were picked up by detectives and plainclothes men from Narayanganj on December 7.
Selim was picked up by plainclothes men from his house at the capital's Pallabi on December 11.
Family members of the missing kept breaking down in tears while speaking about their loved ones at yesterday's press briefing.
"It has been two years. I cannot endure the pain anymore," said Hazera Khatun, Sajedul's mother.
She sought the prime minister's intervention in finding her son.
Shamsuddin Mollah, father of Nizamuddin Munna, wanted to know if his son was buried somewhere. "If

so, I want to see that soil," he said.
Rabbi, son of Sohel, said his father went to Shahbagh on December 1 to buy some flowers for him as it was his birthday.
"Since then, he did not return home."
Hridi, daughter of Parvez, demanded that her father be brought back soon so that she could go to school with him.
Syeda Shammi Sultana, wife of Khalid Hasan Sohel, said her son wanted to know how long he had to stay without his father.
Sujan's brother Shakib said they searched for Sujan everywhere but could not trace him.
"I cannot even ask my two nephews [Sujan's sons] whether they can recall their father," he said.
Contacted, Muntasirul Islam, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, claimed that whenever detectives pick up any suspect, they follow appropriate legal procedure, and produce the detainees before the court in due time.
"If the missing people were not produced before the court, then it could be said that detectives didn't pick them up," he told The Daily Star over the phone.
The DMP official added that they would enquire into the allegations raised by the families.

IS link uncovered in California

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Farook and Malik were killed Wednesday in a wild firefight with police hours after the attack -- and relatives were at a loss to explain how the young couple with a baby girl could have donned black tactical gear and shot at dozens of people.
Acquaintances told AFP that Farook did not seem to have extremist views and was living "the American dream" with his wife and baby daughter.
"I can never imagine my brother or my sister-in-law doing something like this. Especially because they were happily married, they had a beautiful six-month-old daughter," Farook's sister Saira Khan told CBS News.
Fox News reported that investigators believe there is a "very serious" possibility that Malik had radicalized her husband, who was a health inspector for San Bernardino county.
Farook attended the office party at a social services center for the disabled before apparently getting into an argument, and then returning with Malik -- both armed with assault weapons -- and opening fire.
Investigators later found thousands

of rounds of ammunition at the couple's home, as well as a veritable bomb-making laboratory, with 12 pipe bomb-like devices already constructed.
Another explosive device was found at the scene of the shooting, but failed to go off.
Law enforcement officials quoted by The New York Times said the FBI was treating the shooting as a potential terrorist act, but the idea of a workplace dispute gone wrong has not been ruled out.
CNN, quoting officials, said Farook had been in contact with known terror suspects overseas. The FBI -- who were scouring cell phones and a computer hard drive of the couple -- had evidence that Farook had communicated with extremists domestically and abroad a few years ago, the Times said.
Authorities identified the victims as six women and eight men ranging in age from 26 to 60. All but two were county employees and colleagues of Farook.
Up to 3,000 people attended a vigil Thursday evening in honor of the victims, lighting candles and listening to memorial speeches.

Meanwhile members of the Arab and Muslim communities in the United States said they feared a backlash, as details emerged of the Muslim couple who shot dead 14 people in California.
"There absolutely is a fear that there could be a backlash and that's the reality we live in," said Abed Ayoub, legal and policy director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, a civil rights group.
Muslim officials in San Bernardino held a prayer vigil at a local mosque late Thursday to honor the victims and urged people not to link Islam with the attacks.
"We condemn this senseless and horrific act of violence in the strongest possible terms," said Ahsan Khan, president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community chapter in Los Angeles.
The American Civil Liberties Union also urged against blaming the country's Muslim community for Wednesday's carnage.
"We mustn't attribute the actions or characteristics of two individuals to an entire community," said Hector Villagra, the head of the ACLU in California.



INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) for Reagent and Medicine

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| Project name | HNPP |
| Source of fund | SPA |
| Tender package no: | BPD-HNPP/01-15 |
| IFT Ref. no. and date | IFT/BRAC/BPD-HNPP/15-19 02 December, 2015 |
| Tender name | 1. Reagent strips for urinalysis 2. Tab/cap (Iron and Folic acid) |
| Time of delivery | As per tender documents |
| Price of the tender documents | BDT 1000.00 (one thousand only) non refundable |
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Man stabbed

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"From primary evidence, it seems like a planned murder and the extent of injuries indicates that it was carried out over a previous feud instead of just robbing him," said Iftekar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sitakunda Police Station.
No-one was detained in connection with the murder.
"We are investigating to find out the motive [behind the killing] and the culprits," the police official said, adding that the murder might have occurred between 4:00am and 5:00am yesterday.
The victim's family claimed that Amin had no enmity with anyone in his locality or workplace so far as they were aware.
A case was filed with Sitakunda Police Station.

10 hurt

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11:30am. Earlier at 10:00am, a clash left Rezaul Islam alias Majed, a joint general secretary and also loyal to the faction led by GS Reza-e-Elahi, injured along with five others.
The BCL activists also verbally assaulted Assistant Proctor Kazi Umar Siddiqui as he tried to contain the situation. Finally, Vice-chancellor Prof Ali Ashraf reached the scene with police and brought the situation under control.
GS Elahi and President Nazmul Hasan of the BCL university unit accused each other of being responsible for the clash.
The admission tests under C unit will continue today. Additional police have been deployed to ward off any untoward situation.

Syria opposition to meet next week in Riyadh

AFP, Beirut
A conference bringing together dozens of figures from Syria's political and armed opposition will be held next week in Riyadh, opposition members told AFP yesterday.
According to Samir Nashar, a member of the opposition National Coalition, "the meeting will be in Riyadh on Tuesday and Wednesday, and maybe Thursday if necessary."
He said the Coalition would be represented by 20 people and that 10 other opposition figures were also invited.
Saudi Arabia is a leading backer of the opposition to embattled Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.
Haytham Manaa, co-founder of the Cairo Conference group which includes domestic and exiled opposition figures, said 85 people would attend the meeting, including 15 from armed factions.
"We received some twenty invitations for the meeting that will be held on December 8 and 9," he said.
But the powerful Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD) and its affiliated People's Protection Units (YPG) have yet to be invited because of pressure from the Istanbul-based Coalition, Nashar said.

Delhi moves

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an even number can be brought out the next day. This will not apply to public vehicles.
The government said it hoped to cut down vehicular pollution in the state by half with the measure, which is likely to be very controversial.
A joint meeting of all stakeholders including traffic police, transport department and Municipal Corporation of Delhi will be called to prepare a blueprint for swift implementation of the executive order.
It was announced after an emergency meeting called by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal yesterday, a day after the Delhi High Court said living in Delhi was like "living in a gas chamber". The government also decided at the meeting to close down a unit of the Badarpur coal plant.
The High Court and the National Green Tribunal or NGT have repeatedly sought workable action plans to combat the menace of pollution in Delhi where the Air Quality Index, a measure of pollutants in the air, has hit dangerous levels in recent days.
The court on Thursday ordered a "time-bound action plan" by December 21. Plans submitted by the union environment ministry and the Delhi government were "not comprehensive", the judges said, because they did not specify responsibilities and a timeline.
The NGT has called for a "stay-at-home" alert for children and older people.
The World Health Organisation said last year that New Delhi is the most polluted city on Earth; the five most polluted areas in the country yesterday morning were all in Delhi.
An expanding metro system has failed to slow the spread of private vehicles and 1,400 extra cars hit the streets every day in the capital.
Pollution typically worsens in the winter months as the cooling of temperatures combines with pollution to cover the city, home to 16 million people, in smog.

Police identify

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Jessore, Bagura, Sirajganj, Khulna, Noakhali, Naogaon, Kishoreganj, Gopalganj, Brahmanbaria, Fenil, Satkhira, Barisal and Madaripur.
Forty-three of the 48 Bangladeshis were handed over to their family members at the Cox's Bazar Cultural Centre yesterday.
The rest of the victims were children, and were received by their parents and relatives on Thursday night.
At least 2,000 Bangladeshi trafficking victims have been repatriated from Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia and Thailand in the last two years, according to sources at the Bangladesh Border Guard.

MUNICIPAL POLLS BNP picks Kibria murder accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
The BNP has nominated GK Gaus, an accused in former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria murder case, as its mayor candidate for the upcoming municipality polls in Habiganj.
Returning Officer (RO) Mohammad Shafiqul Alam and a BNP central leader has confirmed Gaus' nomination.
Gaus, now in jail, is a former mayor of Habiganj municipality. He was suspended in January after he had been charge-sheeted in the murder case.
On his behalf, his brother GK Gaffar submitted the nomination paper to the office of the RO on Thursday.
Later, Gaffar told The Daily Star that his brother had been nominated by the BNP as the mayor candidate in the December 30 polls.
"My brother is a popular mayor. Many people are jealous of his popularity. We will prove his popularity on the election day," he said.
Sources said the BNP has now two rebel candidates in the forthcoming polls in the municipality.
Defying party restrictions, BNP Habiganj Municipal President Aminur

Rashid Emran and Habiganj Jatiyatobadi Sramik Dal chief M Islam Tarafdar Tonu also submitted their nominations as independent candidates to the RO, added sources.
The sources also said Habiganj Jubo league President Ataur Rahman Selim submitted his nomination as the Awami League mayor candidate.
Gaus went into hiding soon after the filing of the second supplementary charge sheet in Kibria murder on November 13, 2014.
The court accepted the third supplementary charge sheet filed by the CID's Senior ASP Meherunnesa Parul on December 21 that year and issued arrest warrants against the accused, including 11 new faces.
Former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's political secretary Harris Chowdhury is among the accused.
Senior Judicial Magistrate of Habiganj Rokeya Akhter later on December 28 sent Gaus to jail after his surrender before the court.
Kibria and four others were killed in a grenade attack on an Awami League rally on Baidderbazar Government Primary School premises in Habiganj on January 27, 2005.

4.20 lakh die a year

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Since foodborne pathogens take advantage of weak immune systems, young children are particularly at risk.
Children under the age of five make up only nine percent of the global population but account for nearly 40 percent of all illnesses linked to eating unsafe food and 30 percent -- 125,000 -- of all related deaths, the report said.
Foodborne diseases can cause short-term, albeit violent, symptoms like vomiting and diarrhoea, usually referred to as food poisoning, but can also cause long-term illnesses like cancer, kidney or liver failure, brain and neural disorders, it said.
Diarrhoeal diseases, often caused by eating raw or undercooked meat, eggs and dairy products contaminated with salmonella, E.coli or campylobacter bacteria, or the norovirus stomach bug, are by far responsible for most foodborne diseases.
Some 550 million people fall sick with food-related diarrhoea diseases each year, and 230,000 of them die, including 96,000 children under the age of five, the report showed.
While some diseases, like those caused by salmonella, can wreak havoc worldwide, many food contaminants are far more common in poorer countries, where people are more likely to prepare food with unsafe water, and where food production and storage is more likely to be inadequate.
Lower levels of literacy and education, as well as lax or poorly implemented food safety laws compound

the problem.
Africa and Southeast Asia are the hardest-hit regions, together accounting for 312,000 deaths related to contaminated food each year, compared to just 5,000 deaths in Europe and 9,000 deaths in the Americas, where food safety laws are stronger.
Arie Hendrik Havelaar, who heads WHO's foodborne disease burden epidemiology reference group, said the jarring differences showed countries could choose to make food safer.
"A large part of these foodborne diseases are preventable," he told reporters.
Liberia discharges last two Ebola cases: official
AFP, Monrovia
Liberia has released its last two known Ebola cases from hospital and started the countdown to being declared free of the virus for a third time, authorities said yesterday.
The patients, released from a treatment unit (ETU) in the capital Monrovia on Thursday, are the father and younger brother of a 15-year-old boy who died on November 23.
"As far as we know (there is) no case in the ETUs in the entire republic of Liberia," Tolbert Nyensuah, head of the country's Ebola response, told state radio.

Fake currency gang

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the capital's Uttara yesterday afternoon.
Maksudul said they gathered after primary interrogation of the arrestees that the ring was working in three groups.
One of them made fake Indian currencies in Pakistan, another carried the notes from there to Bangladesh by air and water while the third smuggled the currencies into India through Shibganj border in Chapainawabganj, he added.
The gang members from Shibganj sell fake Indian currencies worth Rs 1 lakh at Rs 40,000 to 45,000 with the help of Jamal, Nisfal Mondal, Prosanta Mondal and Uttam Kumar Sinha of Malda district in West Bengal, mentioned the Rab official.
The Indian gang members pay their cohorts in Bangladesh and Pakistan either through hundi, an informal system for transferring money, or by supplying them with Indian cattle.
According to Rab, Abdullah Selim was born in Chandpur of Bangladesh. He went to Pakistan along with his

family members in 1979.
Until 2002, he worked for a garment factory and a pharmacy in Karachi of Pakistan. Later, he got involved in the smuggling ring.
Selim used to help illegal Bangladeshis in Pakistan to return home on fake passports. He used them to smuggle fake Indian currencies into Bangladesh, claimed Rab.
He also helped people go to India and Pakistan from Bangladesh illegally.
Maksudul said detainee Kamrul, an employee at a fast food outlet at Dhaka airport, assisted the gang in the crime.
Detainee Mamun confessed to Rab that he had started trading fake currencies through one Bashar about eight months ago.
The two received one or two luggage from Pakistan every month, with each of them containing fake currencies worth about Rs 65 lakh to 70 lakh. They earned a commission for trading each consignment of the currencies, said Rab sources quoting Mamun.
Law enforcers at 7:00pm yesterday were in the process of filing a case in this regard.

Vacancy Announcement

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