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# First time as Bangladeshis

Freed from enclaves, they celebrate Victory Day

STAR REPORT

Farhana Akhter belonged to no country. She lived in an enclave, a pocket of land officially owned by India but geographically surrounded by Bangladesh.

So every year on December 16, her friends and classmates would celebrate the Victory Day while she remained pensive and engulfed by a sense of obscurity.

But this year, it was different.

Farhana now is a Bangladeshi citizen and she joined the Victory Day celebration for the first time in her life.

"I feel really proud as I can now celebrate the Victory Day like other students of my class," said the eleventh-grader from Garati, a former enclave in Panchagarh Sadar.

Several thousand new Bangladeshis like her participated in the celebration on Mofizar Rahman College premises yesterday afternoon.

They for the first time sang the national anthem -- Amar sonar Bangla ami tomay bhalobasi -- and other patriotic songs at the programme organised by the cultural affairs ministry in association with Channel-i and Grameenphone, reports our Thakurgaon correspondent.

Bangladesh and India swapped 162 adversely possessed pieces of land in August, ending 68 years of statelessness and deprivation of the people living in those.

Some 52,000 people of 111 enclaves located in Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Nilphamari and Panchagarh

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Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Nur, fifth from right, and State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tarana Halim, fourth from left, among others, sing the national anthem at a Victory Day celebration programme at Garati in Panchagarh. Channel-i and Grameenphone, in association with the cultural affairs ministry, yesterday organised the first ever V-Day event in Garati, a former Indian enclave that became part of Bangladesh this year.

PHOTO: QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT

# Pak HC's rebuttal, our reply

Pakistan has protested recent media reports on alleged involvement of one of its female diplomats in terror financing in Bangladesh.

On the 45th Victory Day of the country yesterday, the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka issued a press release saying the "utterly baseless" reports had appeared in the local press to malign a female Pakistani diplomat stationed here.

It has been learnt that the "story" was leaked to the press by the Detective Branch of police, and a section of the media published it without verifying the details given, reads the press release.

"All diplomatic norms and courtesies have been thrown to the wind by publishing fabricated details of an imaginary "sinister plot" to destabilise the host country.

"To our utter shock and dismay, the photograph of the said officer has also been recklessly published by the media and vulgar insinuations have been made regarding her character. It is not only a despicable attempt at character assassination but also endangers the security of the officer,"

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2015

# Not third gender, female

Lack of law forces 2 aspiring councillors to choose wrong sex

HASAN JAHD TUSHER

For the first time in Bangladesh, two hijras (hermaphrodites) are running for councillor in the December 30 municipality polls.

They, however, had to identify themselves as females since a government decision to identify them as the third gender has not been implemented yet.

Both of them became voters as females since there was no option for their sex in the National Identity (NID) card forms.

The cabinet in November 2013 decided to



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identify hijras as people of the third gender and to use this sexual identity in different government forms and documents like passport and NID cards.

The Election Commission kept no option for the third gender in the nomination forms for both mayoral and councillor aspirants. The Daily Star contacted EC officials to know the reasons behind it, but no one could explain.

EC Secretariat Secretary Sirazul Islam termed the participation of the two hijras in the elections positive. He did not elaborate further.

# Businessmen to get special Indian visas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India is likely to issue multiple-entry business visas to businessmen of Saarc member countries, including Bangladesh, before April.

The visas, to be called "India Business Card", are expected to be granted as per the requirements of the businessmen concerned for a period of up to five years.

"Printing of the India Business Card has been ordered in the India

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# Chhatra Shibir flexes its muscle

BCL men chased away from Ctg College Shaheed Minar; police step in; clash ensues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Islami Chhatra Shibir activists chased away Bangladesh Chhatra League men during a Victory Day programme at Chittagong College yesterday, leading to pitched battles between members of the two student bodies.

Witnesses said the BCL men were attacked while placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar.

As they tried to return to the campus, they fought with Shibir men near the college's main gate, prompting police to fire shots in the air to disperse them.

At least three people were injured in the incident and more than 60 Shibir activists were detained by the law enforcers afterwards.

The activists of the pro-ruling party student body also besieged the office of Principal ProfJesmin Akther for nearly half an hour, alleging that she was

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# Mobile phone registration from Feb

Biometric SIM registration begins

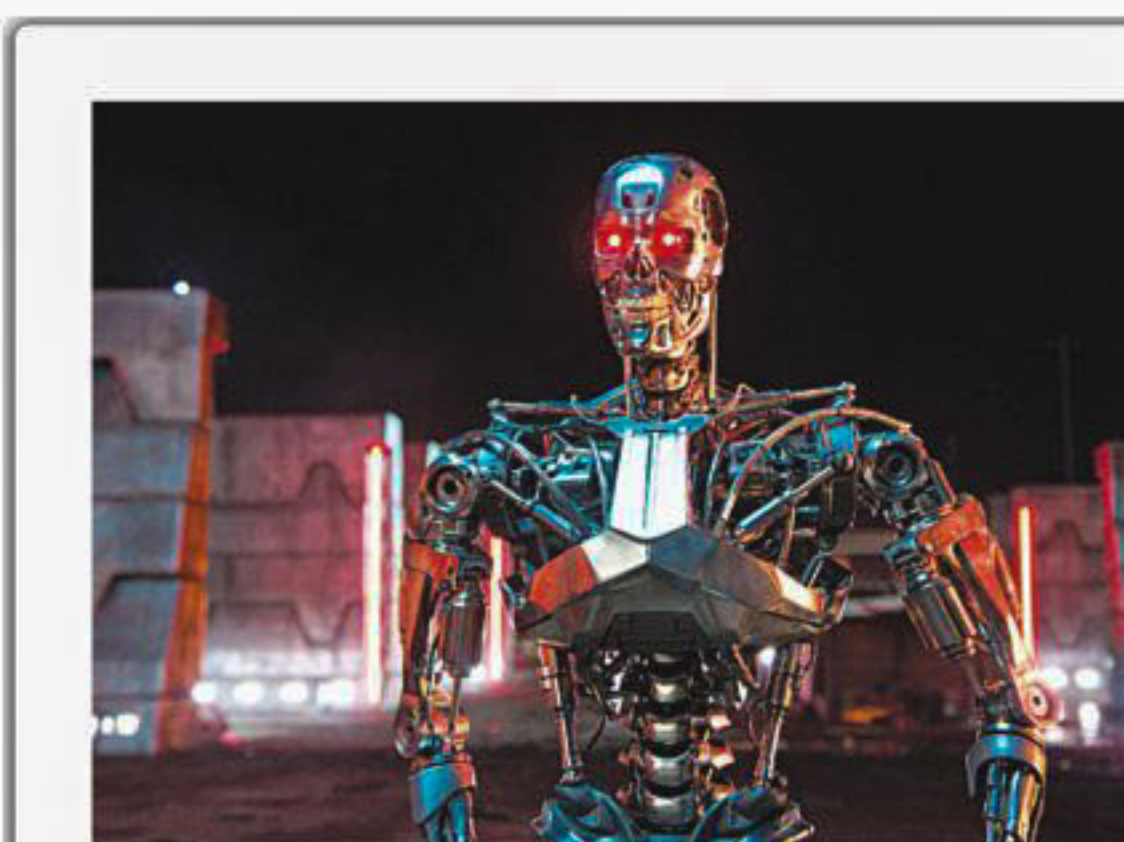
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday launched biometric SIM registration process to ensure correct identification of all mobile subscribers, curb cybercrimes and strengthen overall security.

It also plans to get mobile phone users to start registering their handsets with the authorities concerned as soon as February.

Tarana Halim, state minister for telecom, said that for the government to be able to have an overall security solution,

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# US to create cybersoldiers

MAIL ONLINE

The US military has revealed its plans for artificial intelligence (AI) on the battlefield - but admits enemies are already ahead of it.

It hopes AI will power everything from cybersoldiers to the targeting systems of the F-35 - but admits it has to catch up to commercial AI firms.

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**বিজয়ের আনন্দ ছড়িয়ে পড়ুক সবার মাঝে**

**আসছে স্মার্ট জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র**

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র / National ID Card

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পিতা: আব্দুল হক  
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সুহাইয়া হক  
Date of Birth: 23 Jan 1989  
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স্মার্ট জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র একটি অত্যাধুনিক আন্তর্জাতিক মানসম্পন্ন পরিচয়পত্র যা নিশ্চিত করবে নাগরিকের পরিচয় ও সকল নাগরিক সুবিধা

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- আপুলের ছাপের মাধ্যমে অফলাইন ভেরিফিকেশন সুবিধা

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- দীর্ঘস্থায়ী ও টেকসই
- সহজে নকল করা সম্ভব নয়
- বিভিন্ন ধরনের অ্যাপ্লিকেশন (Apps) চালানো সম্ভব
- চিপ, ২ডি বারকোড, মেশিন রিডেবল জোন (MRZ)
- নাগরিকের সকল তথ্য চিপ-এ সংরক্ষণ

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- ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্স প্রাপ্তি ও নবায়ন
- পাসপোর্ট প্রাপ্তি ও নবায়ন
- চাকুরির জন্য আবেদন
- স্বাবর সম্পত্তি ক্রয় ও বিক্রয়
- ব্যাংক হিসাব খোলা ও ঋণ প্রাপ্তি
- সরকারি বিভিন্ন ভাতা উত্তোলন
- সরকারি ভর্তুকি, সাহায্য, সহায়তা প্রাপ্তি
- শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানে ভর্তি
- বিমান বন্দরে ই-গেট এর মাধ্যমে দ্রুত আগমন ও বহির্গমন সুবিধা
- শেয়ার আবেদন ও বিও একাউন্ট খোলা
- ট্রেড লাইসেন্স প্রাপ্তি
- যানবাহন রেজিস্ট্রেশন
- বিবাহ ও তালাক রেজিস্ট্রেশন
- গ্যাস, পানি, বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ গ্রহণ
- মোবাইল ও টেলিফোন সংযোগ গ্রহণ
- বিভিন্ন ধরনের ই-টিকেটিং
- সিকিউরিটি ওয়েব লগ ইন
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