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A DIFFERENT RETURN
Nearly eight months ago the Bangladesh U-14 girls were trapped in the valley of death following a massive earthquake in Nepal on April 25, before being whisked off by a Bangladesh Air Force cargo plane. But those terrified faces were brimming with joy yesterday when they returned home after winning that suspended regional Asian Football Confederation U-14 Girl's final 1-0 against hosts Nepal.
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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Steady progress shows hope

Bangladesh's average annual growth of 1.64pc highest in South Asia

GOOD PROGRESSES	NEED TO PROGRESS
● Life expectancy	● Increase in per capita income
● Child and maternal mortality	● Employment generation
● Adoption of new technology	● Reducing income inequality

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh showed an extraordinary progress in human development index (HDI) with an average annual growth of 1.64 percent in the last two and a half decades, which is the highest among the eight South Asian countries. Despite the progress, Bangladesh remains behind Sri Lanka, the Maldives and India on the latest global ranking with a static 142nd position in the HDI, according to the 2015 Human Development Report (HDR) released by the United Nations Development Programme at the planning ministry in Dhaka yesterday. Among other South Asian nations, the annual growth of India in the HDI was 1.48 percent during 1990-2014, while the rate was 1.25 percent in

VIOLATION OF POLLS CODE BY AL MEN

EC seeks PM's intervention

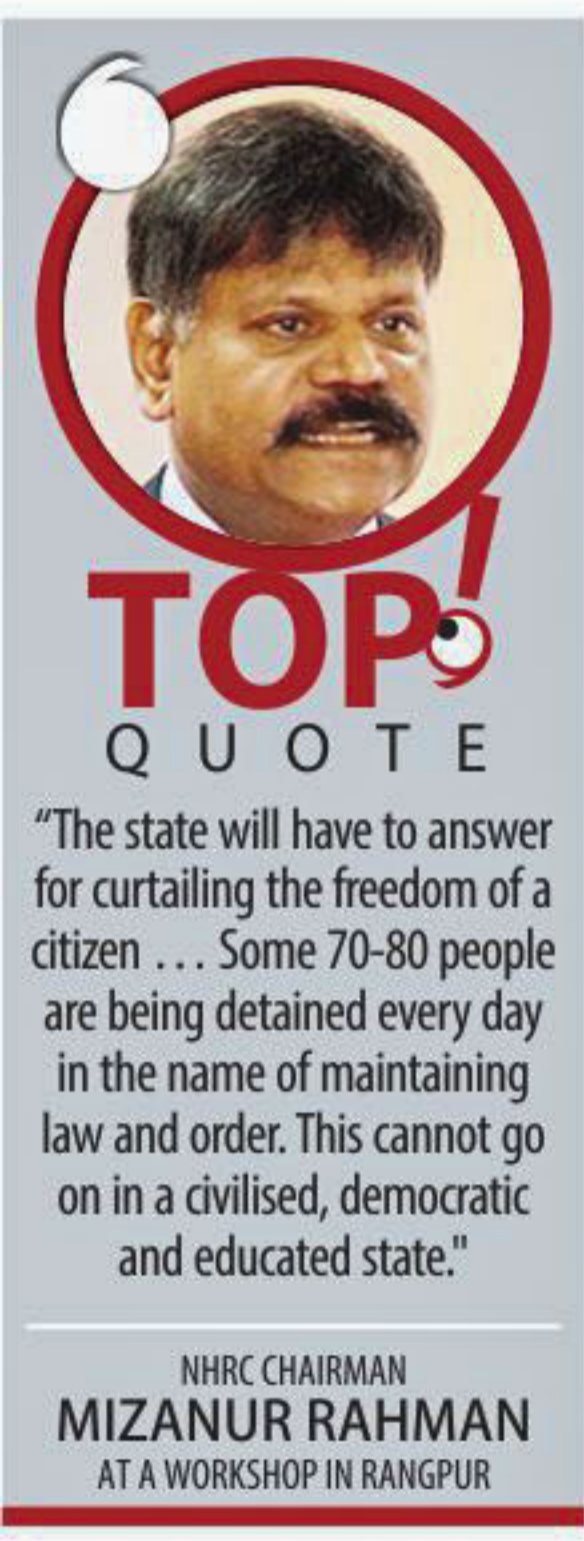
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With the Awami League men continuing to breach the polls code, an election commissioner yesterday sought the prime minister's intervention to check this. "We want more responsible behaviours from those who are in the government. We want their cooperation ... We would like to request the head of the government to look into the matter," Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz told reporters at the EC Secretariat ahead of the December 30 municipality polls. Such incidents of violation of the electoral code of conduct will tarnish the government's image and put the Election Commission in an embarrassing situation, he viewed.



MPO-LISTED TEACHERS

Pay hike made effective from July this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Teachers of non-government organisations under the Monthly Pay Order (MPO) system will also get salaries under the new pay scale with retrospective effect from July 1 this year, according to the Ministry of Education. The new pay scale will be implemented after the ministry and the finance division thoroughly evaluate the issue of increasing grant and assistance to the MPO-listed educational institutions on the basis of their eligibility and efficiency, the ministry said.



Freedom fighters' age now below 13

Govt to reduce the age limit to 12 years and 4 months, recognise more Biranganas
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The liberation war affairs ministry has decided to further reduce the age limit for being recognised as freedom fighters to 12 years and four months. In October last year, Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council (JMC) decided that those who were at least 15 years old on March 26, 1971 could apply for obtaining the freedom fighter status. The decision was met with huge criticism as the minimum age at 15 excluded many noted freedom fighters like Taramon Bibi, Abu Salek Bir Pratik and Shahidul Islam Lalu who were below 15 when they had participated in the Liberation War. Revising the decision to address the issue, JMC in July this year said people who were 13 on March 26, 1971 would

AL believes its candidates ahead in 200 municipalities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Ruling Awami League assessed that AL-nominated mayor aspirants were ahead in around 200 municipalities out of the 234 going to polls on December 30. The AL central organising secretaries presented the data on party's overall progress before the central leaders at a meeting held at the AL chief's Dhanmondi office yesterday, sources said. The organising secretaries said AL rebel candidates

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