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Trump calls vote recount a 'scam'

Clinton campaign says it will join the move, launched by Green Party in key battleground states

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump called a recount of votes being prepared in Wisconsin a scam, insisting Saturday that his presidential win should be respected, not "challenged and abused." The recount, which was requested by Green Party candidate Jill Stein, who received a minute fraction of the total vote, flew in the face of an election "that has already been conceded," Trump said.

Hillary Clinton's campaign said it would join the recount although it has not seen any irregularities so far in the White House contest won by Trump.

Marc Erik Elias, an election lawyer for the Democratic candidate, said in a post on Medium.com that the campaign would also participate in recounts in the closely contested states of Michigan and Pennsylvania if they are arranged.

Stein has also announced plans to seek recounts in those two states.

In a statement, Trump asserted that "the people have spoken and the election is over, and as Hillary Clinton herself said on election night, in addition to her conceding by congratulating me, 'We must accept this result and then look to the future.'"

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Tabla artistes Pandit Subhankar Banerjee, left, and Pandit Yogesh Samsi perform a breathtaking jugalbandi recital on the fourth night of the Bengal Classical Music Festival at the Army Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

CLASSICAL FEST Reign of rhythms

FAHMIM FERDOUS

The Army Stadium continued to be a hub of people of all ages and classes, connected by their love for the highest form of music and dance, as the Bengal Classical Music Festival entered its fourth night yesterday.

Pandit Yogesh Samsi and Pandit Subhankar Banerjee delivered a riveting tabla jugalbandi, bringing the audience to their feet.

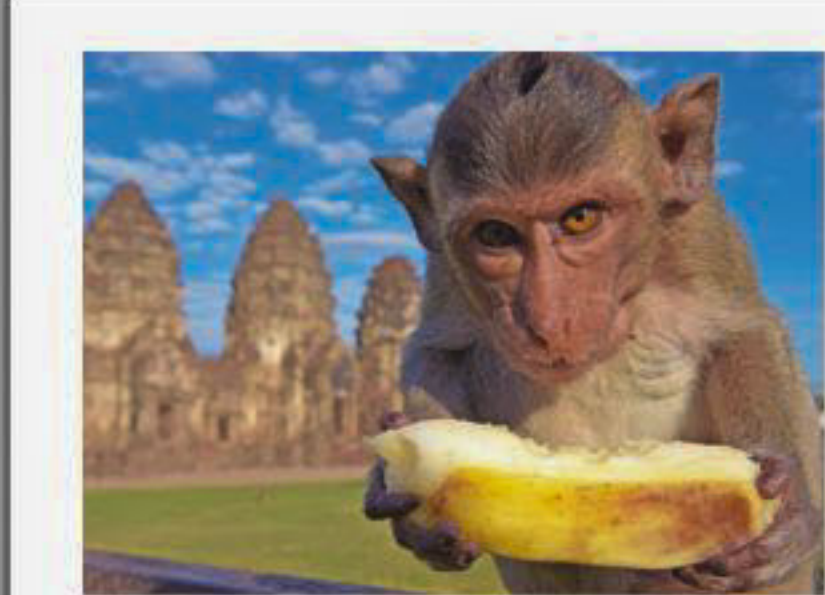
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5-star banquet for monkeys

AFP, Lopburi

It is a feast fit for a monkey king. The central Thai town of Lopburi yesterday put on a five-star banquet for its hundreds of macaque inhabitants, sparking a mass simian food fight.

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Game shows how nation was born

KHALID HUSSAIN AYON

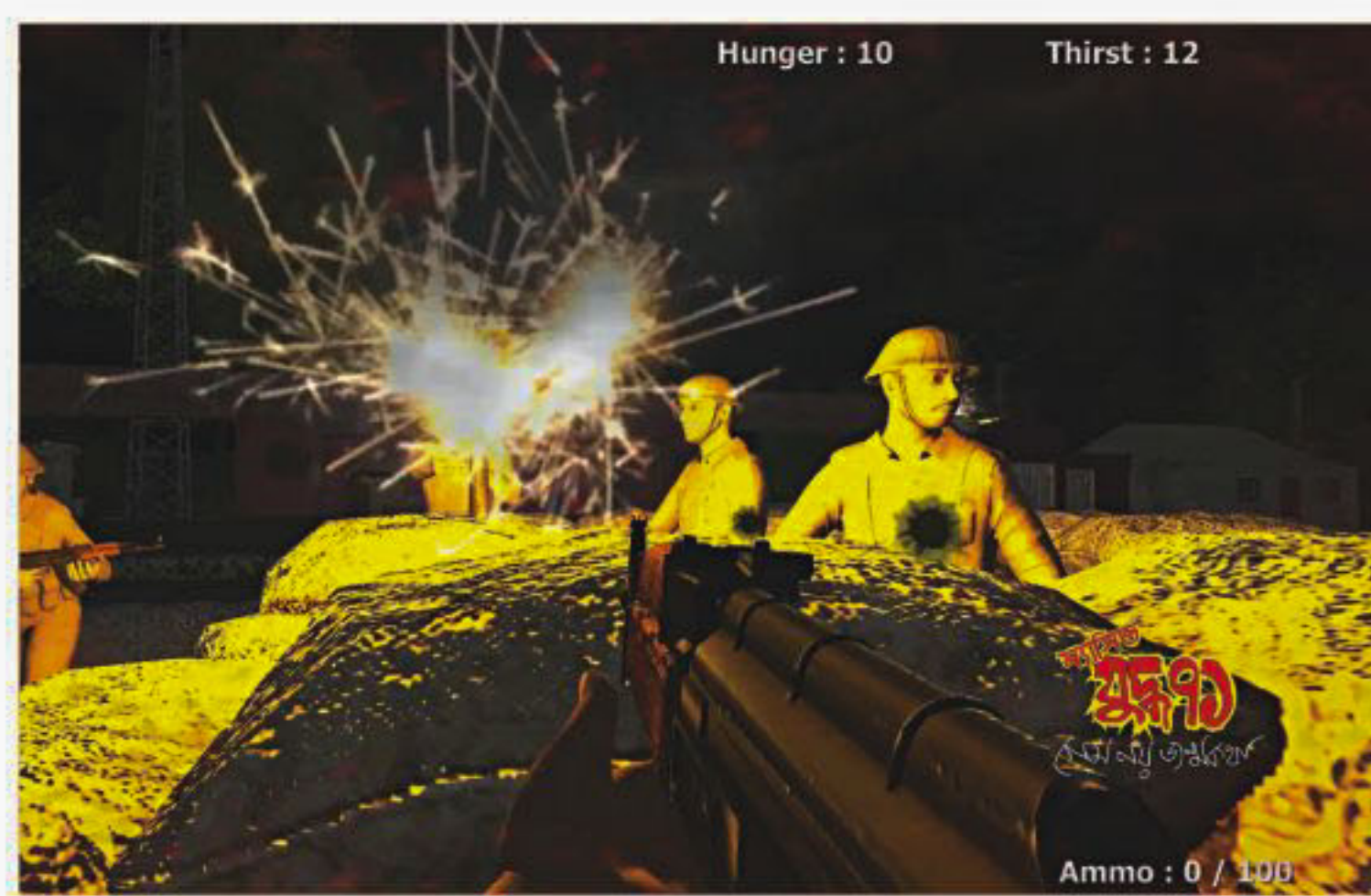
You may have played history-based war games like Brothers in Arms or early Call of Duty series. But you have never played a war game on your computer that lets you fight through the Liberation War of 1971. A Bangladeshi game company, Massive Star has developed one such game "Massive Juddho 71" that will let you fight through the war in the actual historical context.

With the slogan "Massive War 71 not just a game but a depiction of how the nation was born," the first episode will be available for free download this December.

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Up, a sequence of the game, "Massive War 71" and left, the cover photo of the war game expected to be launched in December.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Judgment in toxic syrup case today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Judgment is likely to be delivered today against five officials of Rid Pharmaceuticals Ltd over manufacturing of toxic paracetamol syrup that claimed at least 28 children's lives in 2009.

The five officials of the pharmaceutical company are Managing Director Mizanur Rahman; directors Sheuli Rahman, also Mizan's wife, and Abdul Gani; and pharmacists Mahbulul Islam and Enamul Haque.

Among the accused,

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JMB man killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

An alleged member of outlawed militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Bagerhat Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Acting on a tip off, a joint team of detectives and Bagerhat Model Thana police raided Rasulpur Bridge area around 1:00am, said Pankaj Chandra Roy, superintendent of police in Bagerhat. Sensing the presence of law enforcers, miscreants

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GIRLS' MARRIAGE BEFORE 18 YEARS Govt urged to repeal special provision

It will encourage child marriage, speakers tell Star-UNFPA dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a dialogue yesterday urged the government to repeal the provision in the proposed Child Marriage Restraint Act that would allow marriages of girls below 18 under special circumstances.

They said it would encourage child marriage.

The cabinet okayed the draft law on Thursday.

Speakers also stressed the need for launching a social movement to change the mindset of the people to stop gender-based violence against women in the country.

They were addressing "Policy Dialogue on Gender Based Violence and Its Impact on Bangladesh's Development" organised jointly by The Daily Star and the UNFPA at The Daily Star Centre in the city.

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said the country made tremendous progress in many

sectors, including women empowerment, but the proposed Child Marriage Restraint Act, if passed with the special provision, would mar the government's achievements.

"If the act is passed, people will take advantage of the provision. I request revisiting the issue," he said.

The NHRC chairman urged the government to withdraw its reservation on Articles 16 (C) and 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), as those were creating barrier for women empowerment.

Defending the provision in the act, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said consent of both a boy and a girl, their parents and that of a court were needed for the marriage of a girl under 18.

AL lawmaker Habibe Millat said strict rules were being made to stop misuse of the proposed act.

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GAIBANDHA SANTALS 33 get HC bail in case over attacking cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted eight weeks' anticipatory bail to 33 people including 23 indigenous Santals of Gobindganj in Gaibandha in a case filed on charge of attacking police on November 6.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice JBM Hassan issued the bail order after hearing a petition filed by the accused.

The accused petitioners appeared before the HC bench seeking anticipatory bail with the apprehension that they would be arrested

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