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## BPL final today

SPORTS REPORTER

After more than a month, the Bangladesh Premier League will end today with one of two teams -- Dhaka Dynamites and Rajshahi Kings -- holding aloft the trophy at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur tonight, expectedly under a sky lit up by a fireworks display.

The final is set to start at 5:45pm and will feature the ultimate frontrunners in Shakib Al Hasan's Dhaka and the fighting underdogs of Darren Sammy's Rajshahi. Much will likely depend on how the batsmen of each side fare in conditions that have so far not been conducive to high-scoring matches. In that respect, Dhaka will look to the likes of Evin Lewis, Mehedi Maruf and Mosaddek Hossain to give them a good start and will

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## Air strike on Iraq market kills dozens

*Fierce battle rages for Mosul*

AGENCIES

An air strike in a western Iraqi town near the Syrian border still controlled by the Islamic State group has killed and wounded dozens of civilians, officials said.

The deadly strike on Wednesday came as Iraqi forces battled jihadists deep inside Mosul, edging closer to the River Tigris that divides the city and looking for a breakthrough in the seven-week-old offensive.

Iraq's Joint Operations Command yesterday said that Iraqi aircraft struck dozens of mostly foreign fighters from the Islamic State group in Al-Qaim area the previous day.

It described allegations by officials that dozens of civilians were killed as IS propaganda.

The speaker of Iraq's parliament, Salim al-Juburi condemned the air strike.

Anbar lawmaker Ahmed al-Salmani said 55 civilians were killed. Another lawmaker, Mohammed Karbouli, told Reuters that 60 people had been killed, including some of

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**Children carry heavy schoolbags near a school at Mohammadpur in the capital yesterday even though the High Court on Wednesday ruled that primary school kids should not be forced to carry satchels weighing over 10 percent of their weight.**

PHOTO:  
RASHED SHUMON

## Mentally ill girl 'killed after gang rape'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,  
Rajshahi

An 11-year-old mentally challenged girl was killed in Chandipur of Rajshahi city yesterday, two days after she had gone missing from the area.

She was gang-raped before her murder, according to a forensic expert of Rajshahi Medical College where her autopsy was performed.

The body of Anny Khatun, daughter of late Ratan Ali of the area, was found on an abandoned land surrounded by high boundary walls. There was a black stain around her neck, said Amanullah, officer-in-charge of Rajpara Police Station.

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## CHILD MARRIAGE Bill placed in JS, sent to committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill was placed in parliament last night incorporating strict punitive actions against marriage between boys and girls below 21 and 18. However, the proposed law has a provision for "special circumstances" under which girls below

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## CAMPAIGN ON IN N'GANJ

## All except Ivy skeptical about polls fairness

STAR REPORT

All six mayoral aspirants, except the ruling Awami League-nominated candidate, expressed fear yesterday that the upcoming Narayanganj City Corporation polls might not be free and fair.

The recent elections to Upazila

Parishads, municipalities and Union Parishads were marred by huge irregularities and violence but the authorities concerned did not take due actions.

That increases the possibility of illegal practices being repeated during the Narayanganj polls scheduled for December

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## Giraffes in process of extinction

CNN ONLINE

Africa's wild giraffe population has plunged dramatically and the world's tallest animals are in the process of a "silent extinction," a conservation group has reported.

Giraffe populations have fallen by up to 40% over

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## 4 'robbers' killed in 'gunfights'

STAR REPORT

Four alleged robbers were killed on Wednesday in separate "gunfights" in Keraniganj and Faridpur, claimed police.

In Keraniganj, the gunfight took place at Ruhitpur between a group of robbers and police, leaving two alleged robbers killed.

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PHOTO: STAR

## False cobra found in Lawachhara

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Moulvibazar's Lawachhara is widely known for its forest resources and wildlife. It is home to 167 species of trees, 246 species of birds, 39 rare species of snakes and 20 rare and endangered species of animals.

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**A false cobra at  
Lawachhara forest in  
Moulvibazar recently.**

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