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Children huddle near a fire in the capital's Tejgaon Rail Crossing area as the mercury dropped yesterday morning.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

9 of a family injured in N'ganj fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least nine members of a family sustained burn injuries in fire at a flat in Fatullah in Narayanganj yesterday.

Fire service and civil defence officials said the fire might have originated from a burning mosquito repellent coil.

The incident occurred in a second floor flat in a four storey building called Ferdousi Manzil at Kotowaler Bagh area in Fatullah around 6:30am.

The injured are Shrinath

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EC bars use of portraits of others' party chiefs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although they can use each other's polls symbol, alliance partners cannot print the portrait of any political party chief other than their own, the Election

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Bangladesh most gender equal country in S Asia

UNB, Dhaka

For the fourth time in a row, Bangladesh held the top position among South Asian countries in ensuring gender equality.

The country has slipped only one notch down to the 48th position among 149 countries worldwide, but is still ahead of all other countries in Asia except the Philippines, according to World Economic

Forum's 'The Global Gender Gap Report 2018' published on Monday.

"Bangladesh consolidates its position as the region's top performer and breaks into the top five in the global index on the Political Empowerment sub-index this year, recording progress on closing its political gender gap, despite a widening gender gap in terms of labour force participation," said the report.

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Do-or-die for Tigers

SPORTS REPORTER

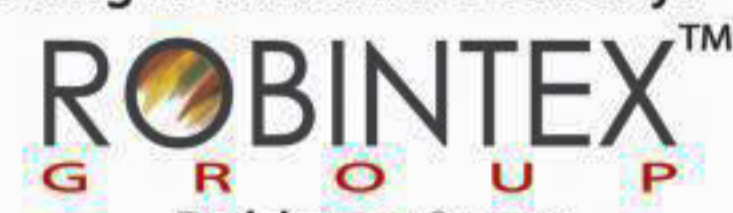
Bangladesh will desperately be looking to stage a comeback and keep their hopes in the series alive when they take on a spirited West Indies in the second match of the three-match T20I series at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur today.

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Mr. Robin Razon Sakhawat, Managing Director-Comptex Bangladesh Ltd, Director-Robintex (Bangladesh) Limited, Director-Jamuna Bank Ltd, is rewarded with prestigious CIP (Export) Award. We do believe in his endeavors for every success. May he live long with sound health to lead us to contributing in national economy.



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EU diplomatic cables hacked

Reports NYT; Chinese spies blamed; leaks reveal concerns about Trump, Russia, Iran; urgent probe launched

AFP, Brussels

The EU announced an urgent investigation yesterday after hackers with possible links to China accessed thousands of sensitive diplomatic cables.

In the latest embarrassing data breach to hit a major international organisation, the New York Times reported that hackers using similar techniques to the Chinese military gained entry to EU communications.

The cables from European Union diplomatic missions around the world reveal anxiety about how to handle US President Donald Trump as well as concerns about the behaviour of China, Russia and Iran.

The leak, discovered by cybersecurity firm Area 1, recalls the publication by Wikileaks of a vast haul of US State Department cables in 2010, though in the EU case the trove is much smaller and consists of less secret communications, the NYT reported.

EU officials said they have begun a probe into the leak, which comes with Europe on high alert for malign online activity in the run-up to key parliamentary elections in May next year.

"The Council Secretariat is aware of allegations regarding a potential leak of sensitive information and is actively investigating the issue," the EU Council, which represents member states, said.

"The Council Secretariat does not comment on allegations nor on matters relating to operational security. The

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HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS



Mrs. Sultana Jahan



Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir

In recognition of special contributions to the Export Sector of Bangladesh, Mr. Salahuddin Alamgir, Hon'ble Chairman, Labib Group & Director, FBCCI and Mrs. Sultana Jahan, Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, Labib Group have been awarded with 'CIP' Status for last consecutive 7th & 6th times respectively. We are conveying our heartiest felicitations to them.



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Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited takes immense pleasure in congratulating Mr. A. S. M. Rafiqul Islam Noman, Managing Director, Zaber & Zubair Fabrics Limited (A sister concern of Noman Group), for achieving the 'National Export Trophy (Gold) 2015-2016' for the 10th consecutive year.



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