

PADMA BRIDGE RAIL LINK PROJECT IS BEING BUILT WITH BSRM







A price chart set up by the Dhaka North City Corporation at Kalmilata kitchen market in the capital's Teigaon area has no mention of commodity prices. Besides, a tea stall partially blocks its view. Traders at the market said the chart had hardly been updated since it was placed there six to seven years ago. The photo was taken yesterday.

## DU STUDENT RAPE Police press charges against lone accused

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Detectives yesterday pressed charges against the lone accused, Majnu, in a case filed over the rape of a Dhaka University student in the capital's Kurmitola area on January 5.

Abu Bakar Siddique, inspector of Detective Branch of police and also investigation officer of

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Biman slashes over half of int'l flights

Suspends operation on 11 of 18 routes; CAAB's daily earnings drop to Tk 1cr from Tk 3cr

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Biman has so far suspended flights to 11 out of the 18 international destinations it serves and more routes could be cut as the coronavirus pandemic continues to ravage countries across the globe.

At least 28 foreign airlines served Dhaka with 65 flights a day but now the number

has come down to about 30, Group Capt AHM Touhid-ul-Ahsan, director at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, told The Daily Star.

The earnings of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, the regulatory authority of the country's civil aviation, also took a hit. CAAB Chairman Air Vice Marshal M

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New Corruption Probes

## KSA detains 298 govt officials

Saudi Arabia announced the detention of hundreds of government officials, including military and security officers, on charges involving bribery and exploiting public office, and said investigators would bring charges against them.

Scores of the kingdom's economic and political elite were detained in 2017 at Riyadh's Ritz-Carlton hotel in a corruption crackdown that unsettled some foreign investors.

The royal court said last year it was SEE PAGE 9 COL 3



**PRAYER TIMING MARCH 17** Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 5-00 12-45 4-30 6-14 7-45 JAMAAT 5-35 1-15 4-45 6-18 8-15 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



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