



HIGHEST SELLING CEMENT for more than years



DEALING WITH NATURAL DISASTERS

Govt efforts lack transparency

Says TIB report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A research by Transparency International Bangladesh has found that there was a huge lack of transparency and accountability on the part of the government in dealing with the recent natural disasters, including Cyclone Amphan.

The graft watchdog released the report on the research at a virtual press conference yesterday.

The work on data collection, analysis and report preparation for this research was done between May 18 and December 23 to review the progress and challenges in ensuring good governance in dealing with the

The TIB study report titled "Challenges facing good governance in disaster management and ways to overcome those: Recent experiences, including Amphan" found that lower allocations were made to the worst affected districts due to political considerations.

There was a lack of ability, participation and coordination in fighting the disasters. Shelters were used for personal purposes and there were examples of abuse of political power in relief distribution, it added.

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A woman drying clay pots, used for making winter pithas, in the sun in Kalashkanthi Pal Para of Barishal's Bakerganj upazila. Several families in the village have been busy preparing these pots since the onset of winter. They sell each hundred pots for Tk 800 to wholesalers. The photo was taken on Thursday.

Allegations against EC 'false, illmotivated

CEC about 42 noted citizens' statement STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Those who said people are losing faith in elections have an ill motive, Chief **Election Commissioner** KM Nurul Huda said yesterday, referring to a press conference by 42 distinguished citizens. SEE PAGE 10 COL 6

FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

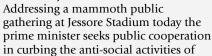
Bangabandhu seeks people's cooperation

December 25, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU'S JESSORE TOUR Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman reiterates his firm determination to deal with miscreants and other anti-social elements with a firm hand and warns them once again that his government would not allow a handful of armed miscreants to play

and security of the 75 million peace-loving people of the country.



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for 'restricted' Christmas

AGENCIES

Thousands of truckers endured Christmas Eve stranded near a major British port, ensnared in the chaos unleashed by a new coronavirus strain, as Western nations accelerated vaccination programmes.

European nations on Wednesday had started easing travel bans on Britain to contain a new

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World readies | ACC can summon anyone over graft

HC observes in ruling on petition filed by deputy attorney general

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has observed that the Anti-Corruption Commission can issue notice to any citizen asking him or her to appear in person to its office to place statements over corruption allegations.

The HC bench of Justice Md Moinul Islam Chowdhury and Justice AKM Zahirul Huq made the observation in the full text of its order on a writ petition filed by Deputy Attorney General Jannatul Ferdousi Rupa challenging the

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BHASAN CHAR 2nd batch of Rohingyas to be relocated by this month

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The second batch of Rohingya refugees are likely to be relocated to Bhasan Char at the end of this month, officials said.

"A total of 700-1000 Rohingya refugees are scheduled to be relocated on December 28 or 29 and Bhasan Char has been readied to receive them, Commodore Abdullah Al Mamun Chowdhury, director of the Ashrayan-3 Project (the official title of the Bhasan Char project), told The Daily vesterday.

The first batch of refugees, consisting 1,642 Rohingyas, were relocated to the char on the 4th of this month.

The Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner the relocation process amid concerns of the international community about the island being a risky place for the refugees

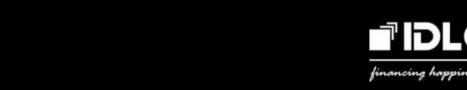
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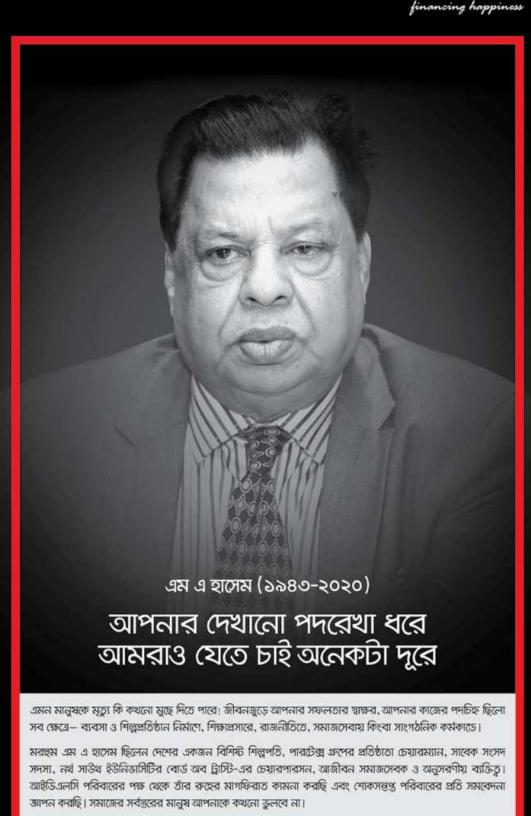


PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 25 Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-25 12-30 3-45 5-24 7-00 JAMAAT 6-00 1-15 4-00 5-27 7-30

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Mr. M. A. Hashem, Founder Trustee & Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University and Former MP passed away on December 24, 2020 (Inna lillahi wa inna elaihi rajeun)

We gratefully remember the immense contributions of Mr. M. A. Hashem. Members of the NSU Board of Trustees, all teachers and staff members are deeply shocked by his death

> We Pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul

