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## Ministry says no to lottery for raising fund for FFs' families

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A proposal to raise funds by holding lottery for the welfare of the families of war-wounded and martyred freedom fighters (FFs) has been rejected by the finance ministry for next five years.

The Daily Star

Welfare Trust, through the liberation war affairs ministry, sought permission of the finance ministry to hold a countrywide lottery for

raising the fund, said official sources.

Internal Resources Division (IRD) of the finance ministry, in a letter, said "There is no scope in the present context to consider the proposal before 2009."

The IRD letter, however, did not Bangladesh Freedom Fighters mention any reason regarding the disapproval of the proposal for holding the lottery. Officials at the liberation war

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Kalyan Trust have expressed their surprises over the rejection and said the finance ministry letter has apparently rejected the proposal.

They said a number of government and voluntary organisations are holding such lottery to raise funds for their causes, but the finance ministry has ignored the proposal of the liberation war affairs affairs ministry and Muktijoddha ministry



Sanjida Khatun, a Tagore song exponent, presents an Uttaria (shawl) to sitar maestro Khurshid Khan at the Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan in the city yesterday as he was accorded a reception on the last day of the event.

### Indo-Bangla jt drive to set up border pillars

#### UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh and India are carrying out a joint drive to set up new boundary pillars and repair the damaged ones. An official of the Land Record

and Survey Department, preferring not to be named, said they were setting up new pillars and replacing damaged or missing pillars along the border.

around 4,500 kilometres and the number of missing and damaged pillars is about 200. "The drive titled 'Field Programme

for Reconstruction of Boundary Pillars' is a part of annual maintenance of border -- the demarcation process under a mutual understanding between India and Bangladesh," the official said.

The process to identify demarcation pillars started on February 5. Director General of Land Record

and Survey Department Mohammad Abu Haider Sarder and Director, Survey, of India GC Boiragi are leading the respective sides in the drive.

1,195 more held UNB, Dhaka The border with India stretches

Police arrested 1,195 people on various charges during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours as of 6.00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers recovered nine firearms, six other weapons and 155 bullets and filed two cases against three people under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.

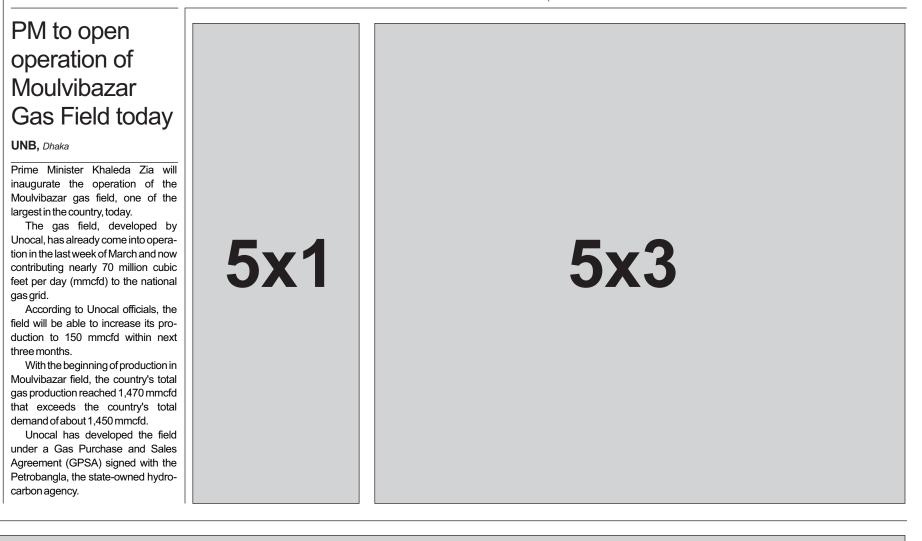


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