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RAJUK STAFF'S WEALTH STORY Property's value 13 times his whole life's salary

PINAKI ROY

Amir Khasru, building inspector and a class-three ranked employee, drew Tk 13.94 lakh salary during his 12-year service with Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) since 1995.

Also president of Rajuk unit Sramik Dal, Amir, however, showed Tk 1.76 crore movable and immovable property in his income tax return last year.

His name also appeared on the list of graft suspects prepared by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). Investigators while dealing with his case found amazing fact of cheating and forgery.

He showed on papers that he received Tk 54.33 lakh from his wife Parvin Akhter, who he claimed had earned the sum through her job with Unicef from 1985 to 1994.

But according to her SSC certificate, Parvin was an adolescent of

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Amir Khasru, a class three employee of Rajuk, owns this six-storey building at Rupnagar in Mirpur, as well as many other houses in the capital city.

PHOTO: STAR



List of 1,200 war criminals to be disclosed today

RASHIDUL HASAN

The War Crimes Facts Finding Committee today will announce a list of 1,200 war criminals including members of Pakistan occupation forces who were directly involved in mass killing during the Liberation War.

"After conducting investigation

and research for seven years, we are going to announce the list of perpetrators of war crimes and genocide," Dr MA Hasan, convener of War Crimes Facts Finding Committee told The Daily Star last night.

According to the list, Brig Jahan Jeb Arbab, Maj Gen Gul Hasan, Rao Forman Ali, Brig Bashir, Gen Khadi

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JOINT BID WITH SUMMIT GE surprised at power bid cancellation

SHARIER KHAN

President of General Electric Power Company Stephen R Bolze has expressed surprise over Power Cell's rejection of their joint bids with Summit in two major power projects on grounds of the latter not having "enough" financial strength.

"We'll sit with the projects' consultant International Finance Company (IFC) to discuss this matter. Summit is surely a capable company," said Bolze in an interview with The Daily Star on Tuesday. He was in Dhaka for a one-day visit on business purpose.

Power Cell in January rejected

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SLEEPER CLIP THEFT

Railway probe finds no proof of 'sabotage'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Railway (BR) probe committee has found that the theft of 3,510 sleeper clips between Banani and Cantonment stations was not an act of sabotage.

The committee submitted its report yesterday with five recommendations including installing theft-proof anti-vandal clips to prevent further such incidents.

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SQ Chy says he is well-known 'razakar'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"I'm a razakar, I'm a well-known razakar," said Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, parliamentary affairs adviser to former prime minister Khaleda Zia, during his trial yesterday at a special court set up at the MP Hostel in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Salauddin, who is widely criticised for his anti-liberation role, said this while questioning the plaintiff during the hearing of a

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'Varying opinions block natural resources exploration'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance and Planning Adviser Dr AB Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday said difference in opinions has become a major obstacle to exploration of natural resources and their exploitation for generating power.

"Bangladesh is a country where difference in opinions is widespread. Some quarters are now opposing offshore exploration, and

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5,000 Biman staff submit wealth info

UNB, Dhaka

More than 5,000 former and present officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited have submitted their wealth statements to the taskforce against serious crimes.

Sources at the national airlines, now turned into a public limited company, said the taskforce asked the Biman officials February 12 to

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Prayer Timing

April 3

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

ADP sees 6pc GDP growth this year

Inflation to rise to 9pc

UNB, Dhaka

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected Bangladesh's GDP to grow by six percent and inflation to rise to nine percent in the current fiscal year, amid concerns of risks that could derail the projections.

It also forecast that the GDP growth could reach 6.5 percent and the inflation down at eight percent in the next fiscal year.

The forecasts were made in the Asian Development Outlook 2008 (ADO), simultaneously released

yesterday in Dhaka and many other countries.

"Greater efforts will be required to lift agriculture productivity to sustain food self-sufficiency in the face of increased threats from natural calamities intensified by climate change," ADB Country Director Hua Du told a press briefing at the ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission.

She said sustaining higher growth and reducing poverty in the period ahead would require, among others, large investment in

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Nor'wester kills two in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed in the city during the hor'wester yesterday while over 100 others were injured in Manikganj.

Police said both died when electric wires fell on them during the storm at around 3:30pm.

The dead were identified as Nazma Akhter, 18, a garments worker and Nur Alam alias Swapan, 42, an electrician from Dewanbagh under Dakkhinkhan police station.

Witnesses said electric cables damaged by the storm fell on Nazma and Swapan rushed to rescue her both of them were electrocuted. Another person Majnu Miah, 27, was also injured in the accident.

Our correspondent reports from Manikganj that at least 100 people were injured during the Nor'wester at six unions under Sattaria upazila. The affected unions are Sattaria, Hargaj, Fukurhati, Daragram, Barad and Balati.

Local people said storm that lasted for around 20 minutes also damaged 100 houses.



PHOTO: SHAMIM ASHRAF

Gulistan descends into darkness moments after a nor'wester hit the capital city yesterday afternoon. The Nagar Bhaban can be seen in the far distance.

Heavy fighting kills 42 more rebels in Lanka

AFP, Colombo

Government troops yesterday captured a strip of land from Tamil Tigers after heavy fighting across the island's north left 42 rebels and a soldier dead, the defence ministry said.

Security forces killed the guerrillas from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in separate clashes in the Mannar, Welio Oya and Jaffna district since Tuesday evening, the ministry said.

It said the air force carried out attacks against suspected Tamil Tiger targets on Tuesday, but did not give details of casualties or damage.

However, it said troops wrested control over an area known as Kallaiadanchan in the coastal Mannar district early Wednesday.

There was no immediate word

from the Tigers.

In another development, two civilians were shot dead by suspected Tamil Tiger rebels in the Wilpattu wildlife park on Wednesday, the ministry said. The motive for the killing was not clear.

The latest casualty claims brings to at least 2,562 the number of rebels said to have been killed by security forces since January, according to defence ministry data.

The ministry has reported losing 152 of its soldiers in the same period.

Earlier at least four men were killed and another 56 injured Tuesday when lightning struck a military training facility in eastern Sri Lanka, police said.

The victims were on a training exercise when they were struck in

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Govt to give incentives to top taxpayers in each dist

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will award the top five taxpayers of every district of the country a special card that will enable them to get priority in availing state facilities.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Mohammad Abdul Majid also said yesterday that the government is considering awarding a taxpayer identity card to regular taxpayers.

Majid said this while talking about incentives offered by the government at a views exchange meeting with taxpayers in the city.

The meeting was organised by the Income Tax Zone -5, Dhaka on occasion of a voluntary tax return submission programme at the

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Member REHAB



Photograph shows the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Bangladesh H.E. Mr. V. Krishna Moorthy (on the left) handing over the appointment letter to Mr. Javed Kaiser Ally (on the right).

Mr. Javed Kaiser Ally has been appointed as the Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Chittagong, Bangladesh. The Government of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have approved the appointment.

Mr. Javed Kaiser Ally is the CEO of Sea Tex Ltd, Sea Blue Textile Ltd., Sea Blue Apparels Ltd., Sea Accessories Industries Ltd., Sea Sourcing Ltd., Seaham Trading Ltd., B2B Excellence Ltd., and Aquamarine Ltd. He is graduated from the Perdue University of USA. He is the son of Mr. S. Kaiser Ally, a former Honorary Consul of Sri Lanka in Chittagong, Bangladesh. His entrepreneurial accomplishment and impeccable reputation will be invaluable to the Sri Lankan community in Chittagong.



Bismillahir-Rahmaanir- Rabiim

We take great pleasure in congratulating Mr. Javed Kaiser Ally, our group CEO, on his appointment as Honorary Consul of Sri Lanka in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

We wish him and his family good health, prosperity, and continued success in all his earnest endeavors.

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