

Borrowing bothers economists



FROM PAGE 1 They welcomed the government for giving priority to agriculture for food security, increasing allocation for social safety-net programmes, continuing to subsidise fuel, fertiliser and food, and reducing import duty on raw materials and intermediate goods.

Hasina may hop

FROM PAGE 1 The AL chief, who has been detained since July 16 last year in a special jail set up on the parliament building premises in the capital, might be released anytime today after completion of necessary formalities including signing of different legal papers, reliable sources said.

Health sector

FROM PAGE 16 percent of the total allocation of the national budget. The allocation for the sector was Tk 4,784 crore in FY 2006-07 and Tk 4,240 crore in FY 2005-06.

Political parties reject

FROM PAGE 16 budget will not resolve the present crisis as it does not reflect the reality. It won't even help reduce poverty. He feared further price increase of essentials as the budget does not offer any remedies to the situation.

No new initiative

FROM PAGE 16 (EC) secretariat ordinance to establish an independent secretariat for the EC, voter's list ordinance to prepare electoral roll with photographs and money laundering prevention ordinance.

Citizen charter

FROM PAGE 16 Mirza Aziz said in his televised budget speech. In the event of any problem faced by the client, there are provisions in the Charter for its redress, he said.

Stipends proposed

FROM PAGE 16 The disparity that exists in the quality of education between the urban and rural areas is widening. In order to reduce this gap, steps have been taken to establish model high schools in those upazilas where there are no government schools.

Tk 300cr fund

FROM PAGE 16 management training and research centre, which will conduct research on river erosion, flood, cyclone, earthquake and fire-accidents.

Finance sector

FROM PAGE 16 them into a single public limited company. Similarly, Biman and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board are also to become public limited companies.

Govt sets 6.5pc

FROM PAGE 16 FY 2008-09 assuming that there would be no major natural disaster, he said. The adviser said he had already mentioned that various external and internal shocks have caused a negative influence on the country's macroeconomic performance.

Microbuses

FROM PAGE 16 In a bid to prevent imports of new vehicles in the guise of reconditioned vehicles, the adviser proposed that to be eligible as a reconditioned car, cars should have a time gap of 365 days between registration and deregistration and the car should run at least 1,000km before shipment.

Food inflation

FROM PAGE 17 "We have to bear in mind that there exists a high inflationary trend across the world, including our neighbouring countries," Mirza Aziz said in his budget speech yesterday.

Tk 1,219cr

FROM PAGE 16 Mirza Aziz said that 15 regional passport offices, 17 deputy commissioner's offices, 17 Trust Bank booths and the head post offices across the country have been entrusted with the task of receiving and processing the passport applications to remove the hassles of the people in getting and renewing their passports.

20pc DA

FROM PAGE 1 He also proposed 20 percent dearness allowance to the government employees and pensioners effective from July 2008, with an aim to lessen the sufferings of the people with fixed incomes.

Legalise money

FROM PAGE 16 Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, have been a strong proponent of the facility. Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Board of Trustees of Transparency International Bangladesh, said the government has allowed this amnesty considering its revenue necessity.

Two top army

FROM PAGE 16 Lt Gen Masud Uddin Chowdhury was placed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for his ambassadorial appointment abroad. Lt Gen Masud was transferred to NDC as Commandant on June 2, but his service was placed under the Foreign Ministry on June 8.

36 killed

FROM PAGE 16 The ministry said seven soldiers were killed and one went missing in the clashes. Nineteen soldiers were injured. It added that heavy fighting was continuing as the army continued to enter rebel-held territory.