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"It's also an opportunity. Garment makers can take advantage of the decline in exports from other countries by increasing competitiveness."

Professor MA TASLIM
chief executive of Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute,
giving examples of China, which raised its exports after the 9/11 attacks on the US.

"Generally, September is a golden month for knitwear exporters, but this year's orders appear to be declining for the first time in four years."

FAZLUL HOQUE
president of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association
explaining the impact of global economic meltdown on Bangladesh economy.

"We want to start the task so that the next government finds it easy to complete it smoothly."

GHULAM QUADER
communications adviser
about construction of a subway in the capital.

"I've never seen such a thing in my 50 years of legal profession."

KAMAL HOSSAIN
eminent jurist and politician
about granting of around 200 bails at one go to alleged corruptionists by the High Court.
Dr Hossain has also said, "The caretaker government and the election commission must not face defeat, they must succeed ...but... it looks like a stage-managed performance in the name of an election, this is not acceptable."

"I don't know what the government will do with it. But observing the current situation it seems they are going to do something."

Col HANIF IQBAL
director general (Admin)
Anti-corruption Commission (ACC).
The government has asked the ACC to provide a list of convicts in the latter's cases.

"Basically an election held under the state of emergency would not be as credible...I hope there will be compromises that make the election credible."

JAMES F MORIARTY
US ambassador to Bangladesh.

"I have been absolutely taken aback by something that I did not expect, something that I did not know about until now, and something that did not happen."

MILAN KUNDERA
Czech author
denying a 25-year-long allegation that he was a government spy, informing on a suspected Western agent 58 years ago.
Kundera lives a reclusive life in France, in the last 25 years he has never given an interview.