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Decision on gas price hike by mid Nov

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UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) may announce its decision on gas price hike by the middle of this month.

BERC sources said they are examining the proposal of stateowned Petrobangla for raising the gas price by 65 percent on an average and also the opposite view expressed by other stakeholders and consumers.

"We're hopeful of completing our job by the middle of the current month and place it before commission's top level body for consideration," said a BERC official prefer-

ring anonymity. Earlier on September 24, BERC held a public hearing on the issue where Petrobangla sought for 65 percent rise in gas price. But other stakeholders vehemently opposed theidea.

After the hearing, BERC chairman had announced that the commission would announce its decision by October 31.But the decision was stalled in the face of stiff opposition from the industrial and other sectors.

Export-oriented industries like garments and textiles are opposed to the price hike, arguing that it will adversely affect them in view of the worldwide economic recession.

They said if the state-owned petroleum corporation is allowed to increase the gas tariff, it will have SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

India won't lift ban on export of non-basmati rice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India has decided to keep up the ban on export of non-basmati rice in the face of a double-digit inflation continuing to hit the econ-

The decision to retain the ban was taken at a meeting of a group of ministers headed by External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee here on Tuesday.

"The ban on export of nonbasmati rice will continue", said an official after the meeting.

The ban imposed in March this year to help improve availability of non-basmati rice in domestic markets.

In a related development, the Indian government has accepted a long-pending demand of agricultural scientists and the industry by declaring Pusa 1121 as a basmati variety of rice by widening the definition of 'basmati.'

The variety was developed by Indian Agriculture Research Institute in 2003 and has all the ingredients of basmatirice.

India exports rice and onion, among other things, to Bangladesh.

AL starts distributing nomination forms

Hasina, other top leaders collect forms; AL receives registration certificate from EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid fanfare and jubilation the Awami League (AL) nomination seekers yesterday started collecting nomination forms from the party's central office on Bangabandhu Avenue, setting off their race to national polls.

The three-day sale of nomination papers began in the morning with selling a form for AL chief Sheikh Hasina for Gopalganj-3 constituency. AL acting general secretary Syed Ashraful Islam sold the form to Tanjimul Islam Shamim, nephew of Hasina's husband Dr Wazed Mian.

As many as 979 forms were sold on the first day from six booths opened for six divisions at the party

Of those, 360 were sold for different constituencies in Dhaka Division, 195 for Chittagong, 167 for Rajshahi, 92 for Barisal, 50 for Sylhet, and 115 for Khulna

Apart from Gopalganj-3, nomination forms were sold for Hasina for Rangpur-6 and Narail-1 constit

AL Acting president Zillur Rahman, acting general secretary (Sylhet-1), Obaidul Quader

Syed Ashraful Islam, AL leader and former speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid (Kishorganj-5), Prof Abu Sayeed (Pabna-1), AK Khandaker (Pabna-2), Abul Mal Abdul Muhit (Noakhali-5), Subid Ali Bhuiyan (Comilla-2), Dr Hasan Mahmood (Chittagong-6), Mahamudur Rahman Manna (Bogra-2), SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



at home and abroad on melaminetainted milk power within two Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) filed the petition with the HC bench of Justice

Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice

Quamrul Islam Siddiqui. Upon a writ petition filed by HRPB, the same HC bench on October 23 ordered the government to stop sale and display of eight brands of milk powder found tainted with melamine till receipt

of the lab test reports from abroad. The brands in question are Australia's Diploma and Red Cow, Denmark's Dano Full Cream, China's Yashili-1, Yashili-2 and Sweet Baby-2, and New Zealand's Nido Fortified Instant and Anlene.

HRPB president Advocate Manzill Murshid yesterday told The Daily Star that the High Court might hear the petition on Thursday.

Murshid said they are confused about the test reports because the copies of the reports were not supplied to the media for publica-

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Tax evasion case against Chittagong mayor stayed

The High Court (HC) yesterday

evasion case filed by the National

Mohiuddin, an HC bench compris-

ing Justice Mirza Hussain Haider

and Justice Mamnoon Rahman

HC bench of Justice Khademul

Islam Chowdhury and Justice

Mashuque Hosain Ahmed granted

the CCC mayor in this case and

issued a rule upon the government

to explain why the initiation and

continuation of the proceedings

court of Divisional Special Judge in

Chittagong against Mohiuddin on

charge of concealing information

in tax returns during 2004-2005

and 2006-2007 years through filing

affidavit and evading taxes over Tk

The NBR filed the case with the

should not be declared illegal.

ad-interim bail for three months to

Earlier on August 14, another

Upon a writ petition filed by

Board of Revenue (NBR).

passed the order.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

stayed for three weeks the proceed-Cheering members of Awami League (AL) gather in front of AL's Bangabandhu Avenue office to collect nomination ings against Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in a tax

Saarc Food Bank gets 2 lakh MT grain from

India and Bangladesh yesterday pledged to contribute 153,000 tonnes and 40,000 tonnes of food grain respectively to set up a Food Bank with an initial capacity of 2,43,000 tonnes to meet the New Delhi. demand of Saarc countries during crisis-like situations.

The Food Bank, proposed at the Food Bank," India's Agriculture

Bangladesh, India

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

forms yesterday.

Cooperation (Saarc) in August, is

Minister and Chairman of the Colombo Summit of the South meeting Sharad Pawar, told report-Asian Association for Regional ers in the Indian capital.

The capacity of the bank may be scaled up later depending on the situation, Pawar said.

While India remains the largest contributor to the bank, Pakistan will offer 40,000 tonnes and Nepal and Sri Lanka will provide 4,000 SEE PAGE 15 COL 3 27 lakh.

PHOTO: STAR

Army personnel carry their belongings out of Wari Community Centre yesterday as army camps set up in the capital are being dismantled following the government order.

FAKE CERTIFICATE BY BSMMU

New high-ups barred from entering office

Followers of removed VC stage agitation

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

The newly appointed vice chancellor, pro-vice chancellors and treasurer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) could not go to their offices in the face of protests from pro-BNP doctors and staff. The government Tuesday

appointed Prof Nazrul Islam as VC, Chowdhury Ali Kawser and Mohammad Kamal as pro-VCs, and Prof Ruhul Amin Mia as treasurer after booting out their predecessors.

The new appointees however joined their posts yesterday.

Allegations of opaque staff recruitment and corruption in purchase made the headlines during the administration of just removed VC MA Tahir, pro-VC MA Mazid and treasurer Prof Mobin

medical certificate to former BNP lawmaker Mosaddeq Ali Falu and forming a medical board for him without approval from the authorities prompted their removal. The doctors, nurses and other

Officials said providing false

staffers, belonging to the BNPbacked Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB), staged a sit-in in front of the VC office, from

10:00am through 2:30pm. Central DAB leader Dr Abdul Kuddus, BSMMU unit DAB presi-

dent Dr Saiful Islam Selim, secretary Dr Salam and deputy registrars Rafikul Islam Bachchu, Nesar Ahmed and Hafizur Rahman led the sit-in. Earlier in the morning, they

slogans against the newly appointed VC, pro-VCs and trea-"All those protesters were recruited during the past BNP-

brought out a procession chanting

Jamaat alliance government. They're now griping about the new SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

BARAPUKURIA CASE

Saifur, Mojahid asked to appear in trial court

Mirza Abbas gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed former BNP minister M Saifur Rahman and Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid to surrender before trial court by November 10

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in Barapukuria coal mine case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

After hearing two separate bail petitions filed by Saifur and | charges against 22 accused, includ-Mojahid, also a former minister, an HC bench comprising Justice Md SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

AUG 21 CASE

on Nov 11 UNB, Dhaka

Hearing now

A court here yesterday deferred the hearing in the August 21 grenade attack case to November 11 following a petition by the defence.

Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, deferred the hearing when the counsel for the accused informed the court that they would appeal to the High Court against the charge framing in the case.

M Masder Hossain, judge of the

On October 29, the court framed ing former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu and Huji chief Mufti SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

HIGH COURT JUDGES

7 out of chosen 14 to get appointment

SJC sends the list to president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Judicial Commission yesterday recommended 14 people to the president, for appointing seven of them as judges of the High Court (HC) Division of the Supreme Court (SC).

Sources said 10 of the recommended persons are practising lawyers while the remaining four

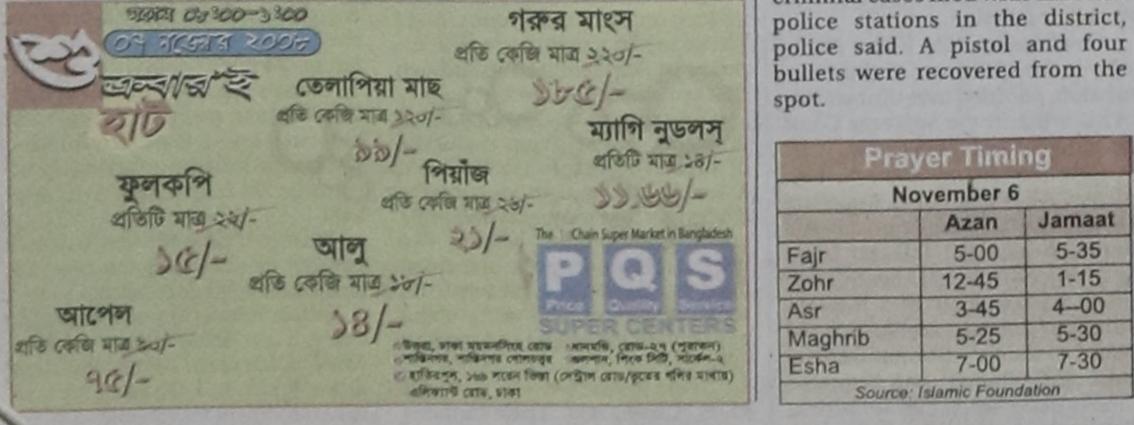
third meeting since formation. Sources said about 40 names were before the commission for

On October 16, the commission recommended four senior judges of the HC Division for appointment as judges of the Appellate Division.

The president will choose two from them, as two posts in the division have been vacant since July 2.

Commission member barrister Shafique Ahmed yesterday hoped are currently at the level of district that the judges will be appointed in a very transparent way and nobody The commission took the deci- will get appointment on political sion of recommending them in its consideration, 'in contrast to how it had been done in the past'.

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Criminal killed in 'shootout'

expected to be in operation next

year. The proposal was ratified

yesterday at a meeting of agricul-

ture ministers of Saarc nations in

cess for operationalisation of the

"We have formalised the pro-

UNB, Narsingdi

A top criminal was killed in an encounter with members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at Madanganj in the district town early yesterday.

Siddique, son of M Matiur Rahman of Kawriapara in the town. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-11 raided Siddique's house in the area at about 3:30am. Sensing

the presence of the law enforcers,

He was identified as Abu

Siddique and his accomplices fled the house. The elite force then chased Siddique, who at one stage opened fire on the Rab men, forcing them to retaliate.

received bullets during the shootout at Madanganj and fell to the ground. He was rushed to Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared him dead. Siddique was wanted in 18 criminal cases filed with different

Rab sources said Siddique

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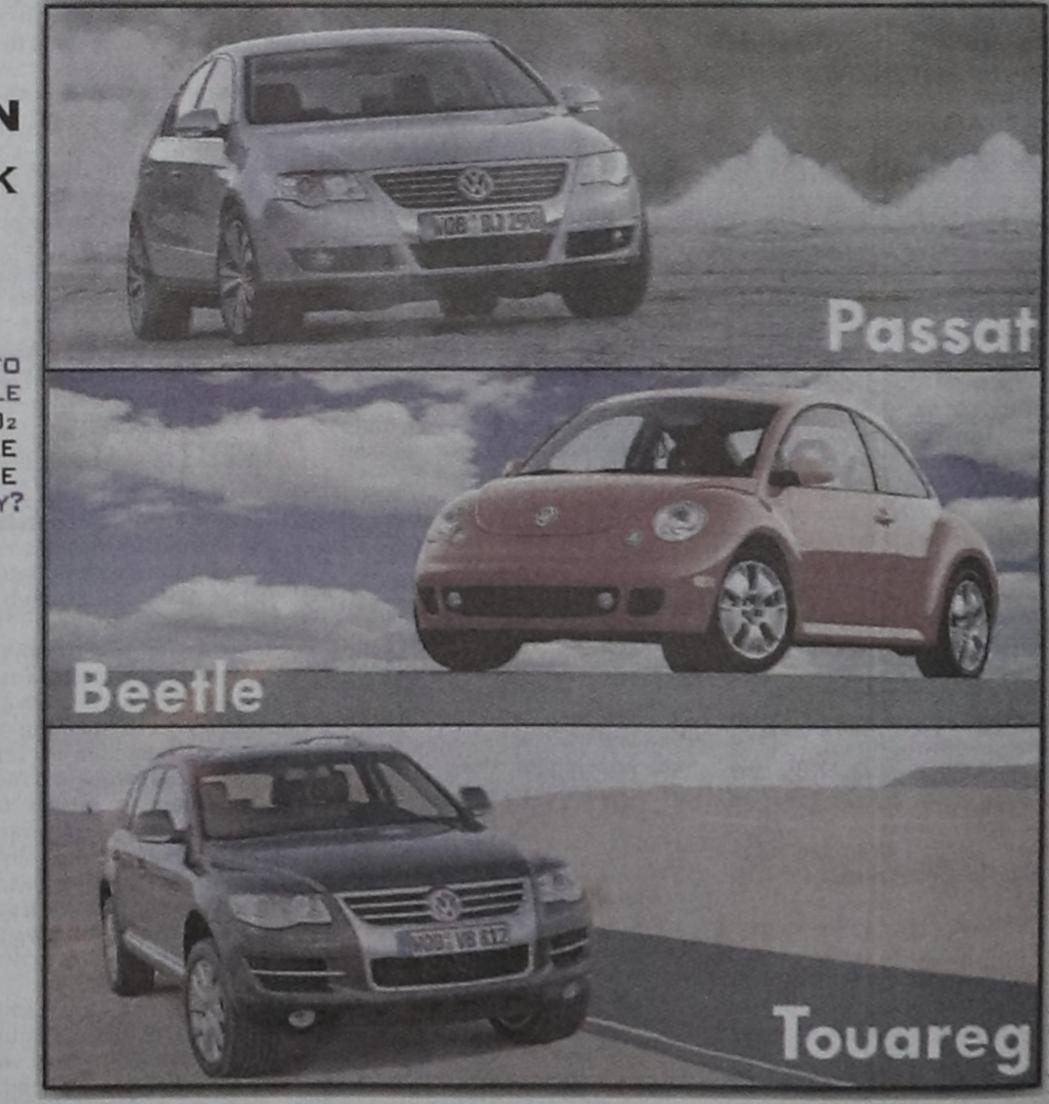
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