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Textbook printing races against time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Textbook printing for the academic year 2010 is in full swing though it appears to be a tough job for officials concerned to meet the target of distributing books in time as a recent fire gutted the textbook warehouse.

Meantime, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said that the probe committee, formed to investigate the cause of the fire and to ascertain the extent of damage, will submit its final report within a few days.

The fire broke out in National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) warehouse in the city's Tejgaon industrial area. On October 18, the six-member probe committee submitted its preliminary report on October 22.

Meanwhile, the education minister yesterday in parliament said exemplary punitive measures will be taken against the culprits who set fire to the store of NCTB.

"The subversive activities were carried out

to hamper the government's massive plans on education and a vested quarter was involved with it. The criminals must be nabbed after investigation and exemplary punishment will be ensured," he said in a statement under section 300 of the rules of procedure.

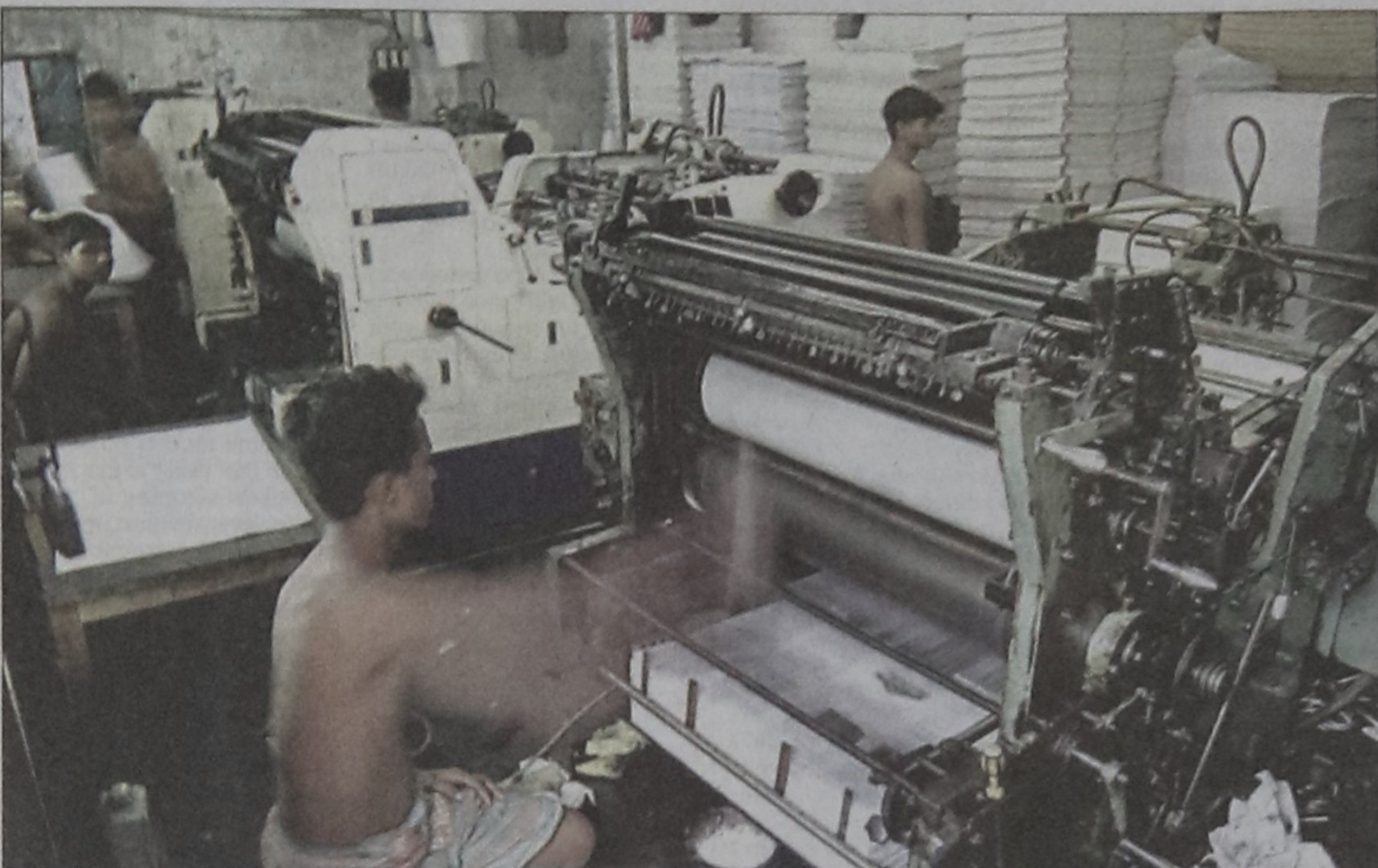
He, however, said the government is firmly determined so that students can get books before beginning of their academic year, overcoming all sorts of obstacles and added that next primary and secondary level academic year will begin on January 1.

The government for the first time is going to distribute 19 crore textbooks for free to the students of primary, secondary, lbtedai, and Dakhil classes of the academic year 2010.

NCTB officials hope that they will succeed in distributing books of the academic year 2010 by January 1 next year.

The number of copies in primary level to be printed is 7.8 crore, which is 7.48 crore for

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Workers at a Sutrapur press get busy with printing of textbooks for the academic year 2010 as the National Monitoring Committee asked the printers to speed up their work aiming at distributing the books in time.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

PM leaves for Bhutan today

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, leading a high-level delegation that includes a number of ministers, leaves for Bhutan on a three-day official visit today.

According to official sources, a trade agreement would be signed between Bangladesh and Bhutan during the visit.

It will be her first visit to any

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TAPOSH ATTACK 4 arrestees remanded, 2 sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court placed four arrestees on remand and sent other two to jail yesterday in a case of bomb attack on ruling AL lawmaker Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh.

Second Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Habibur Rahman Siddique sent Ataul Huda, nephew of Bangabandhu murder convict

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think police will be able to stop the earth filling and encroachment on the Turag river in 48 hours following the High Court directive?

☐ Yes (22.7%)
☐ No (74.0%)
☐ No Comments (3.3%)

Total votes: 710

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think tender manipulators in the ruling party have become monster of Frankenstein because of central command's laid-back attitude toward them?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

CTG, MONGLA PORTS Labour law passed limiting TU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The House yesterday passed a bill amending the Bangladesh Labour Act to limit the number of trade unions at the Chittagong and Mongla ports.

State Minister for Labour and Employment Ministry Munnuzan Sufian proposed the passage of the bill and lawmakers voted in favour of it.

A number of BNP and

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9 firearms, bullets seized in Faridpur Three arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday seized nine firearms and some ammunition from the residence of a businessman in Faridpur district town.

On information provided by detective branch of police, a team from Rab-8 accompanied by Executive Magistrate Ferdous conducted a three-hour raid on the house of Golam Rabbani Khan Moon in Madhya Alipur area of the town around 4:30am, sources from the battalion said.

They found one 9mm pistol made in the UK, one 7.65 pistol made in the US, two SBBL guns, two LGs, one shutter gun, one foreign revolver, one .22 bore pistol, three magazines and two

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IGP rejects claim of Ulfa men's arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh police chief has rejected the Ulfa's claim that two of its top leaders were arrested in Dhaka on Sunday and then handed over to India.

"I don't have any information about such arrests or handover (of Ulfa leaders) to India," Inspector General of Police Nur Mohammad told The Daily Star.

Quoting a spokesperson of Indian separatist group

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BNP men asked to tackle possible obstacle to council

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has asked party leaders to devise an effective strategy to deal with possible obstacles from local administration to hold district unit councils.

She also directed party leaders to resolve internal disputes quickly to hold the national council on December 8 after a long gap of 16 years.

Meanwhile, most BNP sub-committees have started functioning to make the national council successful.

BNP high-ups fear that the administration may impose section 144 on the council venues or ruling party activists can

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November 6		
	Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-55	6-30
Juma	1-30	2-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-30	6-34
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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