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## JATRABARI FLYOVER Construction to start in January

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the construction of Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover in January to be completed in next two years, said Local Government and Rural Development Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam yesterday.

According to a handout of the ministry, the minister spoke about the plan at an inter-departmental meeting. A committee, headed by Dhaka City Corporation chief engineer, was formed to resolve various utility services' problems and to expedite the project implementation.

The government is going to undertake a couple of such

## Tk 1,000 crore extra stimulus for export

### Govt announces the package to help the sector offset global meltdown fallout

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday announced a series of additional fiscal and policy stimulus packages worth over Tk 1,000 crore for export sectors to offset bad impacts of global recession from the domestic economy.

The facilities the exporters are enjoying at present will continue as usual, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said at a press briefing at his secretariat office.

"This is the second stimulus package of the government. We have announced the package so that the country remains

unhurt from any bad impact of the global recession. But, things will change soon as the economies of advanced countries are peaking up," Muhith said.

Under the new package, the government will pay the licence renewal fees of captive power plants used in industrial units from November 1, 2009 to June 2010 to compensate for the power crisis, he said.

The government will need Tk 7 crore more to pay the renewal fees, the finance minister said, adding that his ministry will pay the amount from the stimulus package of Tk 5,000 crore, an option kept in the national budget for the 2009-10

fiscal year.

In the package, the government has extended the bank loan re-scheduling facility without any down payment up to June 30, 2010 from October 2009 at a 10 percent interest rate instead of the current 13 percent for the RMG and textile sectors, Muhith said.

If any borrower defaults a loan during the proposed timeframe, extension of the re-scheduling facility will be considered under the bankers-clients relationship, he said.

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## PMO thrives on green energy

### Single largest solar power system installed

SOHEL PARVEZ

The country's single largest solar power system so far, has been installed at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in a move to encourage green energy expansion.

The system with a peaking capacity of generating 21.6 kilowatts, is now operating on a trial basis, officials of the Power Development Board (PDB) that supervised the installation said yesterday.

"The system has started running very recently," ASM Alamgir Kabir, chairman of PDB, told The Daily Star.

Installed by a local private firm Rahimafrooz Renewable Energy Ltd, for a contract value of about Tk 99 lakh, it now awaits formal inauguration, the officials said.

Energy experts hailed the initiative saying installation of a solar power system at the PMO is indicative of the government's seriousness about increasing power generation through renewable sources, at a time when conventional energy sources such as gas and coal are becoming scarcer.

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## GOVT STAFF Increased salary not before Eid

UNB, Dhaka

The public servants will not get the increased amount of their salary under the declared new pay scale before Eid-ul-Azha.

"We had earlier said that we would try to disburse the increased amount before the Eid, but sorry to say the preparation has not been completed," said Finance Minister AMA Muhith at the ministry yesterday.

He hoped that the public servants would get the increased pay anytime next month after the pay fixation.

Earlier on November 11, the government announced the seventh national pay scale with a 52 percent increase, on average, in the basic salary of

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With some space available on the deck in the thick of congestion, these brother and sister found an innovative means of pastime [playing ludo] on their way home for Eid-ul Azha.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

## Mutiny charges read out to 9

### Charge framing likely Dec 27

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

**BDR DAY 2**  
MUTINY TRIAL

On the second day of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) mutiny trial, the prosecution yesterday produced all nine accused soldiers of the 12th Rifles Battalion of Rangamati sector before the three-member special court headed by the BDR director general.

The proceedings began at 9:30am in a makeshift courtroom in the mechanical transport shed of the Rangamati sector headquarters of the paramilitary force.

Former commander of the 12th battalion, Lt Col Md Habibur Karim, on behalf of the prosecution, read out the complaints against the nine alleged mutineers who were standing in the dock.

Karim's submission of the allegations against the nine was almost the same as Tuesday's submission by Deputy Assistant Director Reaz Uddin Ahmed of the battalion, who had placed the charges against the nine, on the first day of the trial.

Lt Col Karim told the court that the accused nine supported the mutiny at the force's Pilkhana headquarters in the capital, aided each other to get ready for a revolt in their battalion, misbehaved with officers and their families, cut telephone lines, and kept arms and ammunition with themselves without permission. The court considered the allegations as punishable offences.

Karim also argued that the accused, as members of a disciplined force, violated rules and tarnished the image of the country in the eyes of the international community.

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## 2 jailed for torturing crocodile

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Bagerhat court on Tuesday awarded two years' rigorous imprisonment each to two persons for mercilessly beating up a pregnant crocodile.

The croc lost one of her eyes and sustained serious injuries in the brutal attack.

The convicts are Anisur Rahman, son of Tota Miah Khan, and Matiar Rahman alias Moti Fakir, son of Shekeluddin of Khan Jahan Ali Dighirparh under Bagerhat Sadar upazila.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of Bagerhat Abdus Salam

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## Notice

The "Science and Life" page has been dropped from our today's issue. Any inconvenience caused to readers is regretted. -- Editor

## 2.5m gather in Makkah for hajj

AFP, Makkah

The world's largest annual religious pilgrimage began yesterday overshadowed by the swine flu pandemic as 2.5 million Muslims amassed at the holy city of Makkah for the hajj.

A rare rainstorm and possible banned protests by Iranian pilgrims also threatened to mar the four-day hajj, but Saudi officials said they were prepared for all eventualities.

A sea of pilgrims from all over the world, dressed in flowing white robes, surrounded the Kaaba inside Makkah's Grand Mosque for dawn prayers Wednesday.

Four pilgrims, all of them already suffering from other health problems, had died from swine flu ahead of the official start of hajj rites.

But proven and suspected infections from the A(H1N1) flu amid hajj participants only number 67, Saudi health ministry spokesman Dr. Khaled Marghlani told AFP.

"Everything is going smoothly, thanks to God," he said.

The flu has killed some 6,750 people around the world this

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## C'WEALTH MEET PM flies to Trinidad

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left here last night for Port of Spain, the capital city of Trinidad and Tobago in South America, on a six-day official visit to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

A flight of Emirates Airlines carrying the PM and a high-profile Bangladesh delegation took off from the Zia International Airport at about 10:10pm.

Queen Elizabeth II of Britain would inaugurate the commonwealth summit meet tomorrow at the Cultural

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## Obama, Manmohan pledge to fight terror

### Talk partnership in climate change battle

AFP, Washington

Barack Obama on Tuesday threw the biggest party of his presidency for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, hailing the world's largest democracy as "indispensable" and pledging to work out a range of thorny issues.

Obama rolled out the red carpet for Singh for the first full-fledged official visit of his White House, climaxing in a black-tie dinner that was one of Washington's most elite social occasions since his January 20 inauguration.

Obama, who had caused unease in India with his early focus on neighbours China and Pakistan, assured that the world's largest democracy was a true partner on his top priorities from counter-terrorism to climate change.

"Our nations are two global leaders, driven not to dominate other nations, but to build a future of security and prosperity for

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## Curious change of heart for Jamaat

### It plans to honour 5 'freedom fighters'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami which once termed the freedom fighters miscreants, cowards and agents of India now moves to honour five "brave freedom fighters" selected by the party.

The party which strongly opposed the birth of Bangladesh and whose leaders were directly or indirectly involved in killing the country's intellectuals, has taken up 'elaborate programmes' to mark the Victory Day and the Martyred Intellectuals Day in due honour.

The programmes of Jamaat includes 'cooperation and assistance to paralysed freedom fighters and giving honour to five brave ones for their important contributions to the Liberation War', says a party press release.

The release, however, does not mention the names of the freedom fighters.

Muktijuddher Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee strongly condemned the Jamaat move and described it as hypocritical

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