

INDIAN HC REMARK Sahara faces cabinet music
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun was advised to talk to media after knowing the facts on the topics.

At a regular cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, the home minister came under criticism for her comment that she does not know about deployment of India's own security personnel at its high commission in Dhaka.

During the meeting, some of her cabinet colleagues said she should have known the facts that any embassy or high commission could arrange their own security and deploy their personnel to this end, one of the members of the

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Titas rings crisis bell

Wants to shut CNG stations for 2 days a week

SHARIEF KHAN

Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd yesterday decided to recommend the government to keep CNG filling stations in Dhaka and Narayanganj closed for two days a week during winter, which would help reduce the gas crisis.

Faced with acute gas crisis in the capital and its adjacent districts, which is triggering discontent among people, Titas at a high-level meeting yesterday made a number of decisions that include replacing old and narrow gas pipelines and snapping illegal connections.

Keeping CNG filling stations closed two days a week would save 40 million cubic feet of gas a day and provide relief to general consumers, said a top official of the country's biggest and oldest gas company.

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Users of this common kitchen, meant for a number of families at Moghbazar in the capital, cannot cook with the gas burners due to poor gas supply. They use wood burning stoves instead. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Gas dearth in Dhaka

HELEMLUL ALAM

Thousands of Dhaka residents are being deprived of gas cooking facilities until late at night because authorities have failed to prevent winter gas shortages.

For the last two months, residents in parts of Moghbazar, Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Mugdipara, Basabo, Gandaria, Shekhertek, Golapbagh, Nilkhet and Dakkhin Khan have had no gas supply for between four and 12 hours each day.

Residents such as Rahman, of Piyarabagh in Moghbazar, are forced to choose between cooking their meals early in the morning or purchasing food from restaurants.

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Fake currency factory busted in city, 2 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rab team yesterday busted a forged money factory in the city's Dakshinkhan area and seized fake notes worth Tk 2.3 lakh.

During an hour-long raid at Faidabad Madhyapara from midnight on the third floor of a four-storied building, Rab members also recovered some equipment and chemicals used in printing fake notes and arrested two people in this connection.

Detained Jahurul Islam, 27, and his wife Ayesha Akter, 25, had been involved in the fake note scam for the last one and half a year, Rab sources said.

Maj Mohammad Mahbubul Haque of Rab-3, who led the drive, told The Daily Star that the forgers had spread their network in the capital.

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Jahurul Islam, 27, and his wife Ayasa Akter, 25, have been printing counterfeit notes for the last 18 months. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Forgers thrive on hi-tech

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh Bank, the country's central bank, has no idea how many fake notes are circulating in the market much to the chagrin of innocent people who very often fall victim to such fraudulence.

"The menace is on the rise with the use of modern technology," said a Bangladesh Bank (BB) currency officer who is responsible for verifying fake notes.

"I received six or seven cases yesterday," said the currency officer, adding that note forgers convert Tk 100 note into a Tk 500 one easily.

Fake notes of Tk 500 are

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Cabinet okays power import, export

MoU to be signed with India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved in principle a memorandum of understanding with Delhi, seeking open-ended import and export of electricity with an option to purchase power from both public and private sectors of India.

A meeting of the cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also approved a pro-

posal to amend policy guidelines for expanding private sector's participation in generating power.

Hasina asked the authorities concerned to increase scopes for the private sector to generate power to meet the growing demand of electricity. She also directed them to fix the price of electricity on the basis of production cost.

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BCL men lock up VC, 200 others at Agri varsity

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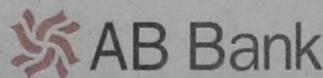
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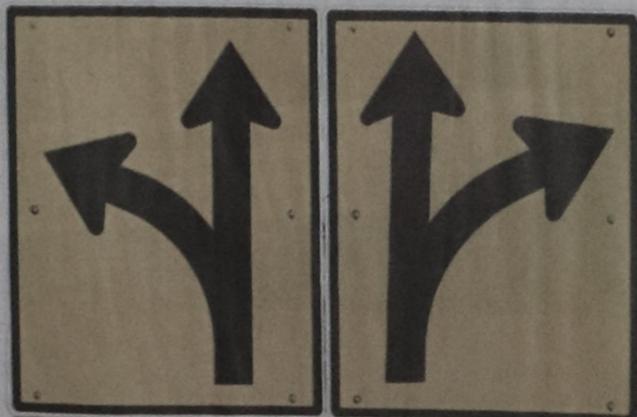
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