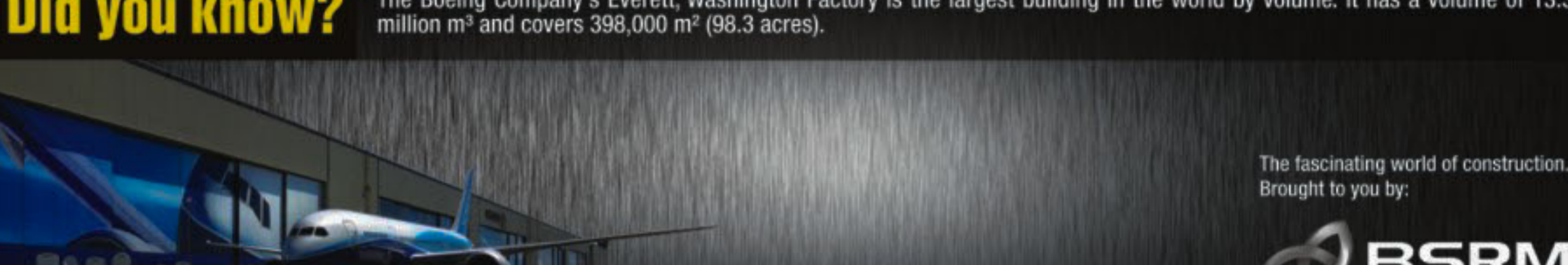



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ADP slashed by 6.6pc

Power sector gets cut for poor implementation

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The revised Annual Development Programme (ADP) has been reduced by 6.6 percent from the original ADP bringing its size down to Tk 28,500 crore due to failure in implementation.

The Awami League-led government increased the original ADP by 33 pc from the last one and set its size at Tk 30,500 crore to meet the huge demand for public investment.

The revised ADP was approved yesterday in a National Economic Council (NEC) meeting at its auditorium with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

As the cash budget support increased in the revised ADP, the share of foreign resources has been made 58 percent (Tk 16,500 cr), which was

51 percent in the original ADP.

The cash budget support increased by 48 percent and stood at Tk 5,180 crore which is mostly provided by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

In the revised ADP, fund of the foreign-aided projects has been slashed by 12 percent (Tk 11,300 crore) due to their failure in implementation.

The government's policy is to reduce the number of projects and lay more emphasis on implementation. But in the revised ADP, the number of projects is 1,058, which was 886 in the original one.

Meanwhile, 464 projects have been kept without allocation in view of allocating fund to

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Officials preparing the Darbar Hall for the trial of the BDR mutiny on the same spot where the carnage began on February 25 last year. PHOTO: STAR

DCC ELECTIONS

EC talks quick redemarcation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission and LGRD ministry, at a meeting yesterday, discussed redemarcation of Dhaka City Corporation wards in the shortest possible time before the next DCC election, to reduce the huge population disparity among them.

The current voter list with photographs shows DCC ward no 6 has as many as 1.5 lakh voters while ward 73 has only 11,213.

Ward 14 has 1.1 lakh voters, ward 2 has 96,883, and ward 22 has 92,620, while ward 71 has 14,312, ward 78 has 15,644, and 80 has 17,618, exhibiting similar disparities.

DCC currently has 90 wards, and on average more than half of the population of each ward are registered voters, according to EC officials.

The population disparity among the wards increased enormously due to their boundaries not being redemarcated for a

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No district posting for Bagerhat SP

HC directs govt upon land grab charge
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government not to assign any district-level duty to Bagerhat's Superintendent of Police Mizanur Rahman who was closed recently on charge of land grabbing in Gopalganj-Bagerhat border area.

The court directed the inspector general of police (IGP) to submit a report within 20 days to it on whether any action has been taken against

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STRUCTURES ON SHITALAKKHYA

HC rejects City Group's petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summarily rejected a writ petition challenging a government notice that asked the authorities of the City Group of Industries to remove their structures, including three jetties, from the river Shitalakkhya.

Following the HC order, now there remains no bar in demolishing jetties and structures set up by City Group of Industries on the bank of the river Shitalakkhya at Rugganj.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Borhan Uddin passed the order saying the deputy commissioner of Narayanganj served the notice to City Group of Industries to remove their structures from Shitalakkhya following an earlier HC verdict regarding environment protection.

The Narayanganj DC on February 9 served the notice to the

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COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two women shoot gold

SPORTS REPORTER

Shooters Sharmin Akhter Ratna and Syeda Sadia Sultana make Bangladesh proud once more when they shot gold in the women's 10m air rifle pair event of the 8th Commonwealth Shooting Championships at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi yesterday.

Ratna and Sadia, who were

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HARIPUR POWER PROJECT

5 foreign cos interested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five foreign power companies yesterday submitted their documents to qualify for the 360megawatt Haripur gas-fired power project under the Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh.

The five companies are: Sumitomo along with Gsec from Japan, Marubeni Corporation from Japan, Guang Dong from China, Cobra from Spain and Ensald from Italy.

In January, when the EGCB started selling the document outlining criterion, terms and conditions to pre-qualify for this

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A plaque bearing the new name Zia international airport hangs on top of the Terminal 2 as the government has recently renamed it after Hazrat Shahjalal. Labourers lifting the letters of the new name, inset. PHOTO: STAR

OnlinePoll ✓

The government has rejected BDR's proposal for powers to conduct mobile courts and try cross-border offenders. Do you support the rejection?

Yes (41.81%)
 No (54.17%)
 No Comments (4.02%)

Total votes: 1294

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think non-implementation of the peace agreement is the main reason behind the CHT violence?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing

February 24

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-20	5-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-03	6-07
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

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