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Food inflation up

Reaches double-digit after 15 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's food inflation reached as high as 10.56 percent in January this year on a point-to-point basis, crossing the double-digit mark again after 15 months. In September 2008 it was 12.02 percent.

The inflation was even higher in urban areas in January this year, reaching 12.07 percent.

Non-food inflation at the national level however dropped slightly in January this year standing at 6.53 percent compared to December last year's 7.04.

The countrywide overall inflation increased by .48 percentage point reaching 8.99 percent in January this year, which was 8.51 percent in

December last.

Between October 2008 and June 2009 overall inflation kept falling, dropping to 2.3 percent in June. But from July last year both food and non-food inflation regained their upward trends, increasing every month.

The data came out of the half-yearly report on the implementation of the current annual budget, submitted to the parliament by Finance Minister AMA Muhith on Tuesday.

Under the impacts of price hikes on the international market, and due to increases in remittance flow and foreign currency reserves, the inflation showed an upward trend, he said adding that the government already put several

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Innocent sued for saving Jubo League men

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

Detective Branch of police in Bogra has implicated a young man in a "false case" to save Jubo League cadres involved in a shooting at Malgram Dighipara in the town last December.

Md Ibrahim Hossain Kunu, vice president of ward no 14 Jubo League, told The Daily Star that a gang of seven to eight miscreants, including Jubo League cadre Mostakim, in three motorcycles shot five to six rounds at him on December 7 to grab a disputed land. He jumped into a nearby pond to save his life.

Kunu said he informed the high police officials in Bogra of the matter and told them that Jubo League cadres Mostakim, Roman and Adil were among those who shot him but police did not take any case from him.

He also said DB Sub-Inspector Lutfor Rahman filed a case and arrested Belal, 24, son of tea vendor Ramzan, from Khandar Bazar on December 11 afternoon.

Kunu said police also took Belal to a graveyard at the bazar and a revolver was reportedly recovered from there.

Talking to The Daily Star on Sunday SI Lutfor admitted that he was compelled to file the "false case" against Belal to save the Jubo League cadres following orders from high police officials. Police have already submitted charge sheet of the case. SI Lutfor declined to comment.

ASP (Circle-A) Arifur Rahman Mondal of the district said Mostakim was one of the criminals who shot at Kunu. He, however, could not say why police did not press charge against the

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BNP leaders threaten JS boycott again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders yesterday threatened to boycott the House again if the government continues to file cases against opposition leaders and "makes indecent remarks" about its founder Ziaur Rahman.

MK Anwar, BNP standing committee member, and

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AL leaders start district tours to resolve disputes

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Awami League yesterday launched a month-long tour programme to resolve internal disputes in its district units over sharing of power.

The party is riven by internal disputes among its ranks ranging from local leaders to lawmakers, AL leaders said.

Fifteen central teams, mostly led by presidium members, will visit all districts to hold extended meetings of the party's district units and settle organisational problems.

Four teams toured Nilphamari, Rajshahi, Sunamganj and Patuakhali yesterday.


All teams have received guidelines from the party President and Premier Sheikh Hasina to deal with the problems. If any team fails to resolve those, it will submit recommendations to the party's Central Working Committee on return from the tour, party insiders said.

The central leaders will convey to the grassroots leaders Hasina's warning against tender manipulation, extortion and unlawful activities. They will also give instructions for strengthening the organisation and implementation of the party's election manifesto.

"We shall convey the prime minister's message and give the grassroots leaders necessary guidelines on organisational matters," AL presidium member Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star.

He said they would make the local party leaders aware of the BNP-led opposition's anti-government propaganda and ask

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We are saddened

Syed Wahidul Alam, former General Manager of Bono Shilpa Shangstha, was killed in a road accident on 17 March. Innaillahi wa....rajiun. He was 65. He was the father of Syed Gousul Alam Shaon, Managing Director of Grey Advertising Bangladesh Limited. We are shocked and deeply saddened at his unfortunate passing. We pray for the peace of Syed Wahidul Alam's departed soul and offer our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

The personnel of Grey Advertising Bangladesh Limited and Apex Group

Bhola-3 by-polls Apr 24

UNB, Dhaka

The by-election in Bhola-3 constituency will be held on April 24.

Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda announced the by-election schedule at the Election Commission office yesterday.

According to the schedule, the last date of submitting nomination papers is March 29, scrutiny on March 31 and last date of withdrawal of nomination papers is April 8.

Election Commissioner M Sohul Hussain and EC Secretary M Humayun Kabir were present during the

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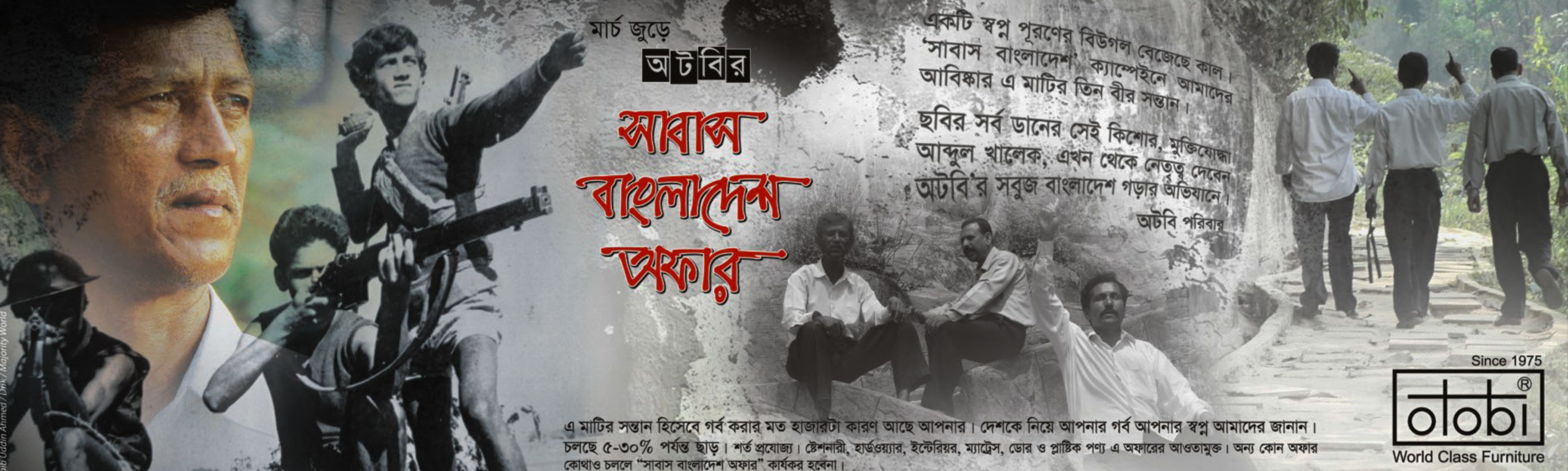
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Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-14	6-18
Esha	7-45	8-15

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