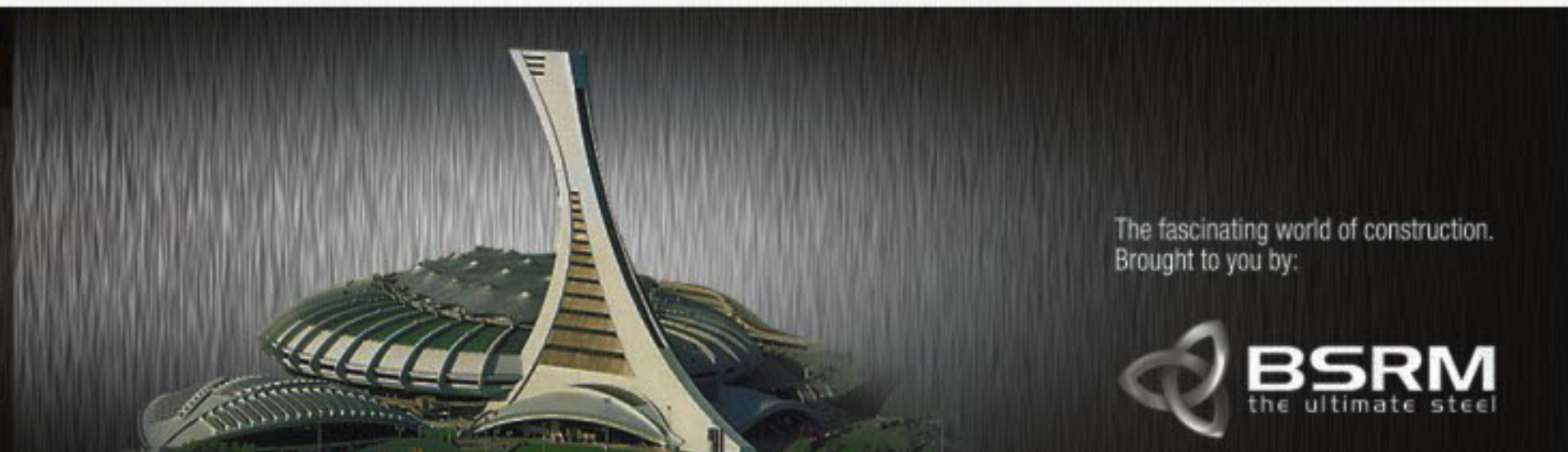


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# Border markets miss schedule

Dhaka ready, Delhi drags its feet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Border markets between Bangladesh and India will not start today as the Indian side is taking too much time to set the modus operandi in this regard, commerce ministry officials say.

Earlier on February 2, Bangladesh and India decided to launch the markets at three selected border points from Pahela Baishakh, the Bangla New Year, to facilitate trade between the people living in remote frontiers.

"Bangladesh has completed the necessary formalities and is ready to launch such markets for the benefits of those who are living on either side of the border," Commerce Minister Faruk Khan told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said his ministry has also finalised the modus operandi of running the border markets. "We sent it to India about a month ago and are still waiting for their response," Faruk said, terming opening of the markets a useful idea as it would increase trade volume between the two neighbours.

The minister hopes the Indian side will complete all formalities and the markets will be launched soon.

Farun Khan and Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Rajet Mitter elaborately discussed the issue at a meeting at the commerce ministry in February. They decided to start the markets on a pilot basis on three border points on Pahela Baishakh.

The border points are between Sonarhat under Goain Ghat in Sylhet and Linkhat in India; between Lawar Ghar under Taherpur upazila in Sunamganj and Kalia Char in India; and between Balia Bari under Bajitpur upazila in Kurigram and Naliakata in India.

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# CANT HOUSE Khaleda's writ petition won't be sent to CJ

HC rejects petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday rejected a petition filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for sending to the Chief Justice her earlier writ petition challenging a government notice that asked her to leave the cantonment house.

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# Barge-mounted power plant case against Hasina quashed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) in a verdict yesterday quashed the proceedings against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the barge-mounted power plant corruption case filed by the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) during the last caretaker government.

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# War trial not to be 'motivated'

Caution noted personalities but back speedy legislation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cross-section of eminent personalities including legal experts yesterday suggested swift adjudication of the war crimes trial, while noting that the criminals must not be able to dodge justice, and the people must not get the impression that the trial is motivated by partisan politics.

At a roundtable they said the suspects are campaigning against the trial both at home and abroad, while the government seems not strategic enough to respond to it.

The daily Prothom Alo organised the roundtable titled "Trial

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# Jamaat on Pak side

Admit its leaders but oppose war trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong city unit Jamaat-e-Islami leaders yesterday said Jamaat was in the Pakistan's side during the liberation war of Bangladesh and they don't accept the issue of trying war criminals.

"None of our organisations was involved in war crimes and trial of war criminals is a mockery as the issue is now settled one," said city unit Jamaat ameer Mohammad

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# SHIP-BREAKING 8 proposals to cut down risks

NUR UDDIN ALAMGIR, Ctg

The Department of Environment (DoE), Chittagong has recommended that ships be cleaned before bringing those for dismantling to avert accidents, which very often cause human casualties in the ship-breaking yards.

The department also recommended being informed about hazardous materials in ships before beaching the ships for scrapping.

These are among eight specific recommendations put forward by the DoE to its headquarters in Dhaka on April 8.

After a field level survey from January to March, the DoE has come up with the recommendations to save environment from pollution and streamline the uncontrolled industry.

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# Fire again at Garib and Garib factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another fire broke out at Garib and Garib Sweater Factory at Bhogra in Gazipur sadar upazila yesterday just one and a half months after a devastating blaze left 21 workers burnt to death and many others injured.

At least 10 workers and fire fighters were wounded in the fire this time.

Fire service officials said a large number of sweaters, and machinery were gutted.

The fire originated from the third floor of the six-storey factory building around 1:30pm and quickly spread to the second and fourth floors.

Deputy Director of local fire service Shahidul Islam said cause of the fire could not be known immediately.

Eight units of fire service from Gazipur, Tongi, Kurmitola and Mirpur, joined by workers of the factory, took more than three hours to douse the flames.

Recurrence of fire at the factory angered its workers, and they beat up its knitting section in-charge Abdul Mannan.

The workers later demonstrated in front of the factory building and barricaded Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for about an

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Do you think the government should form a powerful body to take necessary steps to handle unrest in RMG sector whenever it occurs?

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April 14

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Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
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