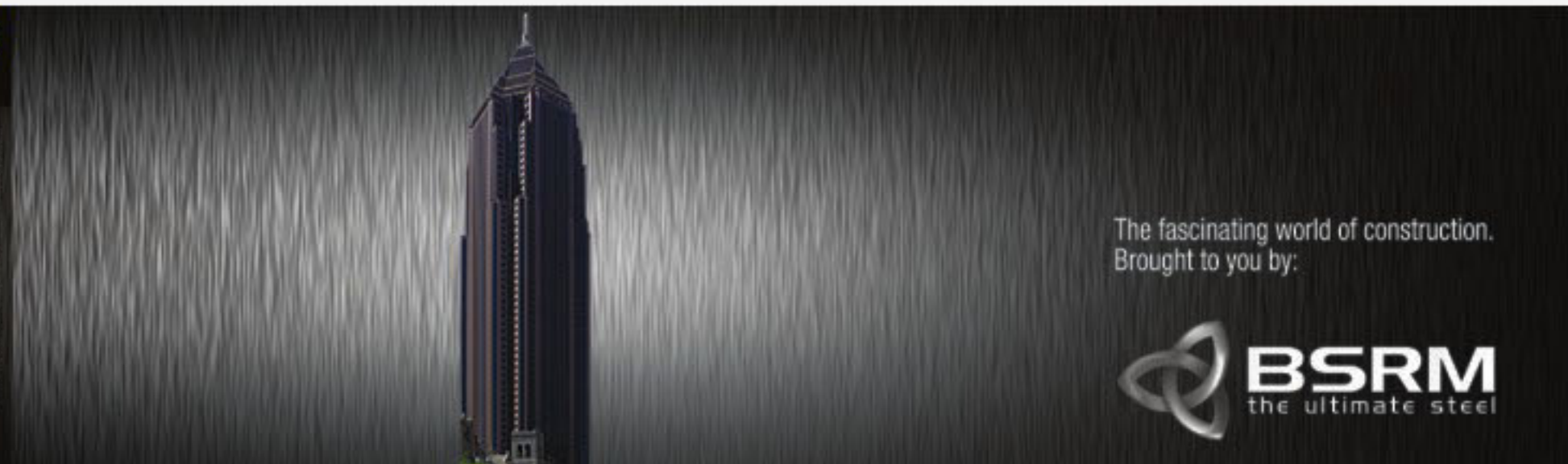


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Tk 1,500cr set aside to dredge rivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has allocated Tk 1,500 crore in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year to execute the plan for dredging country's major rivers to improve communication, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen told the House yesterday.

"We are expecting to receive nine dredgers from India soon," the minister said.

During the discussion, he said the PM will hold another committee regarding the issue in a week to expedite the

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EXORBITANT TUITION COST AT PVT UNIVERSITIES

JS body against UGC role in fixing fees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body has stood against empowering the University Grant Commission (UGC) of fixing tuition fees of students at private universities.

On approval of the cabinet, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid on March 9 placed in parliament the Private University Bill, 2010 with a provision to empower UGC to rein in abnormal rise of tuition fees at private universities.

According to the provision, every

private university will prepare a structure of tuition fee in light with the country's socioeconomic condition and take UGC's approval to collect student fees to meet expenditures.

But the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry in its scrutiny report on the bill placed in parliament yesterday recommended that the House pass the bill curtailing the proposed jurisdiction of UGC.

The committee has rewritten the provision that said private universities

would only inform UGC about the structure of tuition fees. On being informed, UGC might make recommendations, if necessary, the rewritten provision said.

It however kept mum about the fate of the UGC's recommendations whether the private university will accept it or not.

In the wake of widespread controversy over taking huge amount of tuition fees by private universities, the government has moved to empower UGC to bring a discipline in fixing reasonable fees.

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Cabinet okays 3 contracts for power plants

Bangladesh Army too features in rental job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet committee on purchase yesterday approved three contracts with local companies to install three 140-megawatt rental power plants, run by diesel and furnace oil.

The companies include a joint venture of Bangladesh Army and a German concern. It is the first time the army gets engaged in power generation.

The committee last month approved deals with one foreign and eight local companies to set up nine rental power plants for producing 1107MW of electricity in phases for three and five years. However, the Power Development Board has signed contract with only one of the companies.

The committee also decided to import 25,000 tonnes of sugar to prevent unscrupulous traders from influencing the market during the Ramadan.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith chaired the meeting. The unsolicited deals came after negotiations between the PDB and three companies -- Northern Power Solution Ltd, Joint Venture of Bangladesh Diesel Plant Ltd & Primordial Energy Ltd & Aggretech AG, Germany and APR Energy Ltd.

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ZAKAT FUND GRAFT ACC gets case details, starts to probe soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will investigate the case filed against former state minister for religious affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan and

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OnlinePoll

Mayor-elect of Chittagong City Corporation Manjur Alam hopes to run his office with the advice of his predecessor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury. Do you think Mohiuddin will extend his support?

Yes (29.10%)
No (68.61%)
No Comments (2.29%)

Total votes: 959

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think RMG workers demand for a minimum wage of Tk. 5000, which caused frequent clashes recently, is realistic?

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The newly constructed bridge on the river Karnaphuli. It will open to public soon after getting the prime minister's nod.

RID'S TOXIC PARACETAMOL Court to hear charges July 12

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed July 12 for hearing on charge framing against the managing director, two directors and two pharmacists of Rid Pharmaceuticals in connection with a case filed for manufacturing toxic paracetamol syrup.

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Prayer Timing		
June 21		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-52	6-55
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

PILKHANA MUTINY Charges read out to 40

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court yesterday for the first time at Pilkhana started hearing on charge framing against 667 border-guards accused of February last year's BDR mutiny.

The Special Court-5 read out charges against 40 border guards before adjourning the proceedings till 10:00am today.

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DEATH OF MOTHER, 2 CHILDREN Driver made sure Farzana was dead Interrogators not sure about his claim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Driver Al Amin attempted to strangle Farzana Akhter Rita as she was groaning after taking the sedatives. He pressed the nose and mouth of Farzana with his hands.

He told this to interrogators yesterday on the first day of his five-day remand.

Deputy Commissioner Monirul Islam of the Detective Branch said going through phone-call logs of Farzana and examining other clues,

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জেনোভ্যালী মডেল টাউন (প্রাঃ) লিমিটেড দীর্ঘদিন যাবৎ হাউজিং সেক্টরে ব্যবসা পরিচালনা করিয়া আসিতেছে। এই ব্যবসায়িক সাফল্যের ধারাবাহিকতায় হাউজিং সেক্টরে নতুন ধারণা জন্ম দেয়ার লক্ষ্যে ২০০৪ সালে জমিসহ ভূপ্লেন বাড়ি নির্মাণের মাধ্যমে "পিংকসিটি" প্রজেক্টটি গড়ে তোলে। উক্ত প্রজেক্টে হস্তান্তরকৃত এবং নির্মাণাধীন প্রায় চার শতাধিক বাড়ি বিদ্যমান। এর মধ্যে ১২ টি বাড়ির জমি নিয়ে অনাকাঙ্খিত আইনগত জটিলতা থাকায় বাড়ি নির্মাণ ও হস্তান্তর সম্ভব নয়।

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