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Better Business Forum abolished

PM urges businessmen to be more responsible towards people, society

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday abolished the Bangladesh Better Business Forum (BBBF) and approved a 299-member organogram of Board of Investment (BoI).

The decision was taken at the 25th meeting of Board of Investment (BoI) held at PM's Office with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The BBBF was formed in 2007 with the aim of improving the business environment in Bangladesh through interactions between the business community and government officials.

The meeting also approved the minutes of the 24th meeting of the BOI held in July last year, said PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad while briefing newsmen after the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, the premier directed the BoI to take more steps to ease all procedures for the foreign as well as expatriate Bangladeshi entrepreneurs so that they can invest more in the country.

She informed the meeting that foreign investors are coming to Bangladesh with more money and they must be given more congenial trade atmosphere to bring momentum to national economy.

"More investment would come if we can ensure adequate power and gas for the investors," she added.

Mentioning the power crisis, she said the crisis deepened, as the past BNP-Jamaat government did not produce a single megawatt of



The city gets a heavy dose of rain yesterday. The downpour made condition terrible for commuters as the city was crippled with tail-back severer than ever. The photo was taken at the capitals' Agargaon.

TAX EVASION CASE Sayedee, Mir Kashem face arrest warrants

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against Jamaat-e-Islami Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee and party leader Mir Kashem Ali hours after the National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed two separate cases against them for tax evasion.

Sayedee was charged for dodging income tax amounting to Tk 56.45 lakh for the fiscal years from 2005-2006 to 2009-2010 while Kashem for evading income tax of Tk 11.27 lakh in the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

NBR Deputy Tax Commissioner Masuma Khatun filed the case against Sayedee, who is already

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Iftar & Sehri timing for Dhaka & neighbouring areas

Today's Iftar

Ending time for tomorrow's sehri

'Smuggler' beaten to death by BDR

Victim's relatives allege, BDR denies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A young man was beaten to death allegedly by Bangladesh Rifles personnel near Mogholhat border area in Sadar upazila of Lalmonirhat Tuesday night.

The BDR men also threw away the body of Rashidul Islam, 27, into the river Dharla, victim's family members claimed.

Five BDR jawans from Mogholhat BDR camp picked up Rashidul, of Chawratari village of the upazila from a grocery shop of the village around 8:00pm and took him to the bank of the river.

Govt fails to run country, should quit

Says Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said the Awami League led grand alliance government should either run the country in cooperation with all including the opposition or step down.

"Government has proved that it has totally failed to run the country by shutting down educational institutions and CNG stations instead of

MURDER CASE AGAINST AL MP Pressure on to drop case, alleges victim's wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League activist Ibrahim Ahmed's widow Rina Islam, who is a leader of women's wing of the party in the capital, yesterday alleged that unidentified persons were pressing her and members of her family to withdraw the murder case concerning her husband.

Contacted yesterday, Rina Islam, president of Ward-14 unit of Mohila Awami League, said anonymous callers repeatedly telephoned them and threatened that they must not proceed further with the case.

GRABBING PUBLIC PROPERTY Shah Alam granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam yesterday finally appeared before a trial court as per direction from the High Court (HC) and got bail in a case filed for grabbing public properties.

Earlier on June 1, the HC rejected seven petitions filed by Shah Alam seeking anticipatory bail in seven criminal

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No Comments (0.5%)

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