

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES

# Project on suppliers' credit rejected

UNB, Dhaka  
A meeting to discuss projects under the suppliers' credit yesterday did not consider any of the project proposals submitted by three divisions of the planning commission for non-compliance with the guidelines of the Economic Relations Division (ERD).  
Chaired by Planning Minister AK Khandker, the meeting also asked the concerned divisions not to receive any project from the ministries under suppliers' credit unless those are indispensable, said meeting sources.  
All members and chiefs of divisions attended the meeting held at the NEC-1 conference room.  
Meeting sources further said the three divisions of the planning commission -- physical infrastructure; industry and

power; and agriculture, water resource and rural institution -- submitted 45 project proposals before the meeting for its consideration under the suppliers' credit.  
Of them, 36 project proposals totaling Tk 47,930 crore were from the physical infrastructure, five projects amounting to Tk 61 crore from the industry and power and another four worth Tk 26 crore from the agriculture, water resource and rural institution.  
Talking to reporters after the meeting, Khandker said there was no decision regarding the projects under the suppliers' credit in the day's meeting as the discussion on them was at the initial stage.  
"We'll have to decide in principle whether to take suppliers' credit or not," he added.

Replying to a query, Khandker said they are planning to revise the Annual Development Programme (ADP) next January.  
He said some projects might come soon under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) as there are some good responses.  
On the ADP implementation progress in the first four months of the current fiscal that reached 14 percent, the Khandker said although the percentage is less than that of previous fiscal (2009-10), the expenditure was higher.  
Meanwhile, general economics division (GED) Member Prof Shamsul Alam said suppliers' credit should be discouraged unless it becomes indispensable. "Such tied credits sometimes become too expensive."



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is received at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the city on her return to Bangladesh after an official visit to three countries. (Story on Page 16)



Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, second from left, hands over award to Everest Hero Musa Ibrahim, second from right, on behalf of the university at a reception programme yesterday while Pro-VC Prof Harun-or-Rashid, extreme left, and Treasurer Prof Mizanur Rahman, extreme right, look on.

## DU confers Blue award on Musa

DU CORRESPONDENT  
The Dhaka University (DU) yesterday bestowed "Blue" award on Musa Ibrahim, the country's first Mount Everest conqueror.  
The university authorities gave Musa the highest honour of DU on sports at a reception programme on its playground. A Blue is an award generally earned by sports persons at a university.  
Addressing the programme, DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said Musa represented the nation before the world communities conquering the Mount Everest. DU honoured him giving the 'Blue' for the achievement.  
Prof Mizanur Rahman, Registrar Sayed Rezaur Rahman and Director of Physical Fitness Centre Prof Shawkatur Rahman were also present.  
They urged the young generation to get inspired following the extraordinary achievement of Musa.  
Musa Ibrahim urged interested people to run with him to conquer the Everest again in 2014.  
He also reiterated his vow to plant trees across the country to fight climate change impacts.  
The DU vice chancellor handed over the certificate and the award to Musa.  
Musa, also a former student of Institute of Education and Research (IER) of DU, put his foot on the top of the Mount Everest on May 23 this year.

## INT'L FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA 'Moner Manush' wins Golden Peacock award

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi  
India-Bangladesh production "Moner Manush," directed by Gautam Ghosh, yesterday won the top award Golden Peacock at the 41st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2010.  
The film, which has Bengali superstar Prosenjit Chatterjee in the role of mystic poet Lalon Fakir, won the golden trophy and Rs 20 lakh each for the director and the producer.  
Moner Manush also features in it Bangladeshi actors Raisul Islam Asad, Syed Hasan Imam and Champa among others.  
Another Indian film, Kaushik Ganguly's "Just Another Love Story," about a woman trapped in a man's body, shared the special jury award, the Silver Peacock and Rs 15 lakh, with "The Boy," a period drama from New Zealand. Claimed Indian director Rituparno Ghosh appears in Ganguly's film as an actor.  
"The Crossing from Turkey" was adjudged the second best film at the 10-day film festival, which concluded in Panaji in the evening.  
The movie's lead actor Guven Kirac won the Best Actor trophy for his "closely observed and finely detailed portrayal" in the film, which revolves around a man whose ordinary life hides a great tragedy.  
The Best Director award went to Danish film director Susanne Bier for her film 'In A Better World', which tells the story of two families living in a provincial town and a friendship that transforms into a dangerous alliance.  
The Best Actress trophy, introduced this year, went to Magdalena Boczkarska for her portrayal of a femme fatale who falls in love with the man she sets out to trap in the Polish film 'Little Rose' set in the Communist regime.  
The awards for Best Actor and Best Actress carry Rs 10 lakh and a citation.

## DHAKA TODAY

- Cultural programme**  
A cultural programme, rally, meeting will be held on the occasion of 19th International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Venue: Russel square and Muktamancha, Dhanmondi, Time: 3:00pm.
- Human chain**  
Bangabandhu Herbal Chikitsak Parishad will form a human chain. Venue: In front of the National Press Club, Time: 10:00am.
- Seminar**  
BELTA and TESOL will hold Arabia leadership and management SIG seminar titled 'Leadership Skills in ELT'. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Time: 9:00am.
- Meeting**  
Janata Prataasha will organise a meeting. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity, Time: 10:00am.
- Convention**  
National Human Rights Society will arrange a convention. Venue: FDC, Tejgaon, Time: 4:00pm.
- Discussion**  
All-Party Parliamentary Group will organise a discussion. Venue: South Plaza, Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan, Time: 3:00pm.
- Concert**  
A youth concert will be held on Eliminating Violence Against Women. Venue: Army stadium, Time: 1:30pm.
- Human chain**  
Swadhinata Shikkhak Parishad will form a human chain. Venue: In front of the National Press Club, Time: 10:30am.
- Roundtable**  
Energy Solution of Bangladesh will arrange a roundtable. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:00am.
- Awareness campaign**  
Coalition Against Population and Management of Top will jointly organise an awareness campaign. Venue: Sahbagh intersection, Time: 10:30am.
- Cultural programme**  
Bangla Academy will organise a cultural programme on the occasion of its 55th anniversary. Venue: Academy premises, Time: 4:00pm.
- Exhibition**  
Gallery Chitrag will organise an exhibition on drawings of Rafiqun Nabi. Venue: House - 21, Road 4, Dhanmondi, Time: 4:00pm.
- Website inauguration**  
An official website will be inaugurated on Musa Ibrahim. Venue: Alliance Frances, Dhanmondi, Time: 5:00pm.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Fog over river basins likely

UNB, Dhaka  
Weather is likely to remain dry over the country with temporary partly cloudy sky over southern part in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.  
Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during early morning, Met Office said.  
Night temperature may rise slightly over southern part and nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.  
The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm and rises at 6:27am tomorrow.  
Country's highest temperature 30.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 11.5 degrees Celsius at Chuadanga.  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:  
City/Town Temperature in Humidity in Celsius percentage

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.2	14.8	68	58
Chittagong	27.0	16.5	78	70
Rajshahi	26.8	13.5	69	76
Rangpur	25.6	15.2	87	75
Khulna	27.0	14.6	71	74
Barisal	27.8	13.4	84	90
Sylhet	28.2	14.8	65	64
Cox's Bazar	30.0	18.2	74	79

## Domestic help found dead in city house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Police recovered the hanging body of a female domestic help from a residence in city's Ramna area yesterday morning.  
The deceased was identified as Amena Khatun, 20, daughter of Rajab Ali of Gouripur in Mymensingh.  
Amena was serving as a domestic help at the residence of Sabekun Nahar at Kazi Office Lane of Boro Moghbazar area for the last one month, said Sub-Inspector Zafar Ali of Ramna Police Station.  
"Police recovered the body hanging by the neck with a scarf tied to a window grill at around 8:00am," he said.

## BDR MUTINY TRIAL 38 accused cross-examine three witnesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Thirty-eight alleged mutineers of 24 Rifle Battalion of the Pikhana headquarters cross-examined three witnesses yesterday.  
During yesterday's trial proceedings, sepoy Faruq Hossain, one of the accused, challenged a report submitted by BDR medical board that said Faruq was carrying a weapon during the February 25-26 mutiny last year.  
The medical board, which was formed after the mutiny, said Faruq got a mark on his chest from carrying the weapon.  
Faruq said the board mistook his birthmark for what has been mentioned in the report.  
Depending on its findings, the board also made him an accused in the mutiny case.  
Faruq said the board members also reprimanded him for the crime which he did not commit.  
"Why do I have to be punished for my birthmark?" he said.  
The Special Court-7 headed by BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Rafiqul Islam then asked him to show his birthmark and the

prosecutor to take a snap of it.  
Four witnesses yesterday placed their depositions before the court set up at the Darbar Hall of Pikhana, and three of them were cross-examined. Cross-examination of the remaining one will be held when the court resumes at 9:30am on Saturday.  
Two witnesses, who were working at the Sainik Line Mess of the battalion during the mutiny, said in their depositions that separate groups of jawans at that time scolded them for not holding firearms and threatened them with dire consequences.  
Some 254 accused out of 667 of the battalion have so far cross-examined 18 witnesses.  
On Wednesday, the special court sentenced sepoy Abdul Baset to six months imprisonment and dismissed him from his services on contempt of court charges.  
This was the first time the court punished an accused on charges of making arrogant remarks during trial of a mutiny case.  
As many as 73 people including 57 army officers were killed during the mutiny at the BDR headquarters.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Dr M Akhteruzzaman, a professor of Botany department of Dhaka University, passed away at a hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 77, says a press release.  
His body will be kept at his residence at House no 26, Road no 28, Dhanmondi from 8:30am to 10:30am and will be taken to Botany department at 11:00am.  
Later, the body will be kept at the Central Shaheed Minar premises from 11:30 to 12:30pm for allowing people of all sections to pay their last tribute.  
He will be buried at the Banani Graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at the Dhaka University Central Mosque after Juma prayers today.  
President Zillur Rahman has expressed his deep shock at the death of Dr Akhteruzzaman.

## CANTONMENT HOUSE No confidence in judges a bid to hide failure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Attorney General Mahbub Alam yesterday said that Khaleda Zia's counsel Moudud Ahmed initiated a petition expressing "no confidence" in the Supreme Court judges, to conceal their failure of protecting the cantonment residence.  
He told reporters at his office yesterday afternoon that Moudud Ahmed did not place such petition to the apex court on November 29 when the court dismissed Khaleda Zia's petitions over the house.  
Moudud's Wednesday's statement claiming that the SC did not allow them to submit the petition is misleading and confusing, he said.  
Meanwhile, Khaleda's lawyer Mahbubuddin Khokon told reporters that the attorney general's statement is "untrue," since they submitted the petition expressing their client's "no confidence" to the SC's Registrar's office on November 28.

The petition was placed to the SC on November 29, he said, adding that the people of the country don't want to hear "untrue statement" from the attorney general.  
Meanwhile, ruling Awami League faction of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) at a press conference said yesterday that Moudud Ahmed has made the apex court judges controversial by making false statement over his filing the no confidence petition.  
The lawyers at the briefing at the north hall of SCBA condemned and protested Moudud's statement.  
SCBA Assistant Secretary Moshfaqr Rahman Sabuj in a written statement said Khaleda Zia could not understand that her lawyers willfully lost in the case over the cantonment residence in order to run anti government movement.  
SCBA Vice President AKM Fazlul Haque Khan Farid and Treasurer Nuruzzaman Hiru, among others, were present.

## Maulana Abdus Sattar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Maulana Abdus Sattar, owner of Swash Corporation Ltd a renowned electronic goods company, passed away at his Purana Palta residence yesterday morning due to old age complications at the age of 75, says a press release.  
He left behind his wife, two sons and three daughters.  
His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Juma prayers at his village Parkusli in Gopalganj today.

## MA Samad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
MA Samad former deputy general manager of Janata Bank, passed away at a hospital in the city yesterday due to old age complications at the age of 74, says a press release.  
He left behind his wife, three daughters, two sons and grand children.  
Samad was buried at the Uttara Model Town graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at Uttara Mosque after Maghrib prayers.  
His Quilkhwan will be held at his Uttara residence at House no 25, Road no 18, Sector 3 after Asr prayers today.  
Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Today is the 39th death anniversary of martyred Lt Badiuzzaman, Bir Protik, who was killed during a battle against the Pakistani forces during the War of Liberation in 1971, says a press release.  
On this day in 1971, Badiuzzaman was fighting against Pakistani force at Azampur of Akhaura with the second East Bengal Regiment.  
On the occasion, Shaheed Lt Badiuzzaman Smriti Sangsad and Library will arrange holy Quran recitation programme and doa mahfil at his grave at Akhaura.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia meets the party's allies at her Gulshan office in the city yesterday.