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The price of petroleum is shooting up on the world market and food production has also decreased in some countries. Economists fear there will be no immediate let-up in fuel prices on the interna-

Bakht said it will be a difficult task for the government to provide relief to the poor who will bear most of the burden of inflation.



SAJJADUR RAHMAN

"We have renovated the hotel and tried to highlight Bangladesh's cultural traditions and foods to the foreigners," said MA Awal, director (sales) of Sonargaon Hotel.

Other hotels such as Sheraton, Radisson, The Westin, Purbani, Best Western La Vinci, Regency and Sarina are almost booked by the ICC (International Cricket Council), journalists and foreign spectators, particularly from England, South Africa, India and West Indies for their respective matches.

The ICC has booked Sheraton,

"Also, we have got reservations from the foreigners for the tournament," said Hassan.

"We are yet to get any significant response," said Hassan Mansur, former president of Tour Operators' Association of Bangladesh.

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NOTICE

As the stockmarket was closed yesterday due to the opening ceremony of ICC Cricket World Cup 2011, Star Business is trimmed down to four pages today from its regular eight.

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, *New Delhi*

The Indian government had banned onion exports on December 20 last year. Onion prices had touched Rs 70-80 a kg then. India will allow shipments of onions at a minimum export price

SOHEL PARVEZ

The rule only allows entry of cosmetics through the points of Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Sheva Nhava, Cochin, Kandia, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Ferozpur Cantonment, Amritsar, Ranaghat, Bongaon and

According to the official, the company had exported its Meril brand beauty soap to India through various land ports including Benapole-Haridaspur and Akhaura-Agartala.

"It's a toiletry item, not cosmetic. We have informed India about the matter citing reference of the US Food and Drug Administration," he said, adding that they sent an email to the Indian

"Our Tripura market is almost closed due to the new import rule through Agartala border. If we use other ports, our transportation costs go up and products become uncompetitive also," he said.

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