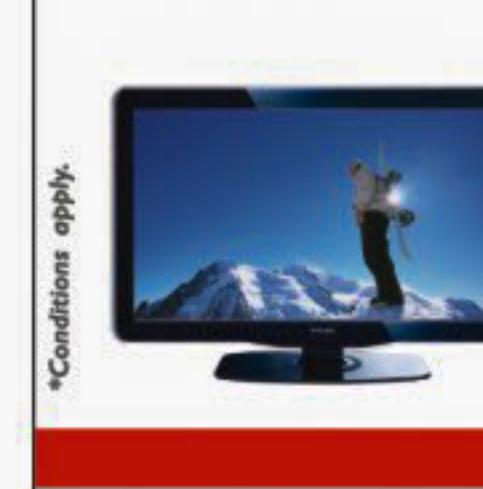




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## in Short

# QUICK GAS DEVELOPMENT Petrobangla banks on Russian help

SHARIER KHAN

The government is looking at Russia to mobilise drilling rigs by August to start fast-track development work in several gas fields so that the country could minimise existing gas shortage by 2013.

Petrobangla Chairman Dr Hussain Mansur yesterday told The Daily Star Russia will submit its financial and technical proposals to the government on June 15 in connection with drilling of 10 gas wells and installation of two gas compressors.

The proposals will be followed by negotiations, signing of a memorandum of understanding and final signing of a set of agreements, which may be time consuming. At a press briefing last month, officials said the two countries are looking at signing agreements in October.

"But we are trying to make it as fast as possible," said Dr Mansur.

The Petrobangla chairman added if the two countries agreed, the drilling of the gas wells would be financed by Bangladesh, while Russia would provide loans for the compressors.

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More bullets  
found in  
Sherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Mymensingh

Police recovered 367 rifle bullets from Gazni village in Jhenaigati, a frontier upazila of Sherpur, yesterday.

On information, a joint team of Sherpur Sadar and Jhenaigati police conducted a

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## More subsidy for food, power sector on cards

**Govt eyes Tk 164,000cr budget**

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

2011-12  
**BUDGET**

The government may propose a bigger national budget of Tk 164,000 crore for 2011-12 fiscal year with a rise in allocation by 28 percent to increase subsidy in food and power sectors and inject more money into rural economy.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith is likely to place the budget for FY 2011-12 in parliament on June 9. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has discussed different aspects of the budget with the finance minister before she went abroad.

Ministry sources say the next budget may not have any new programmes. The government expenditure -- both development and non-development -- will increase due to inflation, they add.

In continuation of the current fiscal year, expenditure will go up in some sectors including salary and allowances of public servants, interest payment, subsidy, local government, and energy sec-



The infant in this photo has been suffering from diarrhoea for the last five days and is now admitted to ICDDR,B in the city. The five-month-old's mother, tired of nursing the baby round-the-clock, takes rest around 3:00pm yesterday. For the last few days, the centre saw a surge in the number of diarrhoea patients.

PHOTO:  
ANISUR RAHMAN

Bhutan wants to use Saidpur, Lalmonirhat airports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Bhutan has proposed using Lalmonirhat and Saidpur airports of Bangladesh.

A Bhutanese delegation, which is in Dhaka now, will visit

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Man carries his twin's embryo

Hospitalised for surgery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Malek, who has been carrying the unborn embryo of his twin since his birth 40 years ago, has been admitted to the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) for surgery.

Although not fully developed, the fetus (unborn offspring), is still alive and has grown up receiving nutrition from Malek's body, doctors say.

Prof MA Jalil of medicine department, who is supervising Malek's treatment since his admission on Saturday, said the

Khaleda meets  
ex-British  
PM Brown

UNB, London

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, now in London, yesterday met British leader of the opposition Ed Miliband and former prime minister Gordon Brown, and discussed socio-economic and political matters.

Miliband during a

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Filling station  
owners call  
strike from  
May 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Petrol pump and tank lorry owners' associations yesterday called for a nationwide indefinite strike from May 22 to press home their 13-point demands.

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## Nato strikes Pak army post

*Pakistan condemns air space violation*

AFP, Miranshah

Helicopters with the Nato force in Afghanistan wounded two Pakistani soldiers yesterday in a cross-border attack, local officials said, a day after the US tried to smooth a row over the killing of Osama bin Laden triggering a strong message from Pakistan.

The two choppers opened fire on an army checkpoint in a restive tribal region in Pakistan's northwest after they were shot at, a Western military official in Kabul said.

The incident took place in Wacha Bibi, 50 kilometres west of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan tribal district, local security officials said.

The Pakistan army lodged a "strong protest" with Nato in Afghanistan over what it says was violation of Pakistani air space.

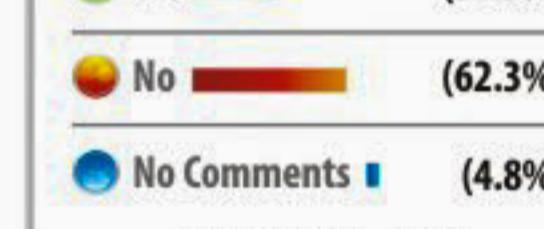
"Pakistan army has lodged a strong protest and demanded a flag meeting," with Nato officials, a military statement said.

"Two Nato helicopters violated Pakistan air space today at Admi Kot Post, North Waziristan, in the early hours of the morning."

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Asr	5-00 5-15
Magrib	6-36 6-40
Esha	8-00 8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



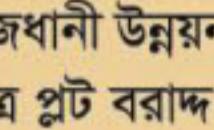
Abdul Malek, who has been carrying his unborn twin since his birth 40 years back, is admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University yesterday for surgery. Experts say 90 cases, like this one, have been found across the world.

PHOTO: STAR

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রাজটক ভবন, ঢাকা

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রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষের প্লট বরাদ্দ বিধি অনুযায়ী যে কোন বাতি বা তার স্তো অথবা পোষ্য একটি মাত্র প্লট বরাদ্দ লাভ করতে পারেন। সরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠান থেকে কেহ একবার প্লট বরাদ্দ লাভ করলে তিনি/তার স্তো/পোষ্যগণ আর কোন প্লটের বরাদ্দ লাভ করতে পারবেন না মর্মে সংশ্লিষ্টদের নিকট হতে হলফনামা গ্রহণ করা হয়ে থাকে। এতদসত্ত্বেও লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, রাজটকের উত্তরা ত্রয় পর্য ও পূর্বাচল প্রকল্পে স্থামী এবং উত্তরা ত্রয় পর্য পর্য স্থামী প্লটের বরাদ্দ লাভ করেছেন। আবার কোন কেন মহিলা বিবাহিত হওয়া সত্ত্বেও স্থামীর নাম গোপন রেখে পিতার পরিচয়ে প্লট বরাদ্দের আবেদন করে বরাদ্দ লাভ করেছেন। অথবা কেহ কেহ হলফনামায় ভুল তথ্য প্রদান করে বা তথ্য গোপন করে প্লট বরাদ্দ নিয়েছেন। এ ধরনের কার্যকলাপ সম্পূর্ণরূপে আইন ও বিধি-বিধানের পরিপন্থী। উপরোক্ত বর্ণনামতে (ক) বরাদ্দ প্রাপকদের মধ্যে যারা একই প্রকল্পে বিভিন্ন আয়তনের একাধিক প্লটের বরাদ্দ লাভ করেছেন; (খ) বরাদ্দ প্রাপকদের মধ্যে যারা স্থামী ও স্তো হিসেবে একই প্রকল্পের দুটি প্লটের বরাদ্দ লাভ করেছেন; (গ) বরাদ্দ প্রাপকদের মধ্যে যাদের স্থামী পূর্বাচল প্রকল্পে স্থামী উত্তরা ত্রয় পর্য পর্য অথবা পূর্বাচল প্রকল্পে স্থামী ও স্তো প্লটের বরাদ্দ লাভ করেছেন; (ঘ) যারা হলফনামার ব্যত্যয় ঘটিয়ে বা তথ্য গোপন করে এক বা একাধিক প্লট বরাদ্দ পেয়েছেন; তাদেরকে এই অনিয়মতাত্ত্বিকভাবে প্রাপক বরাদ্দের অনুরোধ জানানো হলো। অন্যথায় তাদের সকল প্লটের বিপরীতে জমাকৃত অর্থ বাজেগাঁও করে সকল প্লটের বরাদ্দ বাতিল করা হবে।

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