



BE SAFE  BSRM

THE SAFEST STEEL IN BANGLADESH TO WITHSTAND  
**CYCLONIC FORCE AND EARTHQUAKES**  
The only steel that ensures Elongation at maximum force

Do consult a professional engineer if you decide to build a house

**BSRM Xtreme**  
Feel safe with Xtreme Inside



**Philips 40" LED TV (40PFL5605) at Tk. 10,834\***  
Up to 18 Equal Monthly Installments available at 0% Interest





For More Information:  
8855366-8, 01712-665463

**TRANSKOM**  
 **DIGITAL**  
think electronics... think  **DIGITAL**

## Bhutanese team visits 2 airports

STAR REPORT

A 14-member Bhutanese delegation led by its Minister for Communications and Information Lyonpo Nandalal Rai visited Saidpur and Lalmonirhat airports yesterday to see the existing facilities there. Bhutan is keen to use Saidpur Airport as a transit for its international flights as it is the nearest

SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

## Bigger ADP on cards

*Finance Division proposes 31pc higher allocation; ADP size for next FY may stand at Tk 67,000cr*

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government is going to prepare an ambitious Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the next fiscal year although it fails to achieve the target every year.

The Finance Division has sent a proposal for allocating Tk 46,000 crore, 31 percent more than that of the revised ADP for the current fiscal year, but the planning ministry is moving to make the size even bigger,

## 2011-12 BUDGET

Tk 67,000 crore, in line with the demands of various ministries.

For the current FY, the size of ADP was increased by about 35 percent to Tk 38,500 crore but later Tk 3,000 crore of the allocation was slashed as only 60 percent of the revised ADP was implemented in the first 10 months.

On Wednesday, a meeting chaired by Planning Minister AK Khandker discussed making the size of next year's ADP bigger. The National Economic Council (NEC) will prepare the proposal by the end of this month.

A planning ministry official said they have been facing a difficult time in balancing the demand with allocation. The ministry has informed the prime minister about this.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

## Funds okayed for 50 new cyclone shelters

*Tk 187cr scheme taken under climate change fund for 9 southwestern dists*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The governing council of Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund (BCCRF) in its first meeting approved a Tk 187 crore project to construct and renovate cyclone shelters and roads in nine coastal districts.

Under the project, 50 new cyclone shelters will be made while 40 others will be renovated and 50km of roads will be constructed.

Right now, \$125 million is confirmed for BCCRF what the country received from development partners to use in development projects for climate victims.

The meeting also discussed a plan to make a cross-dam in Urichar to reclaim land from the sea. A joint expert team from World Bank and Bangladesh will review the project before approval, said Hasan Mahmud, state minister for

SEE PAGE 6 COL 4

## Halda fishes spawn again

DWAIPAYAN BARUA,  
back from Hathazari and Raozan, Ctg

A number of indigenous fish species including ruhi, katol, mrigel and kalbaush released eggs in the Halda river for the second time in a month yesterday.

The Halda, which flows through Hathazari and Raozan upazilas of Chittagong, is one of the world's major natural sweet water fish breeding spots. It is also the only source of carp fishes like ruhi, katol, mrigel and kalbaush in the country. Mother fishes here

SEE PAGE 19 COL 7



Spawns collected from the river Halda in Chittagong yesterday. As it began raining early Wednesday, a number of local fish species started releasing eggs at different points of the river.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## Obama defines Palestine state

*Says borders with Israel must be based on '67 lines*

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama declared that the borders of Israel and a Palestinian state must be based on 1967 lines, likely setting up a new clash with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Obama made this comment and more while delivering a key speech addressing the Muslim world, especially the Middle East countries, yesterday.

His comments on the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process will likely draw most attention, one day before the president meets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office.

However, Obama warned Palestinians that Israel had a

SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

MORE ON PAGE 7




## Mamata takes over today

*First woman CM of West Bengal*

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA,  
New Delhi

Mamata Banerjee, whose victory ended 34 years of Marxist rule in West Bengal, takes over as the state's first woman chief

SEE PAGE 19 COL 4



**ONLINE POLL**

Do you agree with just-retired chief justice ABM Khairul Haque that the verdict on the caretaker government is not contradictory?

Yes (28.4%)

No (68.9%)

No Comments (2.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 405

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that BNP did not give anything positive to the nation during its tenure?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT  
[www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

PRAYER TIMING <span>May 20</span>		
Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr 4-05	4-40	
Juma 12-30	1-15	
Asr 5-00	5-15	
Maghrib 6-40	6-45	
Esha 8-00	8-30	
Source: Islamic Foundation		

## BNP plans recast in party lineup

*Focuses on nationwide anti-govt agitation to press for mid-term polls*

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The national executive committee of BNP is being revamped as the country's main opposition party prepares to launch a nationwide campaign to press for "mid-term elections" accusing the government of failure to run the country.

In the process a few "inactive members" might be axed from the committee that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia announced after the party held its national council in December 2009 for the first time in 16 years, said party sources on condition of anonymity.

Khaleda will undertake a countrywide mass contact programme next month after she returns home from the United States, the last leg of her two-nation tour that also took her to the United Kingdom, the sources said.

Khaleda, also the leader of the opposition in parliament, told party workers at a meeting in London on Sunday she will tour through Bangladesh to forge a tough

SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

## US to provide \$51m food assistance

UNB, Dhaka

The US government through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be providing more than \$51 million in food assistance to Bangladesh in fiscal year 2011.

SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

## GD against Fakhrul

*Aug 21 victim complains he threatened IO*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A general diary was lodged with the capital's Paltan Police Station yesterday against BNP's acting Secretary General Mirza Fakrul Islam

SEE PAGE 19 COL 3



**PRESENTING BOTOX® FROM KAYA.**  
The safe, anti-ageing service with instantly noticeable results.\*\*

Experienced by over **1 crore women** across the world, Kaya Skin Clinic now brings BOTOX®, a revolutionary solution for younger looking skin, to Bangladesh.

**WHY BOTOX® FROM KAYA**

- TRUST - Over 5 lakh satisfied customers across India & The Middle East
- SAFE - US FDA approved, non-surgical procedure with no side-effects
- EXPERT - Administered by our team of trained dermatologists
- QUICK - Immediate results\*\* compared to anti-ageing creams and facials

**INTRODUCTORY OFFER: Get 10% off on BOTOX® now!**

**kaya skin clinic™**  
Let your skin talk

**SMS KAYA to 6161**

**Kaya Skin Clinics: Gulshan - 008801730326836, Dhanmondi - 008801713438889.**

Kaya Skin Clinic is an intellectual property of Marico Ltd. BOTOX® is a registered trademark of Allergan Inc., USA. BOTOX® at Kaya is administered only by trained dermatologists. \*\*Results may vary from person to person. #Conditions apply.

Rediffusion-Y&R/Mum/KAYA/0923



**Clearance sale at OTOBI**

**70% up to**

**otobi evolves around you**

 Regular price TK 76 Per Piece Discount price TK 40	 Regular price TK 190 Cover starting from Discount price TK 162	 Regular price TK 495 Starting from Discount price TK 371	 Regular price TK 670 Starting from Discount price TK 503	 Regular price TK 4,720 Discount price TK 3,540	 Regular price TK 6,090 Discount price TK 3,654	 Regular price TK 14,230 Wooden Dressing Table Discount price TK 7,827
 Regular price TK 19,110 Discount price TK 9,555	 Regular price TK 13,800 Discount price TK 10,350	 Regular price TK 26,690 Discount price TK 14,680	 Regular price TK 30,230 Wooden Bed Discount price TK 15,720	 Regular price TK 26,680 Wooden Wardrobe Discount price TK 16,008	 Regular price TK 21,380 Wooden Bed Discount price TK 16,035	

■ Till Stock Ends ■ All Otobi Showrooms