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**Abul seeks ACC help in anti-graft awareness**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two days after inviting Transparency International Bangladesh to look into irregularities in his ministry, the communications minister yesterday invited the Anti-Corruption Commission for a meeting to "raise awareness against graft".

"The communications ministry wants to hold a view exchange meeting

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COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

**Railway secy, 18 others made OSD**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railway Division Secretary Ebadat Ali and 18 self-confessed corrupt officers of the communications ministry were yesterday made Officer on Special Duty (OSD), a position considered a punishment.

The communications ministry also issued an order transferring six staff of Roads and Highways Department and one from Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, posted at the head office in Dhaka, to outside Dhaka.

The steps were taken following a recent spree of media reports about corruption in the ministry.

Just a week after Ebadat was promoted, he was made OSD by the Ministry of Public Administration following recommendation of the communications ministry, officials said. It was not known why Ebadat was made OSD but communications ministry sources claimed that he was not performing well.

"He was also not with the

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**New British HC in town**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Winnington Gibson has arrived in the capital to take up his new assignment.

He succeeds Stephen Evans who has taken up another role in British diplomatic service.

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**Sayedee indicted for tax evasion**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee in a tax evasion case.

The court rejected Sayedee's petition for his acquittal from the case.

Judge Mohammad Mozammel Hossain of the Special Judge's Court-3 fixed October 24 for the trial of the case.

Sayedee pleaded not guilty and sought justice from the court, after the charges were read out to him.

Masuma Khatun, deputy tax commissioner of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), filed the case on August 19 last year against him for evading tax of Tk 56.45 lakh on his income for the fiscal years from 2005-2006 to 2009-2010.

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KIDNEY TRADE

**Two more suspects arrested**

STAR REPORT

Police arrested two more alleged intermediaries of illegal kidney trade from the capital's Panthapath and Kalabagan areas yesterday evening.

The arrestees were identified as Nasir Mahmud, 32, of Fatullah upazila in Narayanganj and Mahmud Sujon, 38, of Shariatpur district.

"During preliminary

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

This elephant belongs to a circus team of Rajshahi. The team is visiting Dhaka as it has a role in an upcoming movie being shot at the FDC. When not on set, the temporarily tattooed elephant and its trainer take a walk in the capital and visit shop windows. Most shopkeepers, amazed by the huge animal dropping by, offer to give it some money for its upkeep.

**Target income tax as biggest revenue source**

Muhith asks NBR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said the National Board of Revenue (NBR) should set a target to generate the highest amount of revenue from income tax collection in the next five years.

"It is the best form of tax. We expect the highest revenue will come from income tax by the next five years," said Muhith.

The minister was addressing a ceremony

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**Saarc power grid with India first**

Bangladesh to be connected with all member states, says PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for coordinated power and energy supply among the Saarc member countries to tap the high potentiality of the region.

"We are working on the Saarc grid interconnection between Bangladesh and India. When this interconnection is established, it would be easier to establish connectivity with other Saarc member states," she said while inaugurating the 4th Saarc Energy Ministers' Meeting at a city hotel yesterday.

The South Asian economies are on ascendancy nowadays and Saarc member states are gradually taking steps to unlock its potential, nationally and regionally, Hasina said.

A key challenge that the Saarc countries are facing is to

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**Power import from India as planned**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The import of 250 megawatt electricity from India will go ahead as planned, the government said yesterday, dispelling media reports that it could be delayed due to opposition over use of land in Paschimbanga for installing power transmission line.

The state government of Paschimbanga has reportedly opposed the use of its land to set up power line poles for

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AUG 21 ATTACK CASE

**Tarique's charge hearing deferred**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again deferred to September 21 the hearing on charge framing against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and 29 others accused in the supplementary charge sheets of the August 21 grenade attack cases.

Judge Shahed Nuruddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 passed the order after counsels for ten of the accused submitted separate petitions seeking adjournment of the hearing.

The ten accused include Lutfozzaman Babar, former state minister for home, and Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojaheed.

In yesterday's petition, defence lawyers sought time from the court saying that they did not get necessary documents of the cases to prepare themselves for the hearing.

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**MOURNED**

Mr. Masudul Hoque Sarwar, father of Mr. Amirul Hoque Oni, Director, ALM Steel Building Technology Ltd., passed away at his residence at Dhaka on 13.09.2011, Tuesday afternoon (innalillaha .... rajeun) at the age of 59 years. We are deeply shocked for his death. He left behind mother, brother - sister, spouse, 2 sons, 1 daughter, grand son, grand daughter and a lot of well wishers. He was the Director of Shamsuddin Mia & Associates Ltd., former Director of Janata Jute Mills Ltd., life time member & former Football Secretary of Victoria Sporting Club. All his relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend at his qulkhwani & doa mahfil to pray for the salvation of his departed soul. The qulkhwani & doa mahfil will be held at Purana Paltan Jame Masjid on 16.09.2011, Friday after Asar prayer.

On behalf of the Employees of  
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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you support the government decision to change the course of the metro rail and take it through the Sangsad Bhaban complex?

Yes (20.5%)  
No (74.6%)  
No Comments (4.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 365

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain's invitation to TIB to investigate irregularities in the communications ministry is justified?

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

**BGMEA**

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Heartiest Felicitations and Thanks to The Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina for Your able leadership in obtaining duty-free access for 46 Bangladeshi products to Indian market and for the signing of an MoU between BIFT and NIFT during the visit of Honorable Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh to Bangladesh.

It is a great encouragement for us that the Government of India has declared **duty free quota free market access for 46 Bangladeshi Products (45 are Garments items)** during the visit of Honorable Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh to Bangladesh. This has also come through a notification by the Indian Customs. Our heartiest thanks to the prudent leadership of our Honorable Prime Minister for this extra-ordinary achievement of Your Government. **This has been a resounding achievement for our readymade garment sector as well and on behalf of the apparel manufacturers and exporters in Bangladesh we express our sincere gratitude to You and Your Government for such a resonant success.**

We believe that this historic step will open up a new era of opportunity for Bangladesh's garment exports to India that would immensely help us to penetrate the Indian market and therefore reduce the prevailing trade imbalance between these two countries.

It is also a great pride for us that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between BIFT (BGMEA Fashion Institute and Technology and NIFT (National Institute of Fashion Technology) on Fashion Technology during the visit of Indian Premier. **We are thankful to Your Government for this on behalf of both BGMEA and BIFT.**

The trade and diplomatic relations between the two countries has taken a new shape and momentum since Your official visit to India last year. We sincerely hope Your dynamic and visionary leadership will pave the way for a smoother and more comprehensive economic and diplomatic relationship with India in near future.

**The Board of Directors, BGMEA**

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Maghrib 6-09 6-12  
Esha 7-45 8-15

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