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2 GAS COMPRESSORS, DRILLING OF 10 WELLS Russia makes fresh proposal

SHARIER KHAN

Russian national company Gazprom that offered a disappointingly high price for installing two gas compressors and drilling 10 gas wells last month made a fresh offer to Petrobangla earlier this week.

Competent sources said Petrobangla is now asking its subsidiary Gas Transmission Company Ltd (GTCL) to open Gazprom's price offer as soon as possible and give its decision. The Petrobangla chairman heads the GTCL's board.

But the GTCL that is dealing with a gas compressor project with finance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is saying it was up to Petrobangla to deal with Gazprom's offer since it was a state-to-state deal between the two national companies.

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Third prosecution witness to the BDR carnage case, Lt Col Mohammad Abu Tasnim, walks out of a makeshift court at Bakshibazar after recording his deposition at the court yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Train fare hike mullied

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

The communications ministry is thinking of increasing passenger and freight train fares for the first time in 20 years.

Bangladesh Railway (BR) on Tuesday sent a proposal to the ministry in this regard.

Donor agencies have been suggesting the government to increase train

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Commuters suffer on eve of hartal

Most buses stay off roads in fear of strike-enforcers; passengers unhappy over fare hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many bus and minibus services remained off the city streets yesterday fearing hassle over the enhanced fare and damage of vehicles ahead of today's hartal.

Hundreds of commuters were standing at different bus stops since morning. The

situation worsened in the evening when more buses went off the roads due to political gatherings at Naya Palatan and Bangabandhu Avenue.

A few hundred passengers were seen waiting at Shahbagh around 11:00am.

"Usually, buses come here in quick

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BDR CARNAGE TRIAL

Witness of horror tells of death, his freedom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seeing some BDR soldiers beating Maj Gazzali, Lt Col Mohammad Abu Tasnim quickly hid himself behind a building in Pilkhana during the bloody mutiny on February 25 in 2009.

Within a few minutes, he heard

someone groaning after two or three gunshots. Coming out of the hideout, Lt Col Tasnim saw a few armed jawans taking away the body of Maj Gazzali in a sack.

Fifty-seven army officers including Gazzali were among the 74 people brutally killed in the February 25-26 BDR mutiny.

A survivor of the carnage and then commanding officer of signal sector, Lt Col Tasnim was presenting his statement to a Dhaka court yesterday as the third prosecution witness to the killing case.

He gave vivid descriptions on how the mutiny broke out from the

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Unhappy with the authorities separating cellmates in Chittagong Central Jail, two inmates, circled and seen in the photo on the right, threaten to jump from the third-floor toilet window of the prison yesterday. Jail authorities are seen on the ground floor trying to negotiate their safe descent. Eventually, they succeeded getting the duo down promising to keep them together. Later, the jail authorities said they will be evaluated by a psychiatrist, which the jail does not have, before taking any action against them.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

KADAR'S CASES DB appeals for dropping arms charge

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Detective police have appealed to a Dhaka court to acquit Dhaka University student Abdul Kadar in an arms case, citing the charges against him are false.

Detective Branch of Police Inspector Mohammad Shahjahan, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the probe report on Saturday before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka.

"No evidence was found to prove the charge of possessing weapons against Kadar," the report said.

However, the three other accused -- Mamun

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ONLINE POLL

Do you support BNP's hartal on Thursday?

Yes (72.1%)

No (27.0%)

No Comments (0.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 1373

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with local economists and analysts that the government's decision to increase the fuel prices is an untimely one?

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Asan	Jamaat
Fajr 4:35	5:10
Zohr 12:45	1:15
Asr 4:30	4:45
Maghrib 6:09	6:12
Esha 7:45	8:15

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