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Police excesses cannot solve the problem, says Praful Bidwai

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New scrap shipyards near Sundarbans

Govt eyes Baleshwar river bank in Barguna; environmentalists decry

MORSHED ALI KHAN

Although the Sitakunda ship breaking yards in Chittagong continue to wreak havoc on the environment, the government nonetheless plans to allow new yards on the bank of the Baleshwar river in Patharghata upazila of Barguna district.

A team of top officials from different departments, led by the additional secretary of the industries ministry, recently visited the

area and initially earmarked 52 acres of land for setting up new ship breaking yards --- an industry categorised red by the Department of Environment, implying its highly hazardous nature.

"It is the prime minister's wish to set up the industry there and we have started the groundwork," said ABM Khorshed, additional secretary of the Ministry of Industries. "We have found the area suitable for ship breaking,

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5 more Bangladeshis on Saudi death row

PORIMOL PALMA and EMRAN HOSSAIN

Five more Bangladeshi workers in Saudi Arabia may meet a fate similar to that of their eight compatriots, who were beheaded in public in Riyadh on Friday for murdering an Egyptian security guard.

"A Sharia court has sentenced five Bangladeshis in Riyadh to death in three cases for murdering their three compatriots," Haroon-or-Rashid, Bangladesh's labour counsellor in Riyadh, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The identities of the five Bangladeshis or their victims could not be known. Of the convicts, four are in prison and one is on the run.

Rashid said there was still scope for the accused to file an appeal or reach a settlement with the complainants.

"The four convicts, who have been in jail for four years, could be executed unless the cases are settled amicably," said the diplomat.

"We have been trying to reach a settlement, but have failed thus far."

Meanwhile, human rights activists have condemned the execution of the eight Bangladeshis in public, terming it barbaric and unacceptable.

The migrant workers were beheaded in the Saudi capital for their involvement in a robbery and murder of an Egyptian security

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PADMA BRIDGE FUNDING

Uncertainty rules

Muhith briefs press today about govt action on graft allegation; JS body slates role of lead financier of the project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank wants the government to probe alleged irregularities in the appointment of a consultant for the Padma Bridge project, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

The government would soon decide on

whether an investigation will be conducted into the allegation, Muhith told journalists at the cabinet division. He was answering their queries on the snags in the WB's financing for the project.

Quoting Muhith, the news agency Reuters reported that the WB had

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Osman pulls for Osman

Nasim slams P Alo for report against Shamim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party

lawmaker

Nasim

Osman

yesterday

warned of

reprisals

over reports

critical of his

brother Shamim Osman



Nasim Osman

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Ivy likely to get AL support

Shamim may be offered place in government

HASAN JAHD TUSHER and RAKIB AHAMMED

Selina Hayat Ivy is likely to get the backing of the ruling Awami League as a mayoral candidate in the Narayanganj City Corporation polls scheduled for October 30.

In a late night development yesterday, the AL high command at a discussion opted for pulling Shamim Osman, another mayoral hopeful from AL, out of the race. As a "reward"



Shamim Osman



Selina Hayat Ivy

party insiders told The Daily Star.

This "unofficial decision" came at a meeting between Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina and some senior party leaders at her official residence Gono Bhaban around 9:00pm.

Sources said Hasina told the meeting that both Shamim and Ivy were popular leaders in Narayanganj and she herself had a "soft corner for both

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Khaleda leads road march to Sylhet today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will lead a road march from the capital towards Sylhet today aiming to mount pressure on the government for reinstatement of caretaker government system.

The march will start from the party's Naya Paltan central office at 10:00am, and Khaleda will address nine rallies on her way to the divisional headquarters.

The leader of the opposition in parliament will address a grand rally in Sylhet tomorrow at Alia Madrasa ground.

BNP will organise the road march and the four-party alliance led by it will hold the grand rally.

Leaders of the main opposition party have

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No greetings for SC judges

Bar leaders protest death of pro-BNP leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Breaking with tradition, the Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday did not exchange autumn greetings with the judges to protest the death of lawyer MU Ahmed.

Dominated by pro-BNP lawyers, the association on September 26 decided not to greet the judges on return from the autumn vacation.

Lawyers loyal to the ruling Awami League, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and other senior advocates, however, greeted the judges at the SC Judges' Lounge.

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