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Disasters to be more frequent

Draft UN report on climate change paints grim future for world

AFP, Paris

A new UN report concludes that man-made climate change has boosted the frequency or intensity of heat waves, wildfires, floods and cyclones and such disasters are likely to multiply in the future.

The draft document, which has been three years in the making, says the severity of the impacts vary, with some regions more vulnerable than others.

Hundreds of scientists working under the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) will vet the phonebook-sized draft at a meeting in Kampala of the 194-nation body later this month.

"This is the largest effort that has ever been made to assess how extremes are changing," said Neville Nicholls, a professor at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, and a coordinating lead author of one of the review's key chapters.

The report's authors stress that the level of "confidence" in the findings depends on the quantity and quality of data available.

But the overall picture that emerges is one of

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Class-VIII students taking the Junior School Certificate examinations at Motijheel Government Girls High School in the capital yesterday morning. Story on page 5

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Ecneec okays new 450MW Ashuganj power plant

Bss, Dhaka

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council yesterday approved six development projects involving Tk 3,907 crore, including the 450 megawatt Ashuganj power plant project.

The approval was given at a meeting of the Ecneec with its chairperson Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The Ashuganj 450-MW combined cycle power plant project involving Tk 3,400 crore will meet the growing power demand in the northeast region of the country.

Of the total project cost of Tk 3,907 crore, the government will provide Tk 907 crore while the remaining amount will

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Abed gets first WISE prize for education

STAR REPORT

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac, has been awarded the first WISE Prize for Education in recognition of his 40-year career dedicated to alleviating poverty through education.

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, presented Abed with the prize, a major award for education, at the opening session of the third World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) in Doha.

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The Good Muslim listed for Man Asian Prize

STAR REPORT

Bangladeshi novelist Tahmima Anam's The Good Muslim has been long-listed for this year's Man Asian Literary Prize.

The list was unveiled on Saturday at Singapore

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Licences kept ready for stolen cars

Gang says some BRTA staff partners in their crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some officials of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority forge documents to help thieves sell stolen cars and motorbikes, said detectives yesterday.

The BRTA officials give thieves documents with BRTA seals and signs leaving the spaces for licence and registration

numbers blank. The thieves then fill in the blanks and sell the stolen vehicles with the help of those documents, said Mollah Nazrul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of Detective Branch of police at a press briefing at Media Centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The documents cannot be identified as

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PADMA BRIDGE
Govt to move again after WB response

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said the government would not make any move over the Padma bridge issue before getting the World Bank's response to his letter on corruption allegations involving the project.

Muhith made the remark at his secretariat

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SWINDLING BY JUBOK

Some money may be refunded in 2 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

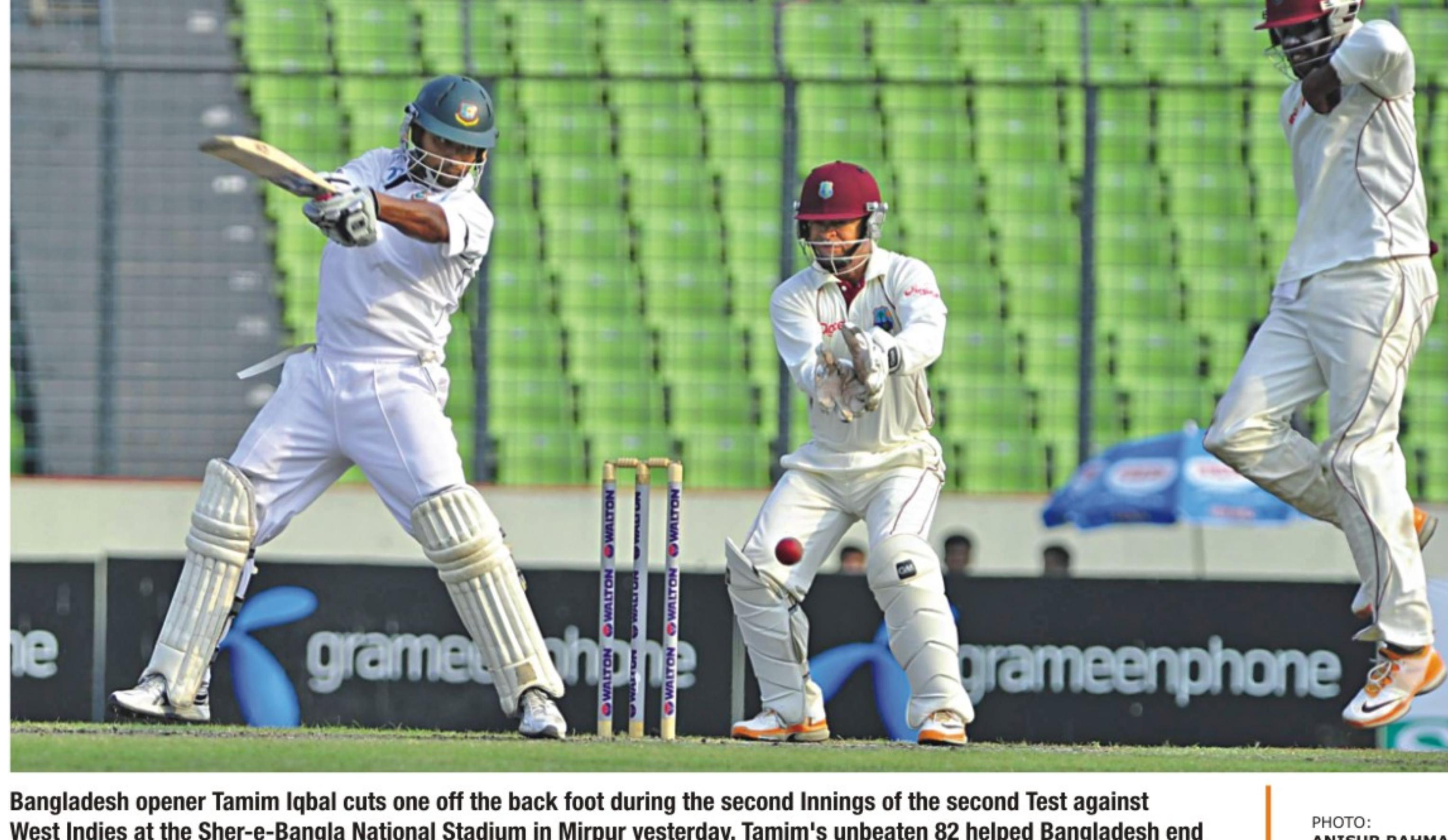
The government is considering making partial payments to the cheated clients of closed Jubo Karmasangsthan Society (Jubok) in two years through arbitration.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith gave reporters a hint about it yesterday after a meeting with the chairman of the commission formed to have the cheated clients of Jubok paid back from Jubok's assets.

According to a government-commissioned probe report, Jubok owes a staggering Tk 2,147 crore to its 2.67 lakh clients. Muhith said Jubok used the money to build assets, from which the claims of some clients could be met.

"For instance, the clients to whom Jubok owes Tk 10,000 cannot be reimbursed in full...they have to make some compromise," Muhith said.

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Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal cuts one off the back foot during the second Innings of the second Test against West Indies at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Tamim's unbeaten 82 helped Bangladesh end Day Four on 164 for 3, trailing by 343 runs with 7 wickets in hand. See story on page 16

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ANISUR RAHMAN

CONDUCT OF JUDGES

SC Bar to seek remedy from judicial council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) leaders yesterday said they would move the Supreme Judicial Council against a few High Court judges over flouting the judges' code of conduct by the latter.

Violating the code, several HC judges have appeared on television talk shows in London, SCBA Secretary Bodruddoza Badal told a press briefing at its president's office.

Despite holding an economy class ticket, an HC judge recently took a business class seat on a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight, he pointed out.

The lawyers' forum has been collecting information and evidence on such violations of the code of conduct, added Badal.

SCBA President Khandker Mahbub Hossain said they will lodge a complaint with the Supreme Judicial Council within the tenure of the present executive body of the SCBA, which will end in March next year.

He, however, refused to disclose the names of the judges.

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Dhaka-Moscow nuke power deal today

BSS, Dhaka

The government is going to ink a landmark deal with Russia today to finalise arrangements for installing the country's first-ever nuclear power plant at Rooppur in Pabna.

The deal comes nearly two years after Dhaka signed a crucial framework agreement with Moscow on Russian cooperation to install the 2,000 megawatt nuclear plant by 2017-18 at a cost of around \$1.5 to \$2 billion.

Yeafesh Osman, state minister for science and information and communication technology, and Sergey Kirienko, director general of State Atomic Energy Corporation of Russia (Rosatom), will sign the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

"This is a landmark event for us... this will greatly help us to meet our energy demand. We need energy to build our desired Digital Bangladesh," Osman told BSS.

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NOTICE TO GP
SC judge feels embarrassed to hear plea of regulator

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court judge yesterday felt embarrassed to hear a petition filed by Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission against a High Court order that stayed its notice upon Grameenphone.

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Keib elected new Libyan premier

UN warns on looted weapons

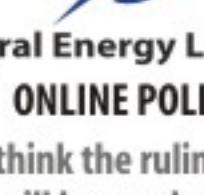
AFP, Tripoli

Libya's interim rulers have elected academic Abdel Rahim al-Keib to head a transitional government, as the UN warned against the proliferation of arms looted from Muammar Gaddafi's huge stockpile.

Abdel Rahim al-Keib, wealthy businessman who is a native of Tripoli, was elected interim prime minister in a public vote carried out by the members of the National Transitional Council (NTC) on

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The Daily Star



ONLINE POLL

Do you think the ruling Awami League will learn a lesson from the Narayanganj City polls and refrain from supporting anyone controversial in future polls?

Yes (16.9%)

No (81.5%)

No Comments (1.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 745

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Abdel Rahim