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MONEY-SPINNING BPL NBR sniffs for tax

SOHEL PARVEZ and MOHAMMAD ISAM

The money involved in Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20 tournament has come under the scanner of the National Board of Revenue (NBR). NBR has formed a team to monitor all financial transactions -- roughly hundreds of crores of taka -- in a bid to ensure that all taxes are going to the state coffers, said revenue officials yesterday.

The tax administration has already collected Tk 25 lakh as revenue from the organisers for hiring artistes, including Bollywood actresses, for the gala opening ceremony of the tournament.

Headed by Kanan Kumar Roy, director general of Directorate of Inspection (Taxes), Dhaka, the NBR team will examine all deals, like the auction of teams and players, and payments, made by the six franchises to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

It will look into the deal between BCB and Game on Sports, the firm that bought the rights of BPL for six years

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Students of Monipur School in Mirpur take part in the Spelling Bee contest yesterday.

SPELLING BEE Monipur students sparkle

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

The inaugural Spelling Bee took place in Monipur School in Mirpur yesterday.

Nafisa Nusrat of class VIII became the first student from Monipur School to qualify for the TV rounds after four knockout rounds of spelling, as the other students were eliminated after incorrectly spelling their words.

A total of 24 students participated in the competition, which started off with six of them being eliminated in the first round. Six boys and girls

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Bangladeshi woman tortured by BSF

UNB, Benapole

A Bangladeshi woman was chased, captured and tortured by Indian Border Security Force in Benapole border area yesterday.

Witnesses said Halima Begum, 35, wife of late Mosharraf, of Dubdia village of Jhikargachha upazila, was bleeding

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Govt sees surplus power next year

Muhith bats for oil-based plants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday defended the government's policy on costly oil-based power projects as a short term solution to the country's energy crisis, saying this has helped overcome the crisis and boost industrial growth and exports.

Due to increased power generation, the country's exports marked a 40 percent growth last year. Industrial growth was also

the highest ever last year, Muhith noted.

"Of course we are going through a hard time of this oil-based solution (to power crisis). But without pain, there cannot be any gain," he said referring to the high inflation caused by increased fuel import for power generation.

Addressing the concluding ceremony of a two-day "Sector Leaders' Workshop 2012" of the energy sector, the finance

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Tajuddin's grandson 'beaten up by cops'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rakib Hossain, grandchild of the country's first prime minister Tajuddin Ahmed, was allegedly tortured by police on Friday.

Injured Rakib is now undergoing treatment at the city's United Hospital, hospital sources said around 1:15am today.

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Iran set to open major N-projects

Vows not to cave in to sanctions, threats of West, Israel

AFP, Tehran

A defiant Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed yesterday to inaugurate "important nuclear projects" within days and lashed out at Israel, saying the "story" of the Holocaust underpinning its existence had been "smashed".

In a speech marking the anniversary of Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution, Ahmadinejad said his nation will "never

yield" to Western sanctions and threats of military action from Israel and the United States.

A crowd of an estimated 30,000 people in central Tehran cheered Ahmadinejad's words. Many held aloft placards declaring "Death to America" and "Death to Israel".

In pointed messages aimed at those two arch-foes, Iranian officials planted a full-scale model of a US spy drone

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Families, who lost near and dear ones in road crashes, demonstrate in the capital yesterday, demanding measures to prevent road accidents and justice for all the victims.

PHOTO: STAR

OWNERSHIP DISPUTE Cops guarding tea garden

4 arrested after shootout

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Four people were arrested yesterday on suspicion of their involvement in the Friday's attack on a Moulvibazar tea estate.

They were identified as Yousuf Miah, 24, Rasel Miah, 22, Akoi Miah, 35, and Sultan Miah, 40, all hailing from different villages of Kamalganj upazila of the district.

A three-member committee was also formed last night to probe the incident, said Moulvibazar Superintendent of Police (SP) Harunur Rashid.

Following two deaths in the clash between two groups at Nandarani Tea Garden in Kamalganj, local administration

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that the new Election Commission will be a puppet of the government?

Yes (80.2%)
No (17.9%)
No Comments (1.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 475

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Awami League leader Mahbub-ul-Alam Hanif that all elections would be held freely, fairly and neutrally under the new Election Commission?

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Professor M. Omar Rahman appointed as Vice Chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh

The Chancellor of the University and the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has appointed Professor M. Omar Rahman as Vice Chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), effective from January 26, 2012.

Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rahman was the Pro Vice Chancellor of IUB since April, 2006 and Vice Chancellor (in charge) from January 2011. Prof. Rahman is also concurrently Professor of Demography and Director of the Centre for Health, Population and Development at IUB.

Prior to joining IUB in 2003, Prof. Rahman was Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Demography at Harvard University, and a Research Fellow in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He continues to serve as a visiting faculty member at Harvard University.

Prof. Rahman has had a brilliant academic career. He completed his Bachelor's degree with honours (A.B.) in Biochemical Sciences from Harvard College in 1979, followed by his MD from Northwestern University Medical School in 1983. Subsequently he received his MPH in Health Policy and Management from Harvard University in 1986 and his D.Sc. in Epidemiology also from Harvard University in 1990. Prof. Rahman trained in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and is a US board certified psychiatrist.

Prof. Rahman is an internationally renowned Demographer and Psychiatrist with extensive experience in International Public Health. He is the author of multiple peer-reviewed articles on a variety of health and population related subjects, and has edited several books/chapters. He has received numerous research grants from the U.S. National Institutes of Health, WHO, and various U.N. agencies. He has served as a consultant to various international organizations including UN agencies, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. His major current research interests are: Higher Education Policy in the Developing World; Professional Outmigration; Health impacts of Climate Change and Public Health Approaches to Mental Health in the Developing World.



Janaza and Kulkhani of Late Mohsena Chowdhury Tutu



Mrs. Mohsena Chowdhury (Tutu) former Principal of Barisal Halima Khatun Girls' School, Wife of Zaminder of Char Ahmedia Late Khan Fazle Rab Chowdhury (Shahjahan Chowdhury) of Barisal and the daughter of late Masud Ali Khan Panni and Begum Abeda Sultana Zohora Khatun of Korotia in Tangail, passed away on Thursday, 9th February (Innalillahi...raziuan). She has left behind two sons Faisal Khan and Dr. Masrur Khan, two daughters Dr. Rubina Najib and Samina Kabir. The Editor of the Daily Sangbad Altamash Kabir is her younger son in law. She will be laid to rest in her Family graveyard at korotia, Tangail, tomorrow, Monday, 13th February following her namaj-e-Janaza at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Zohar prayer (1.15 PM). On 14th February, Tuesday, her Kulkhani and doa Mahfil will be held at Azad Mosque after Magrib. All her relatives and well-wishers are requested by her family to kindly attend to pray for her departed soul.

Maldives crisis deepens

Nasheed's demand for early polls rejected

AFP, Male

A top US diplomat met leaders in the Maldives yesterday to assess a political crisis as the nation's new president agreed to international calls to investigate allegations of a military-backed coup.

Mohamed Waheed, who became president after Mohamed Nasheed quit Tuesday claiming he had been ousted in a coup, said he told US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian affairs Robert Blake he agreed to a probe.

"I am fully committed to an independent investigation," Waheed said after meeting with Blake, who later entered into closed-door talks with Nasheed.

Nasheed, elected to power in the country's first

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Journo killed in road accident

UNB, Gazipur

A journalist was killed and his wife injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Sadar upazila on Friday night.

The deceased, Haidar Ali, 35, was a reporter of the weekly "Crime Janata", published from Uttara in

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PRAYER TIMING February 12		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-25	6-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-57	6-01
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation