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What should, in normal times, have been a commemoration of the adoption of the 1940 Pakistan Resolution on this day turned out to be a moment when the



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Fazle Kabir heads 2nd war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday formed a second International Crimes Tribunal with Justice ATM Fazle Kabir as its chairman.

Kabir, a High Court judge, was member of the first tribunal formed on March 25, 2010.

Two other judges of the new tribunal are HC judge Obaidul Hasan and district judge M Shahinur Islam, also registrar of the first tribunal.

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PRAYER TIMING March 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-55	5-30
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-16	6-20
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

12-HR POWER CUT A DAY

Industries pushed into big trouble

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

The government decision to discontinue power supply to industries for 12 hours a day has irked industry owners, with many saying their businesses will fold if the situation persists.

On Tuesday, the Power Development Board sent a request letter to industries,

asking them to keep their operations suspended from 6:00am to 6:00pm so that more electricity could be diverted for irrigation.

The decision, which took effect immediately, will affect most of the industries that do not have back-up power supply, said AK Azad, president of the Federation

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Fans wave their beloved red and green flag in the stands during the Asia Cup final at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. Bangladesh put up a magnificent fight against Pakistan before losing the game by just two runs.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

PROGRESS REPORT

MDGs at risk as aid shrinks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poor aid flow remains a major hurdle in attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, said a major government report released yesterday.

Bangladesh required \$78.2 billion between 2011 and 2015 for attaining all MDGs, according to the MDG Progress Report 2011. It said even though the country needs foreign assistance of \$5 billion a year to achieve the targets, it is getting around \$2 billion.

The report shows the official development assistance (ODA) inflow into Bangladesh has gone down significantly—from 5.6 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 1990-91 to 2.2 percent in 2009-10.

"The ODA has declined drastically despite Bangladesh's success in some MDGs," Abdur Razzaque, food and disaster management minister, said at the report unwrapping programme.

Citing the example of the agriculture ministry, he said it got 18 percent ODA a few years ago, but now gets only four percent. He urged the development partners to review their aid strategy.

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