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FORTUNE MAGAZINE'S LIST Yunus among 12 greatest entrepreneurs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus has been named by Fortune magazine as one of the 12 Greatest Entrepreneurs of Our Time. This list published in the magazine's latest issue places Prof Yunus among the band of highly exclusive individuals, all of whom are known throughout the world for their innovation, vision and ability to get things done. "His desire to do something to help the local citizens led to a simple but powerful gesture: Yunus loaned \$27 to destitute basket weavers in a village next to his university's campus," the magazine says. "He could not believe the excitement the small amount of money caused. For people living on pennies a day, just a few dollars could transform their lives -- and in many cases it did. The gift was used to support and expand these very small businesses, and that helped many overcome their poverty."



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KEPZ couldn't start fully in 17 years

Land transfer deed yet to be complete; row with DoE over clearance for developing industrial plots

SHARIER KHAN

Due to unexplainable hindrance from the government, the Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) in Chittagong could not launch full swing operations even 17 years after the initiative. KEPZ officials said even though

the government handed over land for the zone in 1999 and issued operational licence in 2007, it has not completed the deed of transfer of land. As a result, it cannot lease out industrial plots to potential investors. On top of that, the Department of Environment (DoE) on January 22

halted land development in the hilly zone on the Karnaphuli saying that hill cutting violates the clearance DoE gave to KEPZ. In a notice in early February it said the land was not being developed as per the approval. It had approved hill "dressing" not hill cutting.

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'LEVELLING HILLS' DoE seizes 10 KEPZ bulldozers

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The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday seized ten bulldozers from Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) as those were being used for levelling hills in Anwara upazila of the district. Acting on a tip-off, a DoE enforcement team led by Director Munir Chowdhury

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One of the bulldozers seized yesterday at KEPZ in Chittagong. The DoE made the seizure, noting that the construction vehicles were being used in hill-cutting.

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The murder of a nation

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Dr Kamal Hossain and other leaders of the Awami League waited all day on March 25, 1971, for the telephone call General SGM Peerzada had promised to make regarding a fresh round of talks between the party and the regime. The call did not come, of course, even though the AL had not quite given up hope about a proclamation being issued by President Yahya Khan on the modalities of a transfer of power. Things were quite different in the military establishment. Having received the green signal from Yahya Khan, General Tikka Khan phoned General Khadem Husain Raja and told him, "It is tonight." That was the first sign of an impending military assault on Bangalees. All afternoon and evening, Pakistani army officers helicoptered

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ISI FUNDING Govt waiting for copy of testimony

BNP lodges protest with Khaleej Times

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said her ministry is waiting for a transcript of the testimony of former ISI chief Asad Durrani in Pakistan Supreme Court. "We have sought the transcript. After getting the transcript, we will be able to speak about it," she said when asked about Pakistan foreign ministry's statement regarding the ISI funding issue. Replying to a question at a press conference at the foreign ministry, Dipu Moni said she has heard

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Car parks hard to manage

Designated spaces in commercial buildings in city occupied or used for other purposes; multi-storey car parks yet to open

TAWFIQUE ALI

While traffic police have started using wheel clamps against illegally parked cars on streets, designated car parks of commercial buildings in the capital remain illegally occupied or are being used for other purposes. This leaves cars parked on the streets worsening the congestion situation in the capital. Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk), responsible for making sure car parks are used accordingly, fails to do its job due to manpower and logistic constraints, said its top officials. Even though Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) initiated two multi-storied car

parks in Motijheel and one in Banani, those are yet to be opened for public use. Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) started using wheel clamps from March 11 to lock vehicles illegally parked on streets and to ensure that they are towed away. Traffic police of four divisions are now equipped with 100 wheel clamps to tackle illegal parking on streets. Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman, joint commissioner of traffic police department, said they ignore illegal parking if cars are parallelly parked, considering the reality of lack of parking space. He said double parking or parking in three rows occupying more than half the street is unacceptable. Such parking

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Second war tribunal starts work today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2, constituted on Thursday, will have its first working day today at the Old High Court Building in the city. The three-member tribunal is expected to spend its first day in familiarising themselves with the laws and rules of the court that would guide the tribunal, sources at the law ministry said. Justice ATM Fazle Kabir is heading the new tribunal to accelerate the ongoing trial of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War of 1971. He was a member of the first tribunal, formed

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Stage set for honouring friends of '71

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government is all set to confer awards on some 110 foreign nationals and organisations on Tuesday for their outstanding contributions in the 1971 Liberation War. President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will distribute the awards at a state ceremony at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at 10:00am, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni told a press conference yesterday. The prizes will be awarded in two categories -- Friends of Liberation War Honour and Bangladesh Liberation War Honour. Each of the awards includes a medal, a crest and a citation. The awardees have been invited to receive the prizes. Of them, 75 have confirmed joining the programme. Around 21 will receive the awards directly, while representatives or relatives of 54 posthumous award winners will accept the awards.

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Train hits car at illegal level crossing

Man travelling on engine dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed and five others were injured as a train ramed a private car on Gandaria level crossing in the capital yesterday morning. Railway sources said the level crossing is unauthorised. The railway authorities had closed it. Local people reopened it and employed a gateman. The incident occurred when a local train from Narayanganj was approaching Gandaria Railway Station at 11.08am and the private car was crossing the railway track, sources at the

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PM to visit Turkey on April 9-12

REZAUL KARIM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will fly to Turkey on April 9 on a four-day official visit aiming to boost bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, health, culture and connectivity. During her trip, the two countries will make several deals on promoting bilateral trade and investment, introduction of direct air service between Dhaka and Ankara and opening of direct banking network, said foreign ministry sources. The prime minister will visit the Eurasian country at the invitation of her counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Both the sides have finalised the signing of an agreement to facilitate

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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, inset, addresses a huge rally at the Govt Alia Madrasa ground in Sylhet yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

No to Tipai dam if it affects Bangladesh

Says Hasina

UNB, Sylhet

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government will not allow India to construct the proposed Tipaimukh dam if it is proved that the dam will have negative impact on Bangladesh. "We won't allow India to construct the dam if it adversely impacts on Bangladesh," she told a rally organised by the Awami League-led 14-party grand alliance at Govt Madrasa ground in the city. The government has already told India to include Bangladeshi representatives in a feasibility study group to look whether it would adversely affect Bangladesh, she mentioned. "India has assured us that they won't do anything harmful for Bangladesh." Listing the development activities of the present government, Hasina said her government has settled the border demarcation issue with India and also established the country's right over its maritime boundary with Myanmar through an international court. "If we're voted to power in the next elections, I can assure you we'll

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