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Furnace oil piles up at refinery

State-run companies cut down purchase after seizure of smuggled oil in Ctg

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

The state-run oil marketing companies have cut down sale of furnace oil and also purchase of the fuel from Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL) since the last week's seizure of a smuggled consignment of the fuel.

Because of the situation, the state-run ERL's storage capacity is under pressure.

Officials say if Padma, Meghna and Jamuna oil companies, and Standard Asiatic Oil Company Ltd (SAOCL) continue to cut purchase of furnace oil, then the ERL's production might exceed its storage capacity by today.

Until Thursday, the ERL had in its tank 33,760 tonnes

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Sahara to invest \$100m initially

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sahara India Pariwar wants to initially invest more than \$100 million in Bangladesh, its Chairman Subrata Roy Sahara said yesterday.

"Our investment here will start with \$100 to \$125 million for one project. More investment will come with the work proceeding," Subrata said at a press conference in the capital's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel.

Yesterday, Sahara launched its first ever company in Bangladesh named Sahara Matribhumi Unnayan

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Robbers kill bus passenger

A CORRESPONDENT,
Cox's Bazar

Unidentified robbers killed a passenger and injured seven others of a bus and looted valuables from them on Chokoria-Pakua road in Cox's Bazar Thursday night.

The victim was identified as Sabuz Kanti Das,

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Top exporters get HSBC awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HSBC Bangladesh yesterday awarded six exporters for their contribution to promoting Bangladeshi products on the international market.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith handed out the prestigious "HSBC Export Excellence Awards, 2011" to the winners at Radisson Hotel in the capital.

The winners were Zaber & Zubair Fabrics, Urmia Group, Qualitex Group,

Pran Group, Janata Jute Mills and Bay Footwear.

The third HSBC export excellence awards honoured winners from five categories: readymade garments and textiles exporters (Group-A and Group-B), EPZ enterprises, traditional and emerging sectors, and small and medium enterprises.

Each exporter was given the "Exporter of the Year" trophy for promoting the "Made in Bangladesh" mark throughout the world.

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FROM LEFT...Ziaur Rahman, managing director, Bay Footwear; Nurul Islam, chairman, Noman Group; Saiduzzaman Khan of Janata Jute Mills; Andrew Tilke, CEO, HSBC Bangladesh; Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman; Asif Ashraf, director, Urmia Group; Finance Minister AMA Muhith; Altaf Awan, general manager, Qualitex Industries; Amjad Khan Chowdhury, CEO, Pran-RFL Group; Mahbub-ur-Rahman, head of corporate banking, HSBC Bangladesh; Noel P Quinn, general manager, HSBC Group, pose for the camera at the ceremony for HSBC Export Excellence Awards, 2011, at Radisson Hotel in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

DOWNGRADE RUMOUR
Polytechnic students clash with cops
20 injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although the government has not taken any decision to change the status of diploma engineers, students of another polytechnic institute yesterday clashed with police over a rumour of downgrading their status.

At least 20 students of Rangpur Polytechnic Institute were injured and 32 others arrested during sporadic clashes with police centring the rumour yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, the education ministry yesterday formed a three-member probe body to find out the cause of Thursday's

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EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS Rights activists for probe

Tuku rejects US HR report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should probe the allegations of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances against law enforcers to uphold the image of the country, said eminent personalities yesterday.

Their call came a day after the US government in its

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presents Sabyasachi Award to recitation artist Kazi Abu Zafar Siddique at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday on the occasion of 113th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Indian Law Minister Salman Khurshid, in the middle, led a team to Bangladesh to join the poet's birth anniversary celebrations. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: PID

MLM firm swindles 500 customers

Agent flees after collecting Tk 5cr

S DILIP ROY, *Salmonirhat*

About 500 customers of a multi-level marketing (MLM) company laid siege to the house of its Aditmari upazila representative at Vadai village yesterday after he went into hiding a week ago collecting around Tk 5 crore from them.

Jamir Rahman, agent of online MLM company click2earn2you.com, persuaded many unemployed educated youths and collected the amount over the

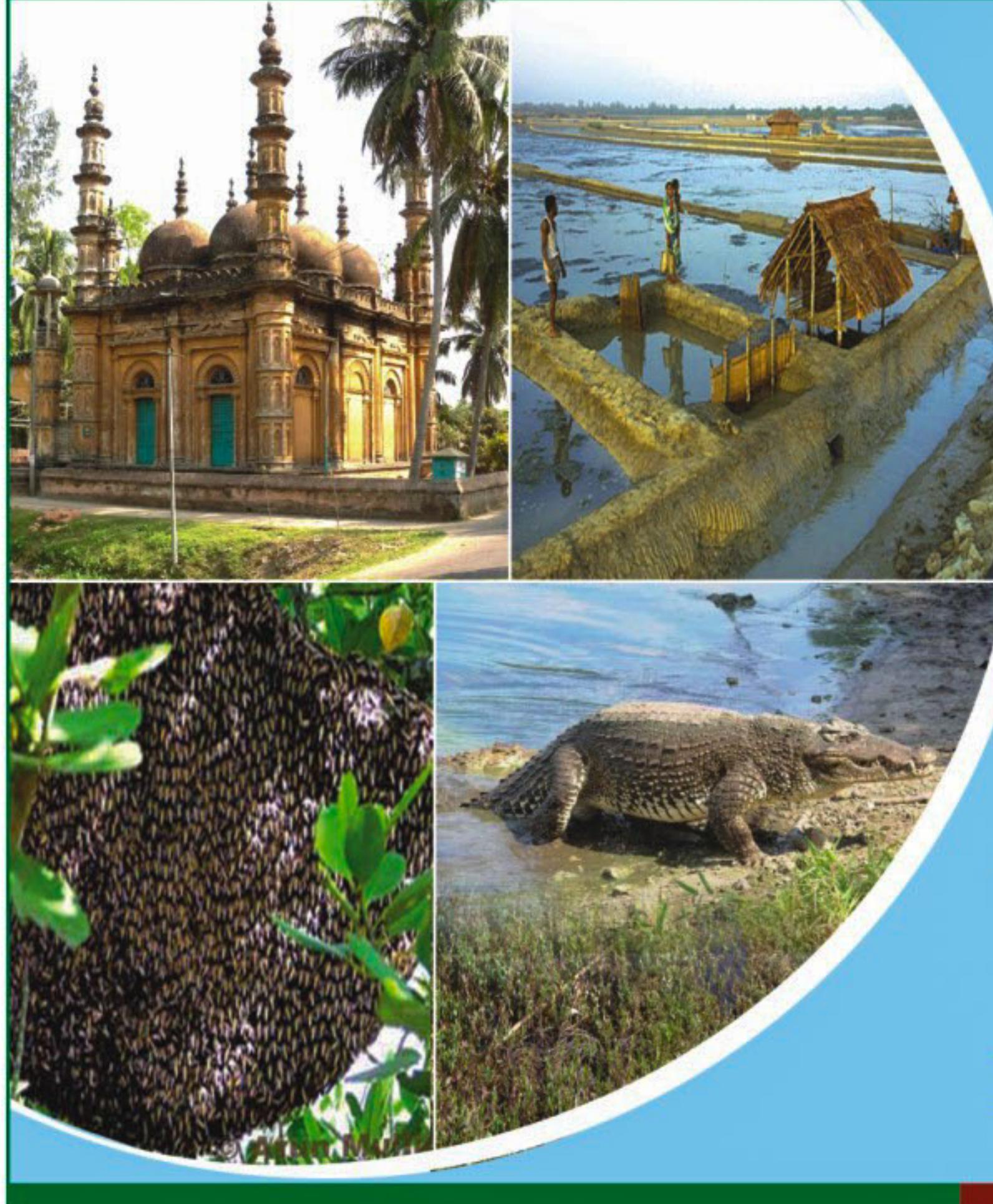
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last two months, said police.

Chaos ensued in front of the house as the aggrieved clients demanded refund of their money for failure of paying them any profit.

They ended the seizure after local elites and union parishad leaders assured them of taking steps to arrange the refund.

Meanwhile, about 50 customers went to the company office on Airport Road in Salmonirhat town around 8:00pm yesterday and took away furniture including



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