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SHUTDOWN AT ASHULIA Exporters count \$10m loss a day

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA and PORIMOL PALMA

The shutdown of more than 300 factories at Ashulia in the wake of labour unrest will mean a \$10-million loss in exports for the garment owners there every day.

Twenty percent or \$3.6 billion of the annual garment exports comes from the factories at Ashulia, industry insiders say.

This means the amount is about \$300 million a month. With so many factories shut, it would be difficult to execute orders of the international buyers, said Shafiqul Islam Mohiuddin, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters (BGMEA).

"We will lose our international buyers due to the unrest. We will not be able to execute the orders on time. So, the buyers will go to other destinations for making the same clothes," he added.

"The biggest loss of the sector is the eroding of buyers' confidence," he said. "We are suffering from insecurity... We will reopen the units if the environment is created by the government," Mohiuddin said.

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Monsoon rain showers the capital to the relief of city dwellers who suffered through extreme summer heat over the last month. The photo was shot near Dhaka University TSC yesterday, the third of Ashar, the Bangla month that sees the beginning of the rainy season. PHOTO: STAR

AMINBAZAR KILLINGS CID asked to complete investigation in 4 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to complete investigation into the cases in connection with the killing of six students by a mob at Aminbazar last year and submit a report in four weeks.

Two sub-inspectors (SI) have been demoted to the rank of assistant sub-inspector for two years due to their neglect in saving the students, says a police report submitted to the HC yesterday.

Mizanur Rahman, superintendent of police (SP) of Dhaka who placed the report, said SIs Anwar Hossain and Hares Sikder were inactive and did not try to arrest or identify the killers.

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Road safety steps remain on paper

Slow pace of implementation irks communications minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing his frustration over the slow implementation of the National Road Safety Council's decisions taken years ago, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said he wanted to see tangible progress in this regard.

Presiding over the NRSC's 21st meeting at Rail Bhaban, Quader said, "I am not interested in holding such meetings in future. Rather, I want tangible development in the communications sector, mainly to reduce traffic jam and road accidents."

The council's decisions include putting an end to plying of unfit vehicles and issuance of fake driving licence, renewal of licence regularly, creating a road maintenance fund, enhancing the capacity of road safety unit and stopping robberies on highways.

He advised the officials concerned to be selective in taking up and executing programmes. "Take up a small number of programmes and implement those properly. We must make such meetings meaningful," he

Evacuate hill slopes

Ctg admin asks people; one dies in landslide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

In the wake of heavy rainfall for the past few days, local administration with the help of law enforcers will start today evacuating people from Chittagong city's most risky hill slopes to avert possible loss of lives from landslides.

Chittagong City Corporation and district administration on Saturday night urged people living in Batali Hill, Bishwa Colony, Lalkhan Bazar and Motijharna under Khulshi Police Station for shifting to safer places within today.

"Around 200 to 250 families are living in those risky areas," said Deputy Commissioner (DC) Fayeze Ahmed.

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Adeeb enters final round

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

Adeeb Ul Haque, a class 10 student from Cantonment English School & College, became the sixth and final participant to qualify for the Grand Finale of The Daily Star Spelling Bee on Thursday.

A very strong performer throughout the quarter finals, he found the going a tad tougher in the semis, but made it through. "I'm relieved and excited to make it through. I think I didn't play up to the mark, but all that matters is, I qualified," says Adeeb. He was battling a stomach bug, and says it hampered his preparation.



Adeeb Ul Haque

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JS body finds lapses in Gazprom deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body has found "some shortcomings" in a recent deal between state-run Petrobangla and Russia's Gazprom Company for

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Saarc secy general due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

As part of his introductory visit to member states, Saarc Secretary General Ahmed Saleem arrives in Dhaka today for a three-day official visit to Bangladesh.

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PRAYER TIMING		June 18
Fajr	4:05	4:40
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	5:00	5:15
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Muhith vows to keep subsidy at tolerable level

Defends money-whitening scope

UNB, Dhaka

The government will be able to keep subsidy at a tolerable level as estimated in the proposed budget for fiscal 2012-13, Finance Minister AMA Muhith categorically said yesterday.

And there will not be any high-level bank borrowing, he added while addressing a budget discussion organised by private satellite channel Desh TV and Prime Bank Ltd at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University in the afternoon.

Referring to a government survey according to which undisclosed money constitutes around 42-82 percent of Bangladesh's economy, Muhith said efforts were underway to bring the undisclosed money to the mainstream of the economy.

In the proposed budget, the government has allowed whitening of black money with a fine of 10 percent.

About the government's alleged inability to utilise foreign aid, he said steps would be taken to utilise more foreign aid.

Muhith said the proposed budget for the next fiscal

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ONLINE POLL
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No (19.3%)
No Comments (4.4%)
TOTAL VOTES: 295

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