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2G LICENCE Dispute over

Muhith says renewal within next month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said both the government and mobile operators will withdraw their cases regarding the disputes over 2G mobile licence renewal payment to resolve the problem in the sector.

Talking to journalists after an inter-ministerial meeting at his ministry, Muhith said the licence renewal dispute would be solved within August, as all the parties concerned including the telecom regulator, tax administrator and mobile companies agreed to withdraw their cases.

He said the operators informed him that they could not make fresh investments as licences were not in their hand.

Licences of four mobile companies including Grameenphone, Banglalink, Robi and Citycell were supposed to be renewed for the next 15 years on April 10 last year. But that did not happen due to tax and payment disputes between the operators, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)

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A truck, its driver having lost control, crashes into a house at Jhautola in the port city yesterday, leaving three wounded.



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

DMCH lifts ban on journos

STAR REPORT

The authorities of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday withdrew the conditional restriction imposed on journalists' entry into the hospital.

The decision came at a joint meeting, presided over by Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif, held between journalists'

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BLAST CASE AGAINST OPPOSITION Court questions legality of probe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday questioned the legality of the investigation into the blast case filed against BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and 28 others.

Shahbagh police filed the case against the accused in connection with the bomb explosions inside the Secretariat during hartal hours on April 29.

Judge Mohammad Zahurul Haque of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court raised the question as the investigation officer (IO) of the case submitted charge sheets

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Azad 'involved' in 10 types of crime

War crimes tribunal told; SQ Chy's father led looting, witness says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the international crimes tribunals yesterday said it had found "strong evidence" against suspect Abul Kalam Azad aka Bachchu Razakar in connection with ten kinds of crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Meanwhile, a prosecution witness told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that war crimes accused BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's father had led the looting of his house during the war.

The investigation agency yesterday said the agency had completed its probe

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Tk 1cr gobbled up by 7 bankers

ACC moves to file case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven officials of three private banks and five of their accomplices allegedly misappropriated more than Tk 1 crore of Dhaka district administration through forgery, Anti-Corruption Commission sources said.

According to ACC officials, the commission yesterday approved filing of four cases against the accused as investigators found evidence of the fraud after months of enquiries.

Sources said the money was misappropriated by

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Vehicles stuck in a never-ending tailback on the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue around 3:30pm yesterday. These days, the thoroughfare remains heavily congested, mostly in the afternoon, as people make a dash for home to be in time for iftar at sunset.

QUADER'S VISIT 2 negligent roads officials disciplined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Communications and Railways Minister Obaidul Quader on surprise visits to two coastal districts yesterday took action against two officials of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) for

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'Mugger' killed in 'gunfight' with Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 28-year-old man was killed in a "shoot-out" with Rab in the capital last night.

According to police, the victim identified as Mohammad Sumon was accused in arms and mugging cases with Pallabi

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PRAYER TIMING July 27

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 4:02	4:12
Juma 12:30	1:15
Asr 5:00	5:15
Maghrib 6:48	6:58
Esha 8:15	8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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RAMADAN	DATE	SEHRI	IFTAR
07	27 July		6.48 pm
08	28 July	3.58 am	6.47 pm

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Do you support the government decision not to evict the hawkers from footpaths in the capital?

Yes (32.8%)

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