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201 leading personalities ask govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 201 distinguished citizens of the country yesterday demanded that the government reverse its decision to amend the Grameen Bank Ordinance, as they said the move would put the microlender at risk.

The cabinet on August 2 approved a proposal for an amendment to the ordinance of 1983, giving more power to the government-appointed chairman

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EID RUSH ON HIGHWAYS

Tailback to snarl at a few points

MORSHED ALI KHAN, TAWFIQUE ALI, and HELEMUL ALAM

Although the highways connecting the capital with the rest of the country are in better condition than they were last year, people going home for Eid might face agonising delays due to tailbacks.

Hundreds of kilometres of pitted and potholed roads have been somehow patched up over the months with emergency funds.

But there lurks the threat of lawlessness and consequent delays at many places between Dhaka and Chittagong, Mymensingh, Tangail and Barisal. Some stretches of roads are shabby where more delays are

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Army personnel try to patch up the Gumti Bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong highway so that the damaged structure could bear the heavy traffic during Eid holidays. The bridge is one of many spots on the highway where jams are often seen.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Eid vacation suits early trip

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rush of home-bound people from the capital before Eid-ul-Fitr on August 19 or 20 depending on sighting of the moon at the end of Ramadan appears not so intense this year unlike in the previous years.

Transport operators and home-goers attributed this to a 10-day virtual holiday for the Eid. This facilitated home-going of scores of thousands over a longer period, reducing the usual Eid rush of passengers, they said.

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DHAKA-CTG HIGHWAY

Govt to build 3 new bridges

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

The government will construct three new bridges on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway, as the existing Kanchpur, Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges have become risky for vehicular movement.

All the three bridges, to be constructed parallel to the old ones, will have four lanes. The construction, which may begin next year, will take around two and a half years to complete.

Japan will provide the estimated cost of

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Khaleda critical of Hasina trips

PM flies to London

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has bitterly criticised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her "frequent but unnecessary" trips abroad at public expense.

The opposition leader made the remarks at a BNP standing committee meeting on August 2.

On July 25, the prime minister went to London on a five-day official visit to attend the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games 2012.

Yesterday morning, she left for the UK capital again on a four-day visit to attend the Global Nutrition Event today. She might also attend the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games.

Referring to these trips, the BNP chief slammed her archrival at the August 2 meeting. Khaleda said watching the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games on television could have been enough. There was no point in

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that all the ministers and MPs of the ruling alliance are corrupt?

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Appeal to 'Spread the Smile'

Eid is a time of happiness and joyous spiritual renewal. It's a time for pious activities such as charitable giving and peace-making. Eid, which means festivity, is complete when everybody smiles. Spreading our joy and happiness is the surest way for us to complete this festivity. Yet many among us will have little occasion to smile this Eid. Many among us will spend their Eid alone, unable to share in the happiness of Eid. From little children



Eminent citizens write greeting cards at The Daily Star Centre yesterday to spread the happiness of Eid among orphans, senior citizens at old homes and war-maimed freedom fighters as part of the paper and HSBC's Spread the Smile campaign.

PHOTO: STAR

RAMENDU MAJUMDER
"It will be great to share happiness with those living in orphanages and old homes, where perhaps

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SELINA HOSSAIN
Noted litterateur Selina Hossain said The Daily Star and HSBC have taken a commendable initiative

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NASIRUDDIN YUSUFF
The Daily Star and HSBC were carrying out their social and human responsibilities through

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ANISUL HAQUE
The Daily Star has created another source of happiness for the deprived people through

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AHMED SAIFUL ISLAM
Spread the Smile is an innovative initiative, said Ahmed Saiful Islam, chief operating officer of HSBC.

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52 die in India bus plunge

AFP, SHIMLA, India

At least 52 people were killed and 45 injured when a heavily overloaded bus plunged into a gorge yesterday in northern India, in one of the worst road accidents in the country in recent years.

The bus, which was carrying over 100 passengers -- many of them on the roof -- veered off the road in a sparsely populated and hilly area of the state of Himachal Pradesh.

"Fifty-two people have been killed and 45 injured in the accident," Sunil Chaudhary, district deputy commissioner, told AFP, adding the death toll could rise because

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আপনার লেনদেন নিরাপদ, দ্রুত ও মূল্যসাশ্রয়ী করতে ইলেক্ট্রনিক ফান্ড ট্রান্সফার নেটওয়ার্ক (EFTN) ব্যবহার করুন

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