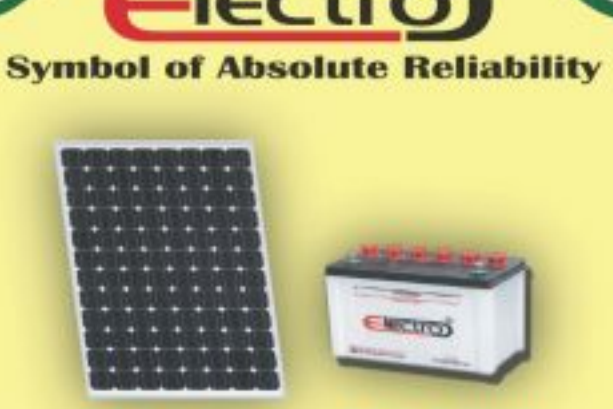


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No to offshore gas export

New PSC offers explorers higher sale price; fresh offshore block bidding likely next month

SHARIER KHAN

Companies exploring oil and gas in the Bay in future will not be allowed to export gas.

Under a new model production sharing

contract (PSC) approved yesterday, the companies will, however, get higher price than in the past for selling oil and gas to the government, Petrobangla sources said.

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Key issues, no critical voice

Many opposition MPs willing to join JS, parties unwilling

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

A good number of BNP-led opposition lawmakers want to join the current session of parliament to speak against the government on different crucial issues, including the Hall-Mark scam and alleged corruption in the Padma bridge project.

But the high command of the main opposition party opts to continue with the House boycott, said several MPs decrying the stance.

The BNP parliamentary party, however, has not taken

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HALL-MARK SCAM HC directive sought for judicial probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition has sought a High Court directive on the government to form a judicial commission to probe the recent loan scam involving Sonali Bank and the Hall-Mark Group.

Three Supreme Court lawyers -- KM Zahir, Md Awlad Hossain and Mahmud Hossain --

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Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student body associated with the ruling Awami League, beat up a member of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, pro-BNP student organisation, at Rajshahi University yesterday. Story on page 19.

Conspiracy on to kill Khaleda

Claims Fakhru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday claimed that a conspiracy was on to kill its Chairperson Khaleda Zia so that the party fails to form a government by winning the next general elections.

"It was not a baseless claim. A Canadian online media published the news (of conspiracy) and then an Indian newspaper said BNP may go to power in the next election.

"We think these are inter-related," said BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir.

He was addressing a

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Sugar export ban goes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to resume sugar export on a limited scale, ending a two-year ban on sales of the sweetener in overseas markets.

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BD women stun SA in first T20

SPORTS REPORTER

Salma Khatun led from the front to give the Bangladesh women's cricket team a stunning seven-wicket victory over the visiting South Africa women's cricket team in the first T20 International of the three-match series at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

It was the first major T20 victory for the

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59 JOURNO LEADERS ATN Bangla chief asked to withdraw case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist leaders yesterday demanded withdrawal of the case filed against 59 journalists by ATN Bangla Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman within the next 24 hours and to apologise to them.

Mahfuzur filed the case on Monday to prevent the journalists from holding demonstrations in front of the ATN Bangla office in the capital's Karwan Bazar and Jatiya Press Club

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