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Power sector takes time-out

Bosses go abroad; offices unofficially shut for 2 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the top priority sectors of the government has been sluggish for nearly two weeks. In the absence of ten top and senior officials in the power division and its various organisations since September 22, hundreds of files awaiting decisions have piled up on various desks.

Sources said on September 22, nine officials led by Power Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and followed by the chairman of the Power Development Board flew to Canada to attend a training programme on "Result-Based Management Implementation and Performance Indicators".

They will return on October 7.

The other members of the team are the chiefs of power cell, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh, Dhaka Power Distribution Company, Ashuganj Power Station Company and Electricity Generation Company of

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Battle of equals

Pak-SL first semifinal today

BISHWAJIT ROY
from Colombo

The first semifinal of the ICC World Twenty20 between Sri Lanka and Pakistan gets underway at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo today at 7:30pm Bangladesh time, and the two teams squaring off for a chance to play in the October 7 final

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NSI officials rented trucks to carry arms

Witness tells court in Ctg arms haul trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two former officials of National Security Intelligence (NSI) had rented seven of the 10 trucks that were seized with arms and ammunition at Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) jetty on April 2, 2004.

Prosecution witness Habibur Rahman, also the owner of Greenways Transport, yesterday told this to Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal-1 in his testimony in the sensational 10-truck arms haul case. He said then NSI field

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BCL men vandalise buses in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League unit of Dhaka College vandalised several buses on Mirpur Road last night apparently being unhappy over not getting enough posts in

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Mojaheed signed Razakar's ID card

War crimes tribunal told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that after the Liberation War, he had found a Razakar's identity card signed by war crimes accused Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.

Mahbub Kamal, a former student leader and the third prosecution witness in the war crimes case against the Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general, also said Mojaheed used to visit a Razakar camp at

the city's Fakirerpool during the war.

"I think Razakars and Al-Badr men committed war crimes just like the Pakistani army did and in some cases their [Razakars and Al-Badr] crimes were more vicious," said the 59-year-old journalist.

According to prosecution documents, Razakars and Al-Badr, two anti-liberation forces, collaborated with the Pakistan army in committing genocide, mass killings and other crimes against humanity during the war.

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SAYEDEE'S TRIAL Defence warned

Failure to produce witness irks tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defence of war crimes accused Delawar Hossain Sayeedee will be barred from producing witnesses if they fail again to produce them on due date before the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

Warning the defence, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Nizamul Huq yesterday

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Carjacking gang busted

KAILASH SARKAR

Sarwar Hossain and Mohammad Jahangir had been running an organised gang that lifted more than 500 vehicles from Dhaka and elsewhere in the last 20 years.

With around 25 members across the country, the gang has the expertise and equipment to engrave new numbers on the engine and chassis of a stolen vehicle to dodge law enforcers and the authorities concerned.

The gang has the capacity to unlock and run any vehicle, prepare fake documents related to import of any vehicle, customs clearance and registration from Bangladesh Road Transport Authorities (BRTA), Sarwar told The Daily Star at the Detective Branch (DB) office on Minto Road yesterday.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that the government has fanned the blame in Cox's Bazar and shifted the blame on the opposition?

Yes (61.0%)

No (31.9%)

No Comments (7.1%)

TOTAL VOTES: 364

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that there has been no corruption in any sector under the present government's tenure?

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These hilsa were captured from the Tentulia river in Patuakhali ignoring a ban on hilsa fishing. The fish had not finished breeding as they have eggs in them. During the 11-day ban on hilsa fishing, mobile courts in 3,332 raids seized 36.8 tonnes of hilsa in the country. But the raids were apparently ineffective in protecting hilsa as the fish were dead when seized.

PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH



A living cartoon character

MAIL ONLINE

With her enormous, glassy eyes, purple hair and coquettish pose, Anastasiya Shpagina could have stepped from the scene of a Japanese anime film.

The 19-year-old anime fan has transformed herself into a living cartoon character, complete with miniature waist, vividly-coloured hair, and a defined pout.

Originally from the Ukraine, Shpagina takes style inspiration from the cartoons and computer animations that have a huge following in Japan, and has even adopted a Japanese name -- Fukkacumi.



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