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Pre-paid power meters for all

5-year scheme starts next month; pre-paid cards to put a cap on load usage, cut power theft

SHARIER KHAN

The government is set to start introducing pre-paid digital meters across the country from December with the aim to gradually eliminate electricity theft or systems loss.

In addition, these pre-paid meters will feature a mechanism for the authorities to control excessive power consumption by the users during peak hours. As a result, the meters will help the government manage load and slash power cuts.

The plan would be implemented over the next five years, said Power Division Secretary Abul Kalam Azad.

Each of these meters, which are

called "unified meters", would cost around \$50.

The customers will have a choice to pay for the meters in easy instalments or pay for them upfront.

Currently there are 10,000 pre-paid meter users in Uttara, Tongi and Gulshan areas under Desco.

The system was introduced four years ago using meters developed by the Buet. The results were very satisfying in terms of eliminating system loss and improvement of bill collection in those households.

The Power Development Board (PDB) is now introducing another 46,000 pre-paid meters in Chittagong, Bogra, Sylhet and Sirajganj areas.

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Standard Chartered  The Daily Star honour our icons



FROM LEFT... Photographer Amanul Haque, singers Ferdousi Rahman and Firoza Begum at the Celebrating Life gala event holding their lifetime achievement awards. Standard Chartered Bank and The Daily Star organised Celebrating Life Award Ceremony 2012 at Mirpur Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium yesterday evening. Film star Abdur Razzak also got the lifetime achievement award.



Gala cultural evening captivates audience

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium yesterday vibrated with rhythm, melody and voice, individual as well as collective, when some creative minds, artistes in their own fashion and revered by the country, were honoured for their brilliance in photography, lyrics and film.

The setting was apt for the fifth award giving ceremony of "Celebrating Life".

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Malaysia to lift ban on Bangladeshi workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a four-year ban, Malaysia is likely to resume hiring Bangladeshi workers from January next year.

The Malaysian cabinet committee on foreign workers and illegal immigrants said the applications to recruit them were expected to be opened on December 1, Malaysian daily The Star reported yesterday.

Zafar Ahmed Khan, secretary of the expatriates welfare and overseas employment ministry,

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Bangladesh made major progress

The Economist says lives of poor improved a lot in 20 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Between 1990 and 2010, Bangladesh has made extraordinary improvements in almost every indicator of human welfare, The Economist reported.

"Economic growth since the 1970s has been poor; the country's politics have been unremittingly wretched. Yet over the past 20 years, Bangladesh has made some of the biggest gains in the basic condition of people's lives ever seen anywhere," the popular British magazine wrote in two reports published in its November 1 issue.

In the 20 years, life expectancy rose by 10 years, from 59 to 69. Bangladeshis now have a life expectancy four years longer than Indians, despite the Indians being, on average, twice as rich, the reports said.

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Khaleda likely to meet Pranab today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladesh's Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia is likely to meet Indian President Pranab Mukherjee here this morning shortly before returning to Dhaka after wrapping up her visit to New Delhi.

The meeting between Mukherjee and Khaleda was to have taken place soon after her arrival here on October 28 for the week-long visit but it was put off.

After Khaleda's meeting with the main opposition BJP's President Nitin

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None righted the wrong

November 3 reminds brutal murder of the country's founding fathers



Syed Nazrul Islam

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

Every 3 November dawns in darkness for the people of Bangladesh. Every year the day is a painful reminder of the brutalities committed in 1975.

The assassination of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu

Tajuddin Ahmad

AHM Quamruzzaman

M Mansur Ali

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with nearly his entire family, earlier in August 1975 had been a rude shock that left the nation in a state of paralysis.

Bangabandhu's murder put paid to the principles that had sustained the War of Liberation. In that summer of cumulative

pain, a group of young military officers, in connivance with a band of political predators symbolised by the likes of Khondokar Moshaque Ahmed, pushed the country further down the path to disaster. It was in November of the year that matters came to a head,

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Dhaka, Hanoi for better ties

Hasina holds official talks with Vietnam PM

BSS, Hanoi

Bangladesh and Vietnam yesterday agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations in the fields of agriculture, trade, economics, politics, security and defence.

The consensus came during the official talks between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung in Hanoi.

Hasina and Tan Dung led the respective sides at the bilateral meet-

ing held at the Prime Minister's Office. "After a long interval of exchange of visits of the top leadership of the two countries, I am confident that my visit would open up a new era in our bilateral relations," Hasina told a press briefing after the talks.

She also hoped that Dhaka and Hanoi would open avenues to strengthen relations at political, official and business levels, leading to newer areas of cooperation.

Tan Dung said both sides held wide range of discussions related to

mutual interest and bilateral, regional and international issues of common concern during the talks.

Bangladesh has officially recognised the market economy status of Vietnam which is very important to promote the potentiality of trade and ties between the two nations, he said.

Hasina said "As the economies of the two countries are based on agriculture, we can work together for food production and processing to

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Four deals signed

UNB, Hanoi

Bangladesh and Vietnam yesterday signed four agreements and memoranda of understanding (MoUs) in the fields of fisheries and livestock, agriculture, trade and business to promote bilateral relations.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung

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উত্তরা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর

২১৩ তম শাখা এখন সিলেটের কোম্পানীগঞ্জে

শুভ উদ্বোধন
৪ নভেম্বর, ২০১২ (রবিবার)

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উদ্বোধনের দিন থেকেই এই শাখায় অনলাইন ব্যাংকিং সুবিধা থাকবে

সিলেট বাংলাদেশের উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চলের একটি প্রাচীন জনপদ। বনজ, খনিজ ও মৎস্য সম্পদে ভরপুর এবং হযরত শাহ জালাল (রঃ) ও হযরত শাহ পরান (রঃ) এর স্মৃতি বিজড়িত সিলেট দেশের আধ্যাত্মিক রাজধানী হিসেবে খ্যাত। সিলেটের অন্যতম সুপ্রাচীন জনপদ কোম্পানীগঞ্জের পাথর ও বালির গুণগতমান শ্রেষ্ঠতর। ব্যবসা বাণিজ্যের অন্যতম কেন্দ্রস্থল কোম্পানীগঞ্জে উত্তরা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর

২১৩ তম শাখা

আগামীকাল ৪ নভেম্বর, ২০১২ (রবিবার) থেকে অনলাইন সুবিধাসহ ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করছে। উন্নততর ব্যাংকিং সেবা দেশের প্রত্যন্ত অঞ্চলে জনগণের দোরগোড়ায় পৌঁছে দেয়াই উত্তরা ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের লক্ষ্য।

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